Proposal on UN joint assistance to strengthen health systems in Myanmar

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Aim of UN joint assistance

- Support the Government of Myanmar to reach its goal of Universal Health Coverage by 2030 and accelerate efforts to attain MDGs by:
  - Strengthening the health system
  - Improving health of women and children

- The support will be aligned with:
  - IHP+ to improve aid effectiveness and deliver national health priorities
  - Global movements on Women’s and Children’s Health: Every Women Every Child and A Promise Renewed
Why joint UN work?

Support to the Government to strengthen a single, country-led national health strategy by:

- Using UN’s comparative advantage
- Harmonization and pooling of technical and financial resources
- Strengthening of principles for effective aid and development co-operation
  - *Nay Pyi Taw Accord*
  - *IHP+
  - *M-HSCC*
Key strategic approaches

Provide joint UN support to the Government in collaboration with partner agencies to:

1. Create better evidence and strengthen planning capacity at all levels
2. Ensure strategic sector policy, health financing and delivery of integrated essential services
3. Improve the health workforce
4. Ensure access to essential medicines and vaccines
5. Promote partnership and coordination
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- Support improvement and implementation of Health Information Management System (HMIS)

- Implement the Myanmar COIA roadmap to:
  - Establish the system for registration of births, deaths and causes of deaths
  - Strengthen 11 core indicators on reproductive, maternal and child health
  - Ensure countrywide maternal death review and response

- Strengthen the capacity of government counterparts at all levels in policy development, planning, allocation of responsibility and accountability, stewardship, governance and management

- Carry out a nationally representative micronutrient deficiency survey among women of reproductive age and children under five

- Expand and strengthen nutrition surveillance systems
2. Ensure strategic sector policy, health financing and delivery of integrated essential services

- Availability of a national health strategy and plan as well as underlying strategic plans on RMNCAH using IHP+ principles to ensure:
  - Country-led inclusive planning based on Joint Assessment of National Health Strategies (JANS)
  - A single framework for planning, costing, impact analysis (OneHealth Tool)
  - One monitoring and evaluation system

- Define the essential package for health services and ensure necessary revisions in policies, legal frameworks, training tools and quality assurance mechanisms

- Create demand for RMNCAH services by capacity building of the Central Health Education Bureau, media, local authorities and communities
3. Improve the health workforce

- Provide in-country senior technical expert advise on the health workforce
- Develop a costed implementation plan for the Health Workforce Strategy
- Review and revise capacity strengthening in existing health professional training institutions
- Strengthen continuing professional development and registration/licensing based on performance appraisal and management for all health work cadres
- Provide strategic and technical support to promote skill-base midwifery training and expand midwifery training to additional geographical areas (remote areas and States)
4. Procurement, supply chain and rational use of quality medicines

- Enhance the cold chain system by:
  - Gap analysis and development of a cold chain replacement and expansion plan
  - Procurement, distribution and installation of cold chain equipment at levels and geographical areas
  - Capacity building to effectively manage vaccines and other health commodities

- Ensure availability of contraceptives and life saving commodities for women and children

- Strengthen the capacity of the Food and Drugs Authority to develop and implement policies, rules and regulations governing medical consumables

- Promote rational use of drugs and developing regulatory mechanism to ensure its practice
5. Promote partnership and coordination

- Strengthen the capacity of the M-HSCC and TSGs as the main coordinating; advisory; and policy setting bodies for Myanmar’s health sector
- Strengthen inter-sectoral collaboration at national, State/Regional and township levels
- Strengthen MOH's capacity to fulfill its commitment to Family Planning 2020, and take leadership in the Asia Pacific Sexual and Reproductive Health Forum
Governance

- Implementation based on UN Development Group Joint Programming Guidelines, under the leadership of the Ministry of Health, through respective departments that are responsible for HSS and RMNCAH strategies

- Project Steering Committee
  - **Composition**: Ministry of Health, four UN agencies, and selected 3MDG donor representatives
  - **Reporting**: Accountable to the 3MDG Fund Board
  - **Functions**: Oversight and coordination and for ensuring the achievement of expected results. Individual UN agencies will be accountable for the specific activities under their respective responsibility, within the overall coordination and framework of the steering group.

- Financial management
  - In accordance with UN Development Group Joint Programming Guidelines
  - UNOPS as administrative agent
  - UNOPS will transfer funds to each of the four UN agencies and these will be managed in accordance with respective agency rules, regulation and procedures
Main deliverables

- Highest level declaration of commitment to Universal Health Coverage and Women’s and Children’s Health
- Well functioning health management information system including a solid system to measure progress in women’s and children’s health
- Evidence-based health sector planning at national, State/Region and township levels
- Comprehensive sector strategy/national health plan regardless of source of financing or implementing partners (following aid effectiveness principles)
- Significant steps taken to scale-up integrated essential health service delivery at all levels
- Increased number and fair distribution of competent health workers
- Countrywide robust cold chain system an availability of Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children
- Effectively functioning sector coordinating mechanism: M-HSCC and TSGs
Thank you for your attention!