

Highlights of Health Sector Partnership in Nepal 2016/17

EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS WORKING IN
THE HEALTH SECTOR

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External development partners in health sector

DFID*

Gavi*

Global Fund (GFATM)

GIZ/German Dvt. Cooperation

JICA

KfW/ GDC*

KOICA

USAID*

World Bank

UNAIDS

UNFPA*

UNICEF*

WHO*

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JFA

Key Achievements- what we are most proud of

- ❖ **New programme agreements - DFID NHSP3** (£85m over 5 years); **World Bank Program-for-Results** (US\$ 150 million); **KfW two projects** (Euro 10 million) for Infant , Maternal, Child Care in Remote Areas; and strengthening of infrastructures and referral system in the Far West Region and Earthquake Reconstruction of District Hospitals in Ramechhap,, Rasuwa, Gorkha and Jiri in Dolakha; **USAID awarded a new decentralized Health System Strengthening Project** which will cover Province 6 and part of Province 5 (5 years, 25m USD).
- ❖ **Achievement of all but one Disbursement Linked Indicator** targets for FY 2017 (WB and DFID)
- ❖ **Expansion of Health Insurance** to 25 Districts, covering 4,13,884 people (5% of population) AND paying out USD 5.2 Million in claims to health facilities (<2 years) (GIZ/GDC, KOICA)
- ❖ 182 facilities reporting online to **HMIS** (to be 404 by June 2018) (GIZ/GDC)
- ❖ **Orientation on health planning and budgeting completed for 152 Municipalities, 980 Wards, and over 10,000 local/newly elected government officials** through Health for Life Project (USAID);

Key Achievements- what we are most proud of cont...

- ❖ **Completed three national surveys:** National Demographic Health Survey (NDHS) 2016, Nepal Health Facility Survey (NHFS) 2016, and National Micronutrient Status Survey (NMSS). (USAID)
- ❖ **45 Adolescents Friendly Health Service centers certified** for provision of quality Reproductive Health services to adolescents (UNFPA).
- ❖ **212 adolescents friendly information corners established** in schools in 18 UNFPA districts that are linked with Adolescents friendly health service centers for improved access to information and services. (UNFPA)
- ❖ **Completed National Micronutrient Status Survey 2016-2017** (UNICEF)
- ❖ **More than 300 Pallikas expressed commitments to make their Pallikas malnutrition free in next five years**
- ❖ **Immunization Act endorsed** (UNICEF)
- ❖ **Nationwide coverage of PMTCT (eVT) services integrating with MNH services** (GFATM/UNICEF/WHO/UNAIDS)

Key Achievements- what we are most proud of cont...

- ❖ **Developed Community mental health packages** ; training curriculum on public mental health for health administrator
- ❖ **Analysis of changes in Health Functions (by level) in a Federal State (WHO)**
- ❖ **Supported National Action Plan and National Antibiotic Policy for containment of AMR (WHO)**
- ❖ **Expansion of the detailed engineering assessment** of health facilities from 14 to 31 earthquake affected districts.(DFID)
- ❖ **Continued expansion in the use of TABUCS (DFID)**
- ❖ **Commencement of works to reconstruct/renovate buildings** at TUTH , Bir Hospital and Paropakar Maternity and Women's Hospital, and Amppipal hospital (JICA)

Achievements of the SWAp – 16/17

- ❖ Start of new (3rd phase) of the Sector Programme and signing of Joint Financing Arrangement
 - ❖ Re-constitution of Health Sector Partnership Forum
 - ❖ Effective partnership in addressing reforms in Financial Management of the sector
 - ❖ Rapid Scaling up of Health Insurance Programme
 - ❖ Development of Infrastructure Plan in a Federalized Context
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SWAp achievements cont'd:

