

Pakistan's Health Policy Forum Strategic Plan 2006-2010

Goal

- A future which provides an equal opportunity for attaining the highest possible level of health and well-being for the entire population of the country. In this future
- o health polices will effectively address inequities in health
 - o excess mortality, morbidity, and disability and especially in poor and marginalized populations – will be reduced
 - o risks to health that arise from environmental, economic, social, and behavioral causes will be mitigated
 - o health systems will be financially fair and will be designed to meet the specific needs within the context of health promotion as well as treatment, prevention, and control of diseases

Strategic directions:

- ? Stimulating, assisting in the development of, and monitoring health policy formulation, fostering its implementation and catalyzing change through technical and policy support
- ? Establishing an institutional mechanism, which fosters collaborative endeavors between stakeholders, mainstreams the voice and the role of the civil society and has an independent and scientifically robust ability to analyze issues, offer solutions, play a technically supportive role, take an advocacy orientation, and performs a watchdog function.

Purpose-driven operational Plan

Outcome	Outputs and processes
<p>1. Development of the Gateway health policy scaffold that guides strengthening health systems – based on Gateway Paper's approach to health systems—as Forum Consensus Statement and its adoption by the Government of Pakistan as the official Health Policy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ? The development of the Gateway Paper as an index output to articulate the reason for health policy reform and propose direction for the reform process ? Drafting the Gateway Health Policy Scaffold based on the Gateway Paper model ? Electronic consultative process and meetings (at the federal, provincial and district levels) aimed at soliciting inputs to the proposed Health Policy Scaffold

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	STEP 1: Collation of evidence in various <i>domains</i> , setting of priorities
	A.1: DOMAIN – public health programs
	Prevention: to develop a roadmap for mainstreaming prevention and health promotion in line with the Gateway Paper systems reform—based on specific as well as integrated evidencebased approaches that blend in with the general health system. <i>Deliverable: Policy recommendations to be incorporated into the Gateway Health Policy Scaffold</i>
	Program Policy assessment: to conduct policy analysis of the NMCH policy and review the PC 1 for NMCH with a view to outline gaps and propose solutions <i>Deliverable: Assessment report</i> <i>Policy recommendations to be incorporated into the Gateway Health Policy Scaffold</i>
	Assessment of a federally led national program: to conduct a process evaluation of one of the federallyled national programs (the National Action Plan on Non-Communicable Diseases (NAP -NCD)) with a view to outlining issues at the federal, provincial, and district -interface based on the GW model <i>Deliverable: Program evaluation report</i> <i>Policy recommendations to be incorporated into the Gateway Health Policy Scaffold</i>
	A.2 DOMAIN – Provincial Health Policy
	To work with the NWFP HSRU /GTZ with the overall objective of developing a health policy framework for NWFP based on the Gateway Paper approach to health systems and the assessment of the federal-provincial policy perspectives
	A.3: DOMAIN - Governance and health/Decentralization
	Public-private partnerships to develop policy recommendations and outline steps for building public-private partnerships in the health sector <i>Deliverable: position paper with policy recommendations to be incorporated into the Gateway Health Policy Scaffold</i>
	Governance and health a. to assess principles of governance against specific criteria provided by WHO EMRO office <i>Deliverable: Assessment report</i> b. An overview of governance and stewardship in the health sector <i>Deliverable: policy recommendations</i> c. An assessment of governance in health in collaboration with the Asia Foundation <i>Deliverable: policy recommendations to be incorporated into the Gateway Health Policy Scaffold</i>
Health legislation: to establish collaborative with PILDAT on health legislation. PHPF to develop a document on health legislation that will review all healthrelated laws, analyze gaps, and propose strategies for bridging these gaps. PILDAT to organize a briefing meeting for legislation based on this document. <i>Deliverable: policy recommendations to be incorporated into the Gateway Health Policy Scaffold</i> <i>Deliverable: Review document and briefing meeting</i>	

