STRATEGIC PURCHASING FOR UHC: WHAT NEXT TO UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL

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Learning from each other

- We shared experiences from high-, middle- and low-income countries and across regions

- Lessons learnt from and relevant across the levels
  - Burundi’s experience on RBF
  - Japan: how to strengthen citizen participation

- We have unpacked key themes and explored conducive factors and barriers to reforms

- with great suggestions for next steps (see the report)
  - For conceptualization/framing
  - For country work
Further conceptualisation needed

- Conceptualise different pathways for different contexts:
  - **FIT for Strategic Purchasing** – there are some key principles, while country responses are country specific
  - The context has been and is changing – no blue print, but a FIT model must take account of dynamics

- One framework for strategic purchasing and its core parts
  - benefit package design, information management systems, provider payments
  - and the linkages to other core aspects: e.g., service delivery, pricing of medicines, broader governance of health system

- Strategic purchasing is not just about health financing, it goes beyond – it’s an integrative platform for a holistic view of the topic
Governance, governance, governance

There is lots of interest and demand on that subject from countries

Let’s put this at the heart of SP scaling

Agenda for WHO: strengthen the capacity of MOH in their governance role

Much more conceptual work needs to be done on governance

Strategic purchasing is also about power - Let’s not shy away from political economy issues
WHO’s role in a global collaborative agenda

We are ready!

- **Framing** – provide guidance and conceptual clarity - we need to be clear on what we want to achieve and how

- **Convening** – boost and consolidate a global community of strong supporters for strategic purchasing that will influence global and country thinking and agenda setting on strategic purchasers for UHC

- **Knowledge management** - there is a rich knowledge basis with lots of experiences (CoPs, JLN, countries, research, etc.) – ensure that this rich knowledge and evidence is used
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**Policy dialogue** – across the 3 levels of the organisation:
- actively support country policy agendas on strategic purchasing and reach out to implementation, partnering with implementation actors
- This means intensifying our engagement beyond HF

**Capacity strengthening** – let’s think together on how to scale up capacity strengthening
- Support the institutionalisation of learning systems (for the next generation)
- Build upon and develop successful learning/exchange platforms (JLN, connecting peers and organisation of peer learning)
What is next from our side?

Meeting report for your “approval” in May

Concretise (existing!) ideas of joint activities to build upon existing collaborations and with more synergies

Prioritisation of conceptual work: what is most urgent

Concretise our global collaborative agenda

Mapping of SP global and country work: Share what we do on SP, … and what we would like to do if we could partner up

Continue the discussions with you in various formats