- ❖ Open and shared lesson learning from the earthquake response
 - ❖ Multisector Nutrition Plan II (2018-2022) launched in December 2018 – led by NPC and 7 ministries including ministry of health
 - ❖ TA support in the Federalization process
 - ❖ Coordinated TA and EDP support to the development of a range of policies, acts and guidelines
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Challenges encountered

- **Quality of care** provided at both public and private health facilities
 - **HRH** (in service training, absenteeism, frequent transfer, staff shortage)
 - **Procurement** (Stock-outs of commodities, delay, capacity, reform) and particularly now in the federal structure
 - **Supply chain Management** (stock out, distribution, re-distribution)
 - Need for continued improvement in **budget performance and execution**
 - **Fund flow accountability** in the new federal structure
 - Institutionalising **evidenced-based planning for health services**, better linked to areas of greatest need and supported by appropriate budgets.
 - **Regulation of the private sector**
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Challenges continued

- Partners have own **Organizational Mandate**: EDP health group- can be platform to harmonize comparative advantages & support health sector as a whole
- **TA**: requests sometimes come late & through different 'doors'. Opportunity - partners can help relevant agencies to identify TA needs and embed them in the business plans during AWPB processes
- Partners in **JFA rely on country systems**- challenges arise when audit systems question the eligibility of expenditures & refund has to be made.
- **Better coordination** between divisions, centers for better planning and implementation of plans for better results and outcome.
- How to ensure **access and utilization of health services by the most disadvantaged communities including** overcoming current obstacle to enroll poor and disadvantaged people

Looking forward

- ❖ Use of data and evidence for decision making and future planning (NHFS, NDHS, NMICs...)
 - ❖ Opportunity to harmonize government TA needs in line with EDP mandate and to focus further on skills transfer.
 - ❖ Health Financing Strategy first important step towards costing different types of free health care packages and services and delivering on UHC
 - ❖ Federalism provides challenges but also opportunities
 - ❖ Rolling out of DHIS-2 software to facility level
 - ❖ Streamlining Procurement and Supply Chain Management in the Federalized context
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DFID

Total (£GBP)	On budget	Off budget	Other (Commodities ; TA etc..)
21,752,531	18,715,000	400,000	2,637,531

Key achievements:-

- ❖ Learning from the old (HTRP dissemination) and Approval of new (NHSP 3 programme and new TA contracts awarded)
- ❖ Support to the restoration of health services in Earthquake affected districts and scaling up access to CEONC and OSMCS, in particular Dolakha, Ramechhap, Sindhupalchowk.
- ❖ Expansion of the detailed engineering assessment of health facilities from 14 to 31 earthquake affected districts.
- ❖ Continued TA support the roll-out of TABUCS and DHIS2 and implementation of the Financial Improvement Plan and Procurement Improvement Plan and development of the Internal Audit Improvement Plan.

DFID cont...

- ❖ MoH endorsement of the update to the free essential drugs list for psycho-tropic drugs and subsequent revision of the standard treatment protocols for psychiatric illness
- ❖ Four innovative pilots implemented under our Family Planning Programme were successfully completed and scaled up through UNFPA and MOH AWPB – (i) mobilizing visiting providers to expand LARC, (ii) integration of FP into EPI, (iii) VSC+, and (iv) mobilization of FCHVs to improve access to FP services in remote areas
- ❖ DFID signed MoU with UNFPA Nepal to commence support to services in nine priority districts with a focus on family planning needs of most marginalized and underserved population.

