

# **Proposed UHC2030 Technical Working Group on Health Systems Assessments**



**Background and Terms of Reference  
Videoconference  
2 August 2017**

# Outline of presentation



- UHC2030 launch – June 2016
- UHC2030 meeting – December 2016
- Health systems assessment tool review (commissioned)
- One-on-one interviews with tool owners (on-going)
- HSA and HSPA...?

# UHC2030 launch, June 2016: Session 7 on HSA

- **Health systems assessments are necessary but there is little coordination among the different assessments and the use of results is sub-optimal**
- **A risk of a harmonized approach is diffuse accountability – due to several actors involved, it can often be unclear who has ultimate responsibility**
- **A harmonized approach must be weighed against flexibility and complexity of exercise**
- **A technical working group would be useful to work through all of the different issues, pros and cons, to make joint recommendations as to the way forward**

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- **Different overarching HSA tools exist**
- **More specific assessment tools looking into one aspect of health systems exist and can be used for a more in-depth look (“deep dive”) at a particular health sector aspect as needed**
- **Global action is not a substitute for country practices**
  - **diagnostics can be standardized but applying the results needs to be a country-specific approach**
- **Policy dialogue processes should be kept in mind and taken into consideration when applying the diagnostics**

# UHC2030 meeting, December 2016: Round Table on HSA

## ***Objectives:***

- Clarify past deliberations on pressing issues related to health systems assessment such as:
  - Why harmonization and alignment is the best approach vs. creating a new, single HSA tool
  - Links between overarching health systems assessments and targeted thematic assessments (health financing, human resources for health, etc) termed 'deep dives'
- Agree on how to organize the TWG, including high level objectives, timetable, participation and way of working



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## *Suggestions for Technical Working Group objectives*

- Examine all relevant, existing tools and approaches on health systems assessments
- Come to a consensus on how to better harmonize the different approaches, where feasible, especially in view of comparability of results across assessments
- Agree upon common approach for conducting the assessments at country level, given the differing needs and objectives of each specific context



# Health Systems Assessment Tool Review



- Commissioned to consultant Katja Rohrer
- 7 tools for overarching system-wide assessment
- Document review
- Individual interviews with tool owners

Background Paper

UHC2030 Technical Working Group (TWG)  
Harmonizing and Aligning Health Systems Assessments (HSA)

Draft review of HSA tools and approaches

# Health Systems Assessment Tool Review



Name of the tool	Run by	Year
Health System Assessment Approach: A How-To Manual	USAID	2012
Health System Performance Assessment	WHO/EURO	2012
Health System Analysis for better Health System Strengthening	World Bank	2011
Monitoring the Building Blocks of Health Systems: a Handbook of Indicators and their Measurement Strategies	WHO	2010
Health System Rapid Diagnostic Tool	FHI 360	2011
Situation Analysis of the Health Sector	WHO	2016
Health System Reviews (HiTs)	WHO/EURO	2010



# Health Systems Performance Assessment



- HSPA mainly undertaken in EURO and OECD countries to date
- Largely overlapping content?
- Can a performance framework be applied to any well-done HSA?
- Sub-group on HSPA?



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