

Kenya country proposal for IHP resources

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Background information

Partnership strengthening has been a major focus of the reform process in Kenya. It is one, out of the five priority objectives of the ongoing 2nd National Health Sector Strategic Plan (NHSSP II, 2005 – 2010). At present, the sector is strengthening the commitment towards supporting implementation of its service delivery objectives through a Sector Wide Approach. A series of initiatives have been put in place to guide this, and include elaboration of partnership instrument, the Code of Conduct, plus re-alignment of partnership and Governance structures and processes of Ministry of Health, development partners and implementing partners. These initiatives have galvanized the sector around implementation of the basic principles for the IHP +. Strengthening of these processes at operational and strategic levels is the basis of ongoing sectoral activities and focus.

The sector held its first Joint Mid Term Review of the NHSSP II in October 2007. Key recommendations were agreed upon, to support achievement of the objectives of the NHSSP II. To guide achievement of these recommendations, the sector underwent a technical, and consensus building process in November 2007 to identify priority strategies whose implementation needed to be accelerated in the 2nd half of the NHSSP II. The outputs from this consultative process are detailed in the sector's 'Roadmap for acceleration of implementation of NHSSP II objectives' (Roadmap). Priorities for implementation in the operational plans of the sector are derived from here.

In Kenya, a review of the existing partnership instruments, and processes against expectations of the IHP + show they are adequate enough to guide the process in Kenya¹. The added benefit for the IHP + process is to act as a catalyst, providing the impetus needed to guide actualization of agreed partnership strategies. It is looked at as a process that will support elaboration of necessary implementation / operational tools needed to ensure the Code of Conduct, and the Roadmap 'have teeth' needed to effect the required change as elaborated in the IHP+ process. By adequately linking to existing instruments and processes, it will ensure the IHP+ process will maintain a strong link to improvement in health outcomes, which these existing processes have prioritised.

The roadmap elaborated priorities for implementation based on immediate, short term, and long term priorities. The timeframe for this call for proposals falls within the coming financial year for the sector. As such, interventions proposed to be supported with these initial resources are drawn from those that need to be implemented in the immediate and short term period of the roadmap.

Objectives;

The overall objective for the support is to ensure priority partnership strengthening objectives for the short and medium term, as outlined in the sector's roadmap, are implemented. Specifically, the support shall focus on:

- Ensuring instruments in place to operationally monitor and follow up progress with partnership process
- Support the joint monitoring and evaluation process for the sector in the coming year

Deliverables/products with timetable

The key deliverables against each objective, and when they will be carried out are outlined in the table below. These deliverables represent the critical, unfunded outputs that are needed to achieve defined 'Roadmap' strategies. They are the key unfunded outputs that will have the greatest impact on achievement of partnership strengthening objectives if achieved.

¹ The partnership Code of Conduct contains the key elements needed in a Compact, and was developed in an appropriately consultative process to be the country's compact. The 'Roadmap' details the key priorities to strengthen the partnership process in Kenya.

	Outputs	Timeline			
		July – Sept '08	Oct – Dec '08	Jan – Mar '08	Apr – June '08
Objective 1: Ensuring instruments in place to operationally monitor and follow up progress with partnership process	Monitoring instruments, and process for the Code of Conduct	√			
	Monitoring instruments, and process for the Joint Financing Agreement (JFA)	√			
Objective 2: Support the joint monitoring and evaluation process for the sector in the coming year	Sector Wide Expenditure Tracking and Service Delivery Survey for 2008		√		
	Sector wide budget (Shadow budget) for 2009 financial year	√	√		
	Kenya National Health Policy Framework evaluation	√	√	√	√
	Joint Annual Review for the 3 rd Annual Operational Plan (AOP 3)	√	√		

In-country responsibilities for carrying out the work

As with the Country's 'Roadmap', the responsibility for follow up of the deliverables will lie with a Team Leader, who shall be a Government official / department. However, lead Development, and Implementing (Civil Society) members shall work with this team leader. The leads for each output are elaborated below.

	Outputs	Responsible persons		
		Team Leader	Development Partner Lead	Implementing Partner Lead
Objective 1: Ensuring instruments in place to operationally monitor and follow up progress with partnership process	Monitoring instruments, and process for the Code of Conduct	Sector Planning & Monitoring	WHO	Hennet ²
	Monitoring instruments, and process for the JFA	Planning Department	World Bank	Hennet
Objective 2: Support the joint monitoring and evaluation process for the sector in the coming year	Sector Wide Expenditure Tracking and Service Delivery Survey for 2008	Planning Department	World Bank	Hennet
	Sector wide budget (Shadow budget) for 2009 financial year	Planning Department	WHO/ World Bank	Hennet
	Kenya National Health Policy Framework evaluation	Sector Planning & Monitoring	WHO/ DANIDA	Hennet
	Joint Annual Review for the AOP 3	Sector Planning & Monitoring	WHO	Hennet

Annex 1: Summary budget

This is based on estimates of support from IHP+ to the achievement of the outputs. The budget indicated is adequate to deliver the respective outputs. It should be noted that these outputs are critical in delivering on specific 'Roadmap' strategies.

	Outputs	Budget estimates (US\$)
Objective 1: Ensuring instruments in place to operationally monitor and follow up progress with partnership process	Monitoring instruments, and process for the Code of Conduct	100,000
	Monitoring instruments, and process for the Joint Financing Agreement	150,000
Objective 2: Support the joint monitoring and evaluation process for the sector in the coming year	Sector Wide Expenditure Tracking and Service Delivery Survey for 2008	100,000
	Sector wide budget (Shadow budget) for 2009 financial year	70,000
	Kenya National Health Policy Framework evaluation	200,000
	Joint Annual Review for the AOP 3	180,000
Total (US\$)		800,000

² Hennet is the coordinating umbrella for Civil Society Organizations, NGO's and faith based organizations working in health in Kenya. It takes responsibility for coordinating lead support for each of the outputs.