

PAPUA NEW GUINEA NATIONAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

2-3 October 2017

AGENDA

THEME

Going 'back to basics' – Revitalising primary health care and services at all levels

OBJECTIVES

- Re-emphasising the priority to provide basic healthcare and health promotion services first, and developing strategies to better achieve this.
- Improving the link between National, Provincial and District health agencies and partners so that we are all working towards shared goals and using complementary approaches.
- Identifying ways to improve coordination and performance all levels of the health system to improve health indicators.

DAY ONE – SERVICE DELIVERY

SESSION 1: HEALTH SECTOR VISION AND PERFORMANCE

Master of Ceremonies: Mr Ken Wai, Executive Manager (Strategic Policy and Planning)

08:30-09:45	<p>Welcomeremarks Mr Pascoe Kase, Secretary for Health</p> <p>Keynote speakers Sir Puka Temu, Minister for Health and HIV/AIDS– <i>Official Opening</i> Amb Isaac Lupari, Chief Secretary of the Office of the Chief Secretary to the Government</p>
09:45-10:00	<p>Health Sector Performance and Priorities (Mr Pascoe Kase) Overview of health sector performance and priorities, including major initiatives and ongoing challenges</p>
10:00-10:30	Morning break
10:30-10:45	<p>Sector Performance Annual Report Snapshot (Ms Manah Dindi) Overview of provincial performance based on the Sector Performance Annual Review.</p>
10:45-11:00	<p>Comments on SPAR performance (Mr Paison Dakulala) Reflection on indicator performance and achievements and challenges affecting implementation.</p>

11:00-12:30	Plenary 1: How do we get 'back to basics' and what does it mean? For the past seven years implementing the National Health Plan, progress has been mixed at best. PNG still faces challenges in providing accessible and quality health services. Health indicators did not significantly improve even with increases in resources and the adoption of new approaches.	
12:30-14:00	Lunch break	
SESSION 2: DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SYSTEMS APPROACHES		
14:00-15:00	Panel 1: Maternal and newborn care (including family planning) PNG's maternal and newborn care indicators have not improved over the past few years and there is a need to determine how to improve coordination and performance in this sector.	Panel 2: Disease control PNG is responding to TB, HIV, malaria and other communicable diseases, with some areas more adversely affected than others. This session will discuss successes and challenges in responding to communicable diseases, including what strategies have been effective at the national, provincial and district levels.
15:00-15:30	Afternoon break	
15:30-16:30	Panel 3: Immunisations Despite multiple reviews and substantial government and external funding, immunisation rates in PNG have remained frustratingly low. This session will share ideas on what needs to happen to turn this situation around.	Panel 4: Medical supplies, equipment and distribution Health workers need medical supplies and equipment to effectively carry out their duties. However, PNG has faced ongoing challenges in ensuring health facilities are adequately stocked. This session will explore the reasons for this and examine how different levels of the health system can work together to better manage pipelines and prevent stock-outs.
16:30-Close	Closing remarks	

DAY TWO – SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING

SESSION 3: FINANCING AND MANAGEMENT APPROACHES

09:00-09:15	Health Financing Snapshot (Ms Elva Lionel) The health sector in PNG is suffering a significant reduction in funding in 2018. This presentation will provide an overview of forecasted funding and analysis of the major programs and sub-sectors that will be impacted.
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09:15-09:30	Delivering health services: A district perspective (Dr David Mills) A rural medical specialist provides his views on the reality of working at the district and hospital levels, and insights into how to better support front-line health workers.	
09:30-11:00	Plenary 2: Provincial Health Authorities and managing health services Provincial Health Authorities have been rolled out in 10 provinces and are viewed as the best way forward for provincial health services. This session will discuss what is working and what is not, how provinces can better plan and manage health services, and link back to how NDoH and other partners can better support health service delivery.	
11:00-11:30	Morning break	
SESSION 4: DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SYSTEMS APPROACHES		
11:30-12:30	Panel 5: Health financing These are challenging times for the health sector as we try to adjust to a tighter fiscal condition. This session will explore types of resources available and ways of improving the flow of funds from national agencies to provinces, hospitals and clinics.	Panel 6: Child health and nutrition PNG's child health and nutrition indicators have – in some cases – declined over the past 5 years. There is a need to review progress and determine how to better coordinate and strategise to improve performance.
12:30-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-15:00	Panel 7: Health partnerships The health sector relies on multiple partners working together effectively. This session will explore strategies to better align service planning, budgeting and implementation.	Panel 8: Health workforce development PNG faces a significant health workforce shortage. This session will address health workforce needs, pre- and in-service training opportunities, and retention and workforce realignment strategies.
15:00-15:30	Afternoon break	
15:30-Close	Bringing it all together and concluding remarks (Mr Pascoe Kase) Summary of discussions from plenaries and key resolutions Concluding remarks from Secretary for Health	