

SCALING-UP FOR BETTER HEALTH (IHP+)

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HIGHLIGHTS

In this fourth issue of the Scaling-up for Better Health (IHP+) bi-weekly update, we profile Mozambique, provide updates on activities in Nepal and the evolution of the P4H Initiative, recent IHP events and also upcoming events in Geneva, Addis Ababa and Lusaka.

COUNTRY PROFILE – MOZAMBIQUE



26-30 November 2007. Partner agencies conducted a mission to Mozambique with the objectives of supporting the government in preparing a roadmap towards an IHP compact and to assess the interest of the government and partners in undertaking a Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) exercise that would help the government and partners improve medium-term planning of health expenditures, realistically assess the financing gap, and improve the predictability of financing. Many elements of a roadmap for IHP+ are already in place in Mozambique, such as:

- a mature SWAp;
- a strong and consistent engagement of donors;
- a five year plan (PESS) and an Operating Annual Plan (POA);
- a single results framework (PAF Saúde);
- a Code of Conduct and a Memorandum of Understanding;
- a Joint Annual Review mechanism aligned to government reviews;
- the pooling of funds (Budget support; PROSAUDE, Provincial Fund, and drugs fund in the process of consolidation);
- a well-established MTEF process and the planned introduction of program/results based budgeting;

Mozambique has made important progress in various aspects of its health development effort. There has been a notable reduction of NNMR, IMR and U5MR between 1997 and 2003. Eighty-four percent of pregnant women attend ANC. Skilled attendance at birth has increased. Treatment and care of persons living with AIDS has significantly improved and government spending on health per capita has doubled from US\$7 in 1996 to US\$14 in 2005. The increase is attributable to a positive economic growth rate and an increase in public spending.

Procurement and logistics capacity for drugs is strong and human resources availability is much better than a decade ago. Collaboration between the Ministry and health partners is good, resulting in agreement upon priorities, implementation and monitoring. There is support for funding and for health sector challenges in Mozambique. It is anticipated that the combined flow of official development assistance to the country will lead to further increases in per capita expenditure on health between now and 2015.

Progress towards attaining the health MDGs has been slow; most of the constraints are systemic, such as unequal access to services and outcomes. These issues are the result of weaknesses in linkages between: strategic plans and annual operating plans; weaknesses in linkages between the health sector and broader development processes; insufficiently coordinated international initiatives; staffing and systems limitations, inadequate monitoring systems for resource flows, progress and outcomes; limited progress in transferring global commitments into concrete action at country level (eg., the provision of predictable, long-term financing); and the lack of a multisectoral approach to achieving health outcomes.

The Ministry of Planning and Development is moving towards program/results based budgeting and the Ministry of Finance has requested inputs into the design of the MTEF framework. The Ministry of Health and its partners are committed to receive aid through various approaches including the use of Sector-Wide Approaches and Multi-donor Budget Support (MBS) mechanisms. There is also consensus that only through sustained national action and coherent international cooperation to fully mobilise new and existing medical, technical and financial resources, can Mozambique strengthen health delivery systems and reach beyond traditional approaches to attain the MDGs. For this purpose, a number of activities are on-going and a Health-related MDGs needs assessment with resource scenarios and bottlenecks analysis will be done, resulting in a results-based MTEF. The proposed timetable for meeting the conditions required of an IHP Compact by July 2009 is as follows:

January	2008:	Results Based Framework (PAF Saúde) finalized
February	2008:	Roadmap and MTEF inception workshop
March	2008:	IHP+ meeting in Lusaka
May	2008:	HRDP draft
May	2008:	"Health MDG Needs Assessment " presented at CCS
June	2008:	Donor mapping of mid-term and long-term commitment and declaration of intent
June	2008:	Completion of IHP "Road Map on Scaling Up on MDGs"
July	2008:	Health Partners Forum
March-June	2009:	Program / Results Based Health MTEF

Useful links: [Ministry of Health, Mozambique](#) | [WHO Mozambique](#) | [UNICEF Mozambique](#) | [UNAIDS Mozambique](#) | [World Bank Mozambique](#)

UPDATES

Nepal: 3-10 December 2007. The sixth Joint Annual Review (JAR) of the Nepal Health Sector Program (NHSP) also served as the Mid Term Review (MTR). As one of the first countries to sign the global IHP Compact in September 2007, this review provided a good opportunity for discussions on how to proceed with a roadmap towards signing an IHP country compact and how Nepal can take advantage of the IHP by making it inclusive of all partners at the national level.

Nepal will be fully profiled in the next IHP+ Update.

Providing for Health and the IHP: 29 November 2007. Worldwide, 1.3 billion people do not have access to effective and affordable health care. The poor are the most vulnerable as they are less able to recover from the financial consequences of out-of-pocket payments and loss of income associated with ill health. For a number of years, WHO has worked with countries to develop national financing systems that offer financial risk protection, and more broadly with the German government and the International Labour Organization through what is now known as the International Consortium on Social Health Protection, formerly the GTZ-ILO-WHO Consortium. France has now officially requested to join the Consortium.

In March 2007, the French presidency organized a conference in Paris on social health protection, which was followed in July by an announcement at the G8 Summit in Heiligendamm of an initiative called "Providing for Health" (P4H) that will help countries develop their national financing systems, while at the same time, increase donor funding. Since the G8 Summit, WHO has worked with the German government to host an exploratory meeting in Bonn in November 2007 to discuss how P4H might take shape. WHO, with its partners, is preparing a detailed plan of action for further discussion. It was generally agreed at the Bonn meeting that P4H fits well with the arrangements for taking forward the IHP+ agenda.

RECENT EVENTS

Bi-monthly video-conference with Development Partners: 13 December 2007. The conference included a session with MOH and partners in Zambia. The update, detailing recent in-country consultations with NGO's, was followed by a question and answer session and also a progress report by the IHP+ secretariat. Notes on the meeting will be available on the IHP+ website.

The Scaling Up Reference Group: 06 December 2007. A monthly meeting covering inter-agency work on Results Based Financing and Service Delivery took place. The 'health as a tracer sector' work on aid effectiveness, which forms part of preparations for the OECD/DAC Accra conference in September 2008, was also on the agenda. Notes on the discussion will be made available on the IHP+ website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monitoring performance and evaluation of the scale-up for better health: 10-11 January 2008 in Geneva. The meeting is intended to establish a common framework for performance and evaluation. The objectives are to discuss and agree upon: **(1)** one framework for monitoring performance and evaluation of the scale-up for better health; and **(2)** country approaches to guide the implementation of the framework. The latter will include guidance on health information systems strengthening, appropriate investments in health information as part of the scale-up and appropriate planning of evaluations.

Global Health Workforce Alliance consultation with PEPFAR and partners on the IHP: 10-11 January 2008 in Addis Ababa. The meeting is being held with four PEPFAR focus countries that have signed up to the IHP. The meeting is aimed at considering what actions are required in-country for PEPFAR to strengthen the national health workforce, focusing on education and training, retention, management and financing.

The first meeting on in-country health sector teams (health partners groups): 28 February - 01 March in Lusaka. The meeting aims to review the progress of agencies and countries in defining road maps for a 'compact' between international and national stakeholders for achieving health-related MDGs based on national health plans and strategies that align with the principles established in the Paris Declaration. Invitations and further details will be circulated in early January.

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