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	A.4: DOMIAN - Pharmaceuticals and technology
	Technology in health: consultative deliberations on developing and promoting locally-suited and viable health information technology solutions for the health sector. <i>Deliverable: Consultation and Policy Recommendations to be incorporated into the Gateway Health Policy Scaffold and a monograph on Technology and Health</i>
	Pharmaceuticals: to organize a consultative process with stakeholders in the pharma sector (Pharma Bureau, Pakistan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association and Consumer Groups) in order to develop viable policy recommendations. Consultations will be organized to build further on the pharmaceuticals section on the GW paper. <i>Deliverable: Recommendations for revision of National Drug Policy</i>
	A. 5 DOMAIN – Service delivery
	Healthcare Quality Assessment: to develop an integrated framework for institutionalization of quality assessment in public- and private sector <i>Deliverable: Action plan and Policy Recommendations to be incorporated into the Gateway Health Policy Scaffold</i>
	Evaluation of remotely located tertiary health care facility : to evaluate the <i>Sughra Shafi</i> Medical Complex from a performance, quality, equity and fiscal perspectives with regard to potential to provide tertiary care in a remote rural setting <i>Deliverable: Policy Recommendations to be incorporated into the Gateway Health Policy Scaffold Assessment Report</i>
	Management systems: to develop frameworks in the form of SRS for hospital management systems in Pakistan and to define project management methodology for managing health care projects in our environment <i>Deliverable: Policy Recommendations to be incorporated into the Gateway Health Policy Scaffold Tools for Hospital use</i>
A.6 DOMAIN - Human resource	
Human Resources To conduct an analysis of human resources in the public and private sector from the policy perspective <i>Deliverable: HR policy</i>	
A.7 DOMAIN – Health in its inter-sectoral scope	
Population: Deliberations on inter-sectoral coordination for promoting Population agenda within Health.; define integration, key areas where integration can play an important role and its modus operandi. <i>Deliverable: Policy Recommendations to be incorporated into the Gateway Health Policy Scaffold</i>	
	STEP 2 Write up of the Gateway Policy scaffold
	STEP 3 Provincial consultations on the policy draft
	STEP 4 Open access inputs (through media) on the draft

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<p>2. Sustainable stakeholder-convening, technically supportive and advocacy institutional mechanism for partner initiatives and a point of national contact for stakeholders within the health sector</p>	<p>To collaborate with the National Health Policy Unit on the Global Burden of Disease, National Health Accounts and Decentralization studies in order to provide technical inputs, convene meetings as needed, build advocacy initiatives on the results of the study and mainstream evidence into policy.</p> <p>To collaborate with PAIMAN-JSI in the Decision Space Study with a view to providing technical inputs, convening meetings as needed, build advocacy initiatives on the results of the study and mainstream evidence into policy. <i>Deliverable: collaborative meetings on a need-basis; advocacy meetings</i></p> <p>To collaborate with the Asia Foundation on its deliberations on health-related issues <i>Deliverable: to be determined</i></p> <p>To collaborate with the NWFP Health Reform Unit in the hospital autonomy and NWFP reform initiatives with a view to providing technical inputs, convening meetings as needed, build advocacy initiatives on the results of the study and mainstream evidence into policy. Deliverable: Assessment report</p>
	<p>To establish collaboration with reforms units of GOP to provide technical support on restructuring of BHUS</p>
	<p>To establish a collaboration with the Health Services Academy/GTZ to develop a series of workshops designed for experienced, senior and mid-level managers and policy-makers on health sector reform topics being offered in cooperation with internationally reputed universities and training institutes</p>
<p>3. Development of evidence-based and comprehensive program of evidence based reforms in priority areas as outlined in the Gateway Health Policy</p>	<p>TBD</p>
<p>4. Mobilizing the civil society and people to set priorities and participate in the health policy process and increased awareness amongst the civil society and the people about the dynamics of health care delivery, policy and financing.</p>	<p>To develop, articulate and appropriately communicate specific policy position/s or Viewpoints in key priority area/s periodically or on needs-basis through the press and media and other appropriate means</p>

Acronyms used :

HF	Heartfile
HPF	Pakistan's Health Policy Forum
UHS	University of Health Sciences
PILDAT	Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development
HSRU	Health System Reform Unit
AKU	Aga Khan University
BHU	Basic Health Unit
NWFP	Noth West Frontier Province