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
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
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
## Health Systems Assessment Tool Review

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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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