

Output 1

- Central Ministries of Public Health and Sanitation and of Medical Services effectively supported in strengthening health systems, policy development and stewardship for delivery of the Kenya Essential Package for Health (KEPH).



Achievements

- Value of input from long term integrated TA
- Worked with WHO and others to develop collaboration/ planning procedures and to use IHP+ principles and tools
- Financial tracking supporting move to decentralisation
- User survey strengthened case for quality improvement
- Significant support to MNH health planning through RH strategy TF
- Development of management development programme
- Moving towards aggregated training manual for MNH
- Training in MNH (LSS and EOC) has been successfully undertaken



Development of National MNH Strategic Documents

- To assist in planning exercises at National, Provincial and District levels, MNH Strategic documents incorporating updated, evidence-based guidelines are required
- High productivity during the period when EHS has provided support
- Strategic documents also integrate relevant priorities from HSSPII
- Reflect the national and the EHS commitment to addressing Supply and Demand side issues
- Development of Strategic documents were achieved via “bottom up” consultation with District teams, as well as with Development Partners



National RH monitoring and evaluation plan	February 2007
National Contraceptive Commodities Security Strategy 2007 - 2012	
National RH policy	October 2007
National RH training plan 2007 - 2012	May 2008
Strategy for improving the uptake of long-acting and permanent methods of contraception in the FP program 2008 - 2010	2008
Child survival and development strategy 2008 - 2015	
Best practices in RH in Kenya	August 2009
National guidelines for Maternal and Perinatal Death Notification and Review	August 2009
National RH Strategy 2009 - 2015	August 2009
Review of the 04-08 RH research agenda and proposed 2010-2014 research agenda	January 2010
Road Map for accelerating the attainment of MDGs 4 and 5	August 2010
Community based Maternal and Newborn Care: training course for community health workers	2010
MNH guidelines and comprehensive training package	Still in draft

Recommendation: Support for Development of Strategic documents

- The value of excellent long term technical assistance supported by appropriate short term specialist TA has been proven.
- Continuity of support reported as preferable to short term “visits”
- Impact of long term TA cannot be sustained without a degree of senior level stability within the Ministries.

Specific recommendation: MNH Training package

- Developing means to maintain updated pre-service curriculum for physicians, nurse/midwives and clinical officers in MNH should be incorporated into planning at national level
- Collaborative efforts between the Ministries and donor partners should strive to shift away from reliance on in-service training toward a more balanced program encompassing pre-service and in-service training.

Risks

- Need for planning processes to be more than planning DP resources
- Urgent need for GoK to allocate resources for planning and review at all levels
- Risk of dislocation and loss of institutional memory/ capacity with constitutional changes
- Risks related to poor management and retrieval of documentation at Ministry level
- Risks relating to continuing senior changes in RH directorate.

Lessons Learnt

- Value of high level, well integrated, long term technical support
- Value of flexible funding being available to “oil wheels”
- Need to look at most cost effective programme of training in MNH. Top up training is relatively expensive
- High transaction costs associated with activities being reinvented by different DPs