

Updates on Progress towards developing Results-Focused Country-Led Compacts for IHP+ Countries

All first wave countries of the IHP+ will undertake a stocktaking exercise using existing national health plans and strategies.

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| Current composition & structure of coordination groups & mechanisms for health and HIV/AIDS, under a government lead |
| Donor/partner coordination is organized around the National health Plan (PDS), background reference document for 2005-2010. A decentralization planification process has been initiated through districts plans (PDSD), which will result in a consolidated PDS. Donors/partners meet on a monthly basis, co chaired by the Head of donors/ partners groups (Belgium cooperation) and MOH. The focus is on implementation of the PDS (strategic plan) and funding aspects. Implementation is regularly assessed through national review. The next national review is planned for 2008. Donor-partner coordination also focuses on annual plans, issued from PDS, and evaluated twice a year under the leadership of the National Health Council (decision body) and the National Health Technical Committee. The Donors group are part of both structures. |
| Existing National Health Policies and Strategies, and the broader development context (PRSP, MTEF, etc.) as well as outputs identified in the national plan and level of achievement. |
| Strategic and policy documents: National nutrition policy; strategic plans for MDG 1, 4 and 5; national child survival policy document for MDG 4 and 6; road map for maternal and neonatal health; and (African road map) for MDG5. All of these are related to the objectives and strategies in the national plan (PDS) and PRSP. There are also specific documents for MDG6, such as the national program against malaria and a strategic intersectoral plan against HIV/AIDS. In these fields there are regular consultations and assessments and partners are actively involved. The first investment plan was elaborated in 2007; a second version is being prepared and will be used as a basis for the revised PSD to better define the funding needed to reach Niger's objectives for 2009-2010, 2011-2012 and 2012-2015. |
| Health sector reforms /investment plans, with financial requirements for national health plan implementation, and identification of funds available and financing gap by source. |
| An initial investment case for 2008-2015 has been presented to MOH and partners, but still needs validation. A MTEF is being planned for April 2008. |
| Summary of current national domestic health sector financing strategies and structures. |
| 6% of the national budget was allocated to health in 2000-2005 and this has increased to 10% in 2008. In 2004, The Finance Law covered 31.7% of public expenditures and partners covered 23%. OOP was the most important source with 44.85%. The 2006 announcement of user fee abolition led to greater funding of the health sector by Government and partners. Revision of recovery costs and scaling up of health insurance schemes will have an impact on service utilization and will subsequently increase funding sources available at the household level. |

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| Health system and agency bottlenecks and constraints that have already been recognized as needing to be removed by inclusion in national plans and review mechanisms. |
| Unavailability of essentials commodities. Poor management and poor planification of health service commodities. Low institutional capacity. Weak community participation. Disparity in health service access. Acute human resource needs. Chronic insufficient funding. |
| Identification of required changes in process/relationship with development partners and civil society in order to implement the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. |
| PDS review; MTEF elaboration for June 2008 |
| Identification of technical assistance needs for preparing the compact and other sector instruments (e.g. plans, costings, MTEF, and implementation strategies). |
| Compact design |
| Timetable of key events for 2008-9 (sector reviews, major evaluations, etc). |
| 2008: PDS review, Investment plan 2008-2015; eventual submission in October parliamentary session for 2009 Finance Law. |
| Road map for development of a country compact. |
| Begun discussions on the development of a roadmap towards a compact. |
| Current views on 'value-added' of developing a compact. |
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| Timetable for completion and signing of a country compact signing. |
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| Results/Impact on MDGs |
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