A few conclusions and reflections on future directions

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It was a rich and interactive meeting...
Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm

Winston Churchill
DAY 1 – Key messages

» Transition as an opportunity for country reform (health system and PFM)
» Health sector can engage in dialog for greater budgetary space
» PFM improvement is part of Fiscal Space for Health expansion
» Differentiate dialog on decentralization from autonomy
» Conditional transfers can be key instrument for alignment
DAY 2 Poster session
Program budget structure can **enable** or **disable** environment for flexibility, alignment and accountability: devil is in the details

Links between budget structure and provider payment at the core of health financing reform implementation

Budget under-execution has multiple causes; shared agenda between health and finance
Day 3 Role Play – great acting (and not at all how they are in their real jobs!)
DAY 3 – Key messages

» Embrace the *quid pro quo* – more flexibility with more/better accountability for performance

» Need closer engagement / cross-walk between health finance and PFM – they can push each other

» Make PFM funny, for example…
Initial ideas...

» 2 PFM specialists walk into a bar. One of them says…
» How many PFM specialists does it take to change a lightbulb?
» A health economist, PFM specialist, and procurement expert are stranded on a desert island…

» Need country and agency collaboration to develop these ideas further
Final thoughts on moving forward TOGETHER

» Collaborative approach to be maintained/strengthened: joint products, co-organized events, country dialogue

» Strengthening ties of the “Community of Practice”

» Harmonization in approaches/messages (fiscal space approach, PFM assessment)

» Focusing on “how to” for country adaptation and implementation
Until the next time...