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Our Acquiescence

Like many other countries in the world, Bangladesh has been a great proponent of the global movement for attaining Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The health population and nutrition sector of the country with its glorious recent achievements, is fully prepared to take forward the agenda of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), the target which is crucial for attaining not only the health SDG but all other SDGs.

As achieving UHC is a multi-dimensional and multi-sectoral task requiring efforts from multiple stakeholders, Health Economics Unit (HEU) of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been coordinating and leading the activities towards the goal as a focal office.

This e-Newsletter is a humble effort to present and share the snapshots of some of the activities taken place in the recent past.



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Training on the Basics of Health Information System

A day-long training on Basics of Health Information System was held at Fars Hotel and Resort, Dhaka on 02 May, 2016. The training was organized by Health Economics Unit (HEU). The training program supported by GIZ was facilitated by the IT



professionals working with MIS in DGHS

The training was designed mainly for non technical staff of government of Bangladesh to help them understand the process and functioning of the existing health information system, the ongoing changes that are being tried out and it can be utilized to monitor service and financial coverage (UHC). It might be noted that DGHS has been using DHIS for the last five years to collect and utilize data in health sector. Basing upon the experience, hospital automation process has been initiated to use the open MRS software.

Training on Provider Payment Mechanism for Health Service Delivery

A meeting organized by HEU on the *Provider Payment Mechanism for health service delivery* held at Fars hotel and resort, Dhaka on 05 May, 2016. Mr. Hafizur Rahman, Director (SSK) presided over the meeting.

Mr. Moazzem Hossain, Technical Advisor, GIZ presented the basics of provider payment mechanism including concept, objectives, different types of payment mechanism, and their advantages and disadvantages. He focused on determining the unit cost and age/sex adjustment coefficient calculation. He also showed about the steps of data base management for enrollment.





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Bangladesh Flagship Course on Health System Strengthening and Universal Health Coverage

Health Economics Unit (HEU) with support from WHO, World Bank, and Health Finance and Governance (HFG) project of USAID conducted a modified Flagship Course on health system strengthening and UHC for Bangladesh in Cox's Bazar on April, 2016. The course applied the Flagship analytic framework which enables to move health system towards UHC. The course offered a comprehensive framework to reflect upon the main health financing policy issues, including raising revenues for health services, pooling those revenues for health services, and then purchasing a defined set of services from health facilities, all with a focus on steering health systems towards UHC.

Participants from different ministries and departments of the government, members from the development partners, national and international NGOs took part in the course. The course was facilitated by international and national facilitators, who were known as the designers of the international Flagship course.

The course was conducted to enhance the capacity of UHC stakeholders in Bangladesh to analyze the key issues on health system performance; to effectively engage in policy dialogue on UHC; to develop evidence-based and realistic policies and to monitor results in the reform process to support the goal of UHC.





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Training on Public Private Partnership in HNP sector: Existing Situation and Future Prospects



GNSP Unit of Health Economics office organized a five-day training on *Public Private Partnership (PPP) in HNP Sector: Existing Situation and Future Prospects* was held during 15-19 May, 2016.

The training was facilitated by reputed PPI experts from PPP Office. The training covered issues like the concept of PPP, global approach, Bangladesh scenario, institutional and regulatory framework, project feasibility, procurement of the services from private/ non-government organizations etc. and PPP in HNP were discussed. Participants attended from different offices under MOHFW were undergone a practical work of developing feasible concepts for PPP in HPN sector using the learning of the training course.

Workshop on Finalization of Gender Equity Action Plan

The Workshop on *finalization of Gender Equity Action Plan* organized by GNSP unit was held on 16 May, 2016 at BMA conference room. Mr. Ashadul Islam, DG-HEU facilitated the workshop. The draft Action Plan was developed through an extensive consultative process to help implement the Gender Equity Strategy 2014. The draft Action Plan was presented and discussed in details and inputs were taken from the participants who came from different arena – government, NGOs, Civil society, women groups and activists.

The Action Plan will be finalized and will be included in different operation plans of the new Sector program.



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