

Joint Annual Review January 31- February 1, 2018
Aide Memoire

The following summarizes the action points as agreed between the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) and the External Development Partners (EDPs) during the Joint Annual Review held on January 31- February 1, 2018. The EDPs will provide the required assistance to accomplish the agreed action points.

1. **Health in Federal Transition** - In order to ensure smooth and uninterrupted delivery of health services, there is a need for a transition plan.

Action:

- A health transition plan will be developed by May, 2018.

2. **Basic Health Care Services** - As the delivery of the Basic Health Care Services is the responsibility of the Local Government, it is important to revisit and define the Basic Health Care Services.

Action:

- Basic Health Care Services will be defined by mid-July, 2018.

3. **Annual Review**- Considering the changed context and to better harmonize the review process, there is a need to streamline the annual reviews.

Actions:

- MoHP will organize the Joint Annual Review (JAR) at federal level replacing two national reviews (hitherto NAR and JAR) in November following Provincial Health Reviews.
- The budget provision for the JAR to be included in the MoHP's AWPB.

4. **Mid-Term Review Process**- As specified in the Nepal Health Sector Strategy (NHSS), a mid-term review (MTR) of the sector strategy and its NHSS implementation plan (NHSS-IP) will be conducted.

Actions:

- ToR for MTR of NHSS will be jointly developed by May, 2018
- MTR report will be prepared by December, 2018

5. **Health Financing Strategy for the Sector**- In the new context, it is essential that the MoHP, in coordination with other relevant government agencies, crafts and implements a strategy for revenue collection for health, resource pooling and strategic purchasing of health care services at all levels of government.

Actions:

- MoHP will have a task force to develop a Health Financing Strategy by May, 2018.
- Draft a technical paper on the Health Financing Strategy by March, 2019.

6. **Human Resources for Health (HRH)** - MoHP has developed a draft HRH Roadmap (by Thematic Group) in line with Integrated Health Infrastructure Development Plan.

Action:



- The HRH Strategic Road Map will be updated in accordance to the new evolving structure of the health sector at federal, province and local levels by September 2018.

7. **Procurement**- Procurement of medical goods is being decentralized. However, procurement of certain essential drugs and health commodities including vaccines and reproductive health commodities require stringent quality standards and are desirable to be procured at the federal level at the moment.

Actions:

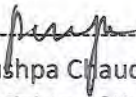
- A joint task force will be formed on the procurement by May, 2018.
- Task force will develop an interim arrangement for procurement management of drugs and medical goods by June, 2018.

8. **Health Care Waste Management** - An integrated health care waste management for medical solid, liquid, drugs, equipment need to be put in place in collaboration with sub-national governments.

Action:

- Existing guidelines will be reviewed to develop an integrated health care waste management (e.g. regulation) by August, 2018.

This aide memoire is a joint effort of the Ministry of Health and the External Development Partners for health and is duly undersigned by the responsible agencies as stated below.



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