



Technical Consultation on

Need Based Resource Allocation Formula for the HPN Sector

Date: 23 October 2013

Time: 10.00-12.00

Venue: Mahbub Kabir Hall, BIAM foundation

Chief Guest: Mr. M.M. Neazuddin, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Introduction:

Public funding for health care through the MOHFW (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) to geographic areas is currently based on norms related to the size of facilities. Such allocations often do not reflect population need since health facilities and staffing patterns are often distributed in a way that does not take account of changing demographic and epidemiological requirements.

The successive reviews and assessment of the sector have kept focusing on the need for a new resource allocation formula. Actually, the concern stems from evidence that although health status is improving in poorer and more vulnerable areas, the improvement is not as great as expected and may not be sufficient to allow the country to meet the sector policy objectives and targets.

Introducing a formula for allocation driven by the needs of the local population will affect the way planning and budgeting is carried out. Currently the MOHFW is mostly concerned with setting budgets for each economic code according to numbers and size of facilities. A formula would require MOHFW officials to focus instead on comparing the population needs of each area.

The work regarding needs based resource allocation has two phases:

- The first is the technical development of the formula based on measures of need based on recent work in Bangladesh and international experience.
- The second is adaptation of the formula for the health system of Bangladesh taking into account the realities of the budget process and need to develop a broad consensus amongst stakeholders.

The Health Economics Unit (HEU) has been steering the process of developing the formula. HEU acknowledges the support of Professor Tim Ensor; Director; Leeds Institute of Health Sciences, Ms. Tahmina Begum, Bangladesh health system expert and development partner GIZ in developing the document on 'NEEDS BASED GEOGRAPHIC RESOURCE ALLOCATION IN THE HEALTH SECTOR OF BANGLADESH: MOVING TOWARDS FORMULA FUNDING'. After extensive discussion and consequential changes, HEU has come up with the proposed formula to consult relevant stakeholders for further fine tuning.

Objectives of the Technical Consultation:

1. Presentation of, and agreement on the Resource Allocation Formula
2. Provide simulation based on different variables used in the formula
3. Collect feedback for further applicability and finalization of the formula

Schedule

Time		Agenda	Person
From	To		
10.00	10.05	Recitation from Holy Quran	Md. Shamsul Hoq
10.05	10.15	Welcome address	Md. Hafizur Rahman, Director, HEU
10.15	10.20	Introduction	-
10.20	10.50	Presentation	Mr. Md. Ashadul Islam, DG, HEU
<i>Refreshment</i>			
11.00	11.20	Panel Discussion	Mr. Md. Siddiqur Rahman Choudhury
11.20	11.50	Q & A	
11.50	12.00	Speech by Chief Guest	Mr. M.M. Neazuddin, Secretary, MOHFW
<i>Lunch</i>			

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