**GAMBIA**

**2016 IHP+ MONITORING ROUND**

**National performance review**

**HOW TO READ THE COUNTRY PROFILE**

All data presented on this visual aid are self-reported by the Ministry of Health (MoH), development partners (4 DPs out of 8 participated), civil society organisations (20 CSOs participated) and private sector representatives (3 PS participated) supporting the health sector. All data provided by DPs, CSOs and PS have in principle been validated by MoH.

The 8 Effective Development Cooperation (EDC) practices in health are captured in 4 commitments. The first three commitments present the performance of the government and DPs against 6 EDC practices. The last commitment also includes the opinion of the CSOs and PS on the EDC practices relevant to their engagement.

Where possible, trends in performance are documented over 4 monitoring rounds (2007, 2011, 2013 and 2015). When relevant, a comment relative to the EDC practice is provided in a text box.

For more detailed and disaggregated information on the data presented please visit www.internationalhealthpartnership.net/gambia.

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**COMMITMENT**

**TO ESTABLISH STRONG HEALTH SECTOR STRATEGIES WHICH ARE JOINTLY ASSESSED, AND STRENGTHEN ACCOUNTABILITY**

**PARTNERS SUPPORT A SINGLE NATIONAL HEALTH STRATEGY**

Alignment of support against the Health Sector Strategy

- **Government**
  - 100% of participating DPs confirm they align their support with the national (or sub-national /sector) Health Sector Strategy.

- **Stakeholders that supported the joint assessment**
  - **DPs**
    - 75% (25% of participating DPs only use national health sector indicators to monitor their support)
  - **CSOs**
    - 75% (25% of participating DPs confirmed they participated in the mutual accountability processes)
  - **PS**

Was the national health sector plan jointly assessed?

- **Yes**

A national M&E plan for the National Health Strategy exists?

- **Yes**

**MUTUAL ACCOUNTABILITY IS STRENGTHENED**

- **Source:** WHO, National Health Accounts 2014

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**COMMITMENT**

**TO IMPROVE THE FINANCING, PREDICTABILITY AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE HEALTH SECTOR**

**HEALTH DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IS MORE PREDICTABLE**

**Predictability of funds for the future**

Rolling 3 year budget or Mid-Term Expenditure Framework in place:

- **2005/07**
  - 0%
- **2010/11**
  - 25%
- **2012/13**
  - 50%
- **2014/15**
  - Target 75%

- **2014/2015**
  - Target 79%

25% of participating DPs have communicated their planned resources for the next 3 years to the MoH.

**HEALTH AID IS ON BUDGET**

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**Source:** WHO, National Health Accounts 2014
**COMMITMENT**

TO ESTABLISH, STRENGTHEN AND USE COUNTRY SYSTEMS

**PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (PFM) SYSTEMS ARE STRENGTHENED AND USED**

Are PFM systems of sufficiently good quality?

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Percentage of DP funds using PFM systems

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75% of participating DPs confirm that sufficient support on PFM systems strengthening and capacity building is in place.

Source: World Bank, CPIA data 2014

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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY SYSTEMS ARE STRENGTHENED AND USED**

A government plan for national procurement and supply exist?

50% of participating DPs use the national procurement and supply systems.

50% of participating DPs confirm that sufficient support on procurement or supply systems strengthening and capacity building is in place.

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**TECHNICAL SUPPORT IS COORDINATED AND SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION SUPPORTS LEARNING**

An agreed national TA plan exists?

0% of participating DPs provide TA in line with the national plan.

Does the Ministry of Health benefit from south-south cooperation?

Always

67% of participating DPs support South-South cooperation.

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**COMMITMENT**

TO CREATE AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN THE HEALTH SECTOR

**CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS ENGAGEMENT**

What space does the government provide for CSOs to effectively participate in health sector policy, planning and monitoring? (Sources: Government qualitative survey and CSO online survey)

- 75% of CSOs confirm they are consulted
- 10% of CSOs receive financial resources
- 50% of CSOs receive training support

How effectively is the participation of CSOs in national health policy processes supported by development partners? (Sources: DP qualitative surveys and CSO online survey)

- 100% of DPs consult CSOs when developing their cooperation programme
- 50% of DPs provide financial resources
- 25% of DPs provide technical assistance
- 75% of CSOs confirm they are consulted
- 67% of CSOs receive financial resources
- 29% of CSOs receive technical assistance
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