

**DFID Management Response to the Independent Commission for Aid Impact recommendations on:**

**DFID's Health Programmes in Burma, August 2013**

ICAI Recommendation	Accept/ Reject	Action already taken	Action to be taken	Target date
<p><b>Recommendation 1:</b></p> <p>DFID should leverage its relationship with the Ministry of Health and its experience in Burma to date to focus the in-flows of health aid and accelerate the building of a more robust health system, including better integration of the for-profit sector.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DFID continues to be a lead donor and supports the strengthening of aid coordination for the health sector. The 3MDG Fund is currently funding a health sector assessment and mapping of health system strengthening and gaps.</li> <li>• Identification of critical activities to strengthen financial management systems in the health sector is being done in liaison with the Ministry of Health. This work is well advanced, and fully in line with the Government approved action plan for reform of financial management systems.</li> <li>• In June 2013 the 3MDG Fund Board approved terms of reference for a mapping and analysis of the for-profit sector, including opportunities for better integration within the health system.</li> </ul>	<p>1. DFID funds priority actions to strengthen health systems, in particular financial management systems through 3MDG Fund.</p>	<p>December 2013</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 2:</b></p> <p>DFID should work with other donors and the Ministry of Health to capture better quality information about the health sector in Burma and to create stronger and more robust monitoring systems and data baselines across key health programme areas.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DFID continues to champion the need for robust information on health in Burma.</li> <li>• The design of the baseline survey for 3MDG Fund is well advanced, and will be conducted in collaboration with Burmese and international academic institutions.</li> <li>• The Independent Evaluation Group for the 3MDG Fund has been appointed and will set out the evaluation framework for the life of the Fund</li> <li>• Strengthening of the health management information system is identified as a priority for the 3MDG Fund under the health system</li> </ul>	<p>2. Data collection for baseline survey underway in 3MDG Fund implementation areas</p>	<p>December 2013</p>

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		strengthening funding window.		
<p><b>Recommendation 3:</b></p> <p>DFID should work with all parties to ensure the potential risks of the 3MDG Fund programme are identified and addressed, including management of the UNOPS contract, to ensure that the Fund is mobilised, executed and monitored effectively.</p>	Accept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The risk management strategy for the 3MDG Fund was initiated on programme start up in January 2013. This included the appointment of a high-level risk management group, including DFID. The 3MDG Fund risk matrix will be reviewed and updated at least quarterly by the Fund Board.</li> <li>In addition to 3MDG Fund programme-wide reporting, DFID's agreement requires UNOPS reporting against performance and work plan indicators.</li> </ul>	3. Risk matrix reviewed quarterly by the 3MDG Fund Board, and mitigating actions taken forward. The next two risk reviews in 2013 are critical for the first full year of operation of the 3MDG Fund.	September & December 2013
<p><b>Recommendation 4:</b></p> <p>DFID should ensure that, at this crucial time in developing its health programme in Burma, the impact of key personnel changes in the DFID office is minimised, including the timing of staff transfers and the development of a robust plan to ensure that key relationships are maintained.</p>	Accept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key staff transfers in DFID Burma have been timed to ensure dedicated hand-over time with departing staff in June 2013, and a programme of induction and external meetings. The Team Leader post for Basic Services has been upgraded.</li> </ul>	4. The new Team Leader for Basic Services in post following a structured programme of induction.	August 2013