

# Local Governance for Health



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# Planning, budgeting & implementation at Local Level

## Progress/ Status

- Palikas have already approved local AWPB except few Palikas and some in province-2
- Palikas have prioritized health through additional fund allocation-  
*(e.g. Barahtal rural municipality, Surkhet – Rs. 3.2 million, Biratnagar metro- 10 million, Pokhara metro- 50 million)*
- Program implementation in progress in most Palikas  
*Mixed observation regarding pace of implementation.- Taplejung-unsatisfactory, Morang, Surkhet, Kailali- good*
- HFs handover process initiated but yet to be completed in some districts
- Increased willingness at Local Government level to take ownership and accountability to health sector management.

# Planning, budgeting & implementation at Local Level

## Issues

- Delay in deputation of HR in Palikas
- Delay in receiving implementation guidelines
- Dilemma in roles and responsibility of Palikas, DHO, HFOMC and Health Coordinators.
- Mismatch of activities and budget in some Palikas (scattered activities with tiny amount of budget)
- Limited technical capacity for sector management.

# Planning, budgeting & implementation at Local Level

## Way Forward

- Immediate orientation to elected representatives
- Capacity development of health coordinators and chief administrative officers.
- Clarify role of DHOs in the changed context
- Complete the handover of health facilities
- Provide regular technical back up to health unit and HFs
- Conditional grant to be provided for broader areas
- Technical support in evidence based planning and budgeting

# Coordination and Collaboration

## Progress/ status

- Palikas, health coordinators, DHOs are eager to improve coordination.
- Personal interest is the driving force for coordination

## Issues

- Hierarchy, protocol, status ego
- Inadequate and inappropriate communication platform

# Coordination and Collaboration

## Way Forward

- Establish formal coordination platform
- Define roles and responsibilities of key actors
- Align HDC/HFOMC with Palikas

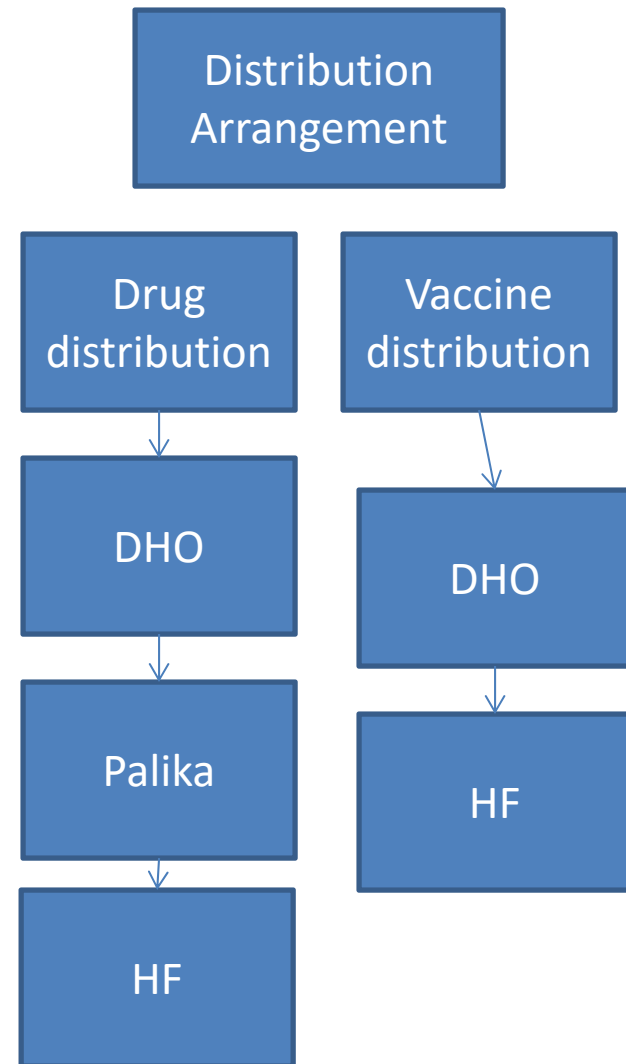
# Procurement and Supply Chain

## Progress/ status

- Stock status satisfactory (With few supply problems at some HFs province 2)
- Some Palikas have procured drugs
- Most of the Palikas have allocated fund for drugs

## Issues

- Gross inadequate fund for drug
- Unclear drug procurement process
- Limited storage space at Palikas
- Dual procurement structure
- Lack of LMIS reporting mechanism



# Procurement and Supply Chain

## Way Forward

- Additional budget for drugs and equipment as per need
- Palika to establish storage facility for drugs
- Capacity enhancement of Palikas on drug procurement and supply chain management



# Preparation for next year's AWPB

- Palika wise health profile needs to be developed and hand over to Palikas
- Ensure adequate support during next FY planning at local level through DHO and supporting partner
- Sharing of planning format/tool for next years evidence based AWPB
- Documentation of learning from the local level

# Institutional capacity and expectations of Local Level

- Health one of the priority sector of local governments
  - Focus on curative part
  - Public health: less pronounced.
  - Perceived as technical area
  - Health beyond health sector: Limited understanding
- Expectations of local governments:
  - Federal: Orientation, guidance, budgetary support
  - DPHO: Hand over of HF, coordination, Drugs,
  - Health coordinators: guidance, coordination, planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting

Thank you!