GIZ/GDC

Total (EUR)	On budget	Off budget	Other (Commodities ; TA etc..)
EUR 12.260M	0	EUR 12.3M	All for TA

Key achievements:-

- ❖ Establishment of a functioning health insurance system, including the passing of the Health Insurance Act making it mandatory for all citizens
- ❖ Contributing to developing and implementing the eHealth strategy
- ❖ 182 facilities reporting online to HMIS (to be 404 by June 2018) (GIZ/GDC)
- ❖ Developed an electronic medical record system for public hospitals in Nepal
- ❖ Conceptualized an integrated municipal healthcare waste management model – *to be used in Bidur municipality*

JICA

Key achievements:-

- ❖ Grant up to 754 million Japanese Yen provided for procurement and installation of medical equipment, renovation works and maintenance of services to TUTH (procurement already completed and shipment under progress expected to complete installation of equipment by the end of March 2018).
- ❖ Grant up to 2,612 million Japanese Yen provided for reconstruction of new buildings in Bir Hospital and Paropakar Maternity and Women's Hospital, plus provision of necessary equipment and service. The buildings are constructed with 9.77% progress as of end Dec 2017. (expected completion in February 2019)
- ❖ Reconstruction of Amppipal hospital (75% progress as of December 2017 and—expected completion in March 2018) and Barpak health post construction just started in Gorkha district under Quick Impact Projects (QIP).

KfW/GDC

Total (EUR)	On budget	Off budget	Other (Commodities ; TA etc..)
EUR 855,265	855,265		

Key achievements:-

❖ Scaling up of Medical Equipment Maintenance Programme to the national level

❖ Signing of two projects with Euro 10 million for

- Infant , Maternal, Child Care in Remote Areas – strengthening of infrastructures and referral system in the Far West Region
- Earthquake Reconstruction of District Hospitals in Ramechhap, Jiri of Dolakha , Rasuwa and Gorkha

UNFPA

Total (USD)	On budget	Off budget	Other (Commodities)
5 million	109,000	3.49m	1.4m

Key achievements:-

- ❖ UNFPA contribution focuses on addressing inequity in access to SRH services with special focus on vulnerable and underserved women and girls.
- ❖ Support in system strengthening and, development of policies, protocols, guidelines and strategies (SCM, Midwifery, FP, Emergency)
- ❖ 45 Adolescents Friendly Health Service centers certified for provision of quality Reproductive Health services to adolescents.
- ❖ 212 adolescents friendly information corners established in schools in 18 UNFPA districts that are linked with Adolescents friendly health service centers for improved access to information and services.

UNFPA cont...

Key achievements

- ❖ Est. 36,000 population reached with comprehensive health services through 30 mobile RH camps in 5 districts during the 2017 Terai flood.
- ❖ 62 women received Obstetrics Fistula surgery through two designated OF centers supported by UNFPA, namely B.P Koirala Institute of Health Sciences (BPKIHS) and Patan Hospital.
- ❖ Total of 4,676 women reached with FP services (LARC) using various approaches like Satellite Clinic and visiting providers . (UNFPA + DFID funding).
- ❖ Prepositioning of ERH kits (1-11) in 3 locations in Kathmandu valley in coordination with EDCD (will benefit almost 240,000 affected population in case of emergency)

UNICEF

Total (USD)	On budget	Off budget	Other (Commodities ; TA etc..)
Health	US\$ 2,900,000 (Regular) US\$ 4,500,000 (Earthquake Emergency)	2,650,000	170,000
Nutrition	US \$4.3 Million (Regular) US\$ 5.5 Million (Earthquake/Flood Emergency)	2.8 Million 2.2 Million	1.8 Million

Key achievements:-

- Strengthening the effective vaccine management in earthquake and other districts
- Technical support for development of MNH referral guidelines,
- Technical support for nationwide expansion of PMTCT (eVT) services
- Construction of 74 Prefab Health Facilities in 10 earthquake affected districts,

UNICEF cont...

Key achievements:-

- ❖ Logistic and service intensification support in earthquake and flood affected districts
- ❖ Technical/financial support to emergency nutrition services in 14 earthquake affected and 18 flood affected districts
- ❖ Technical support to expand services for treatment of SAM (IMAM) in 4 districts, IFA supplementation for adolescent girls expansion in 6 additional districts and Infant and Young Child Feeding linked with Cash Grant in 3 additional districts
- ❖ Completed National Micronutrient Status Survey 2016-2017
- ❖ More than 300 Pallikas expressed commitments to make their Pallikas malnutrition free in next five years
- ❖ Accelerate Actions on Nutrition – to achieve the nutrition targets for World Health Assembly 2025 as well as SDG 2030

USAID

Total (currency)	On budget	Off budget	Other (Commodities ; TA etc..)
40mUSD		\$40m (\$2.5m Redbook)	

Key achievements:-

- ❖ Provided nutrition interventions to 478,335 children and 348,874 pregnant women.
- ❖ Equity gap between DAGs and non-DAGs completing 4 ANC visits reduced from 22% to 11% over 5 years in Suaahara project area.
- ❖ SMART Jeevan Campaign increased CPR among married women 18-29 from 25% to 34% and FP use within 6 months of delivery from 9% to 25% in covered areas.
- ❖ Provided support to LMD to regularize and improve functioning of Logistics Working Group and establish the LMIS Task Force.
- ❖ Chlorhexidine activity successfully concluded, use of CHX fully integrated into national health system.

USAID continued

Key achievements:-

- ❖ Kick started the electronic logistic management information system (eLMIS) activity, slated to go live in Province 5 and 6 in April.
- ❖ Trained 900 private sector providers to provide at least 5 family planning methods.
- ❖ Completed a nationally representative survey to document the appropriateness of care provided by private drug shops and clinics for Possible Severe Bacterial Infection (PSBI) in young infants 0-2 months.
- ❖ Support for National Quality Improvement system: Development of QAI guideline, QI modules and Quality Management Information System (QMIS) (currently being rolled out to 34 health facilities) and orientation of HF QI system. In H4L's 28 districts, QI system implementation in 616 health facilities as of Dec 2017.

World Bank

Total (currency) to be disbursed 16/17	On budget	Off budget	Other (Commodities ; TA etc..)
SDR 17.9 Million (US\$ 22 million)	On budget		

Key achievements:-

- ❖ Signing of Program-for-Results with the GON, US\$ 150 million in 2017
- ❖ Achievement of all but one Disbursement Linked Indicator targets for FY 2017, (however, reimbursement not requested on time)
- ❖ Completion of a process evaluation of Social Health Insurance

World Health Organization

Total USD	On budget	Off budget
\$ 6.3 million	\$ 1.6 million	\$ 4.7 million

- ❖ Strengthened institutional arrangement and capacity for health emergency
 - Established Health Emergency Operation Centers in province 4, 6 & 7; Equipped six hub hospitals in Kathmandu with critical stockpiles as Emergency Medical Logistics Warehouse
- ❖ Strengthened country capacity to combat NCDs
 - Supported in evidence-based National cancer treatment protocol; Non-communicable diseases interventions ; Community mental health packages ; Training curriculum on public mental health for health administrator
- ❖ Support to Vaccine Preventable Disease (VPD) control:
 - Fully-immunized districts declaration initiative (29 out of 75); VPD surveillance- AFP surveillance

WHO Cont'd...

- ❖ Communicable and neglected tropical disease control
 - Supported to NTC in TB Prevalence study ; Active search for Leprosy cases (selected high endemic districts, few urban slums); National Action Plan and National Antibiotic Policy for containment of AMR; Orientation on rationale use of antibiotics (30 hospitals)
- ❖ Environmental health
 - National Adaptation Plan for protecting health from climate change; Urban Health Initiative (UHI) launched to tackle the health impact of air pollution (Kathmandu)
- ❖ Health System Strengthening
 - Mortality statistics (cause of death data system) initiated in three districts; developed financial protection measurement in Nepal; MPDSR (community-based : 10 districts , hospital-based : 65 hospitals) ; Post market surveillance web-based system in DDA; Trained drug regulators in pharmacovigilance and drug pricing mechanism; HRH strategic roadmap 2030 and HRH Registry; Analysis of Health Functions in Federal State

Thank you
