

SDC Health Project:

Health Policy Dialogue in Tajikistan

Country; Coverage area; Beneficiary groups:

Tajikistan; Dushanbe; Ministry of Health

Background:

Tajikistan is recognized to be one of the poorest countries in the world. The health care system inherited from the Soviet time is not affordable any more. The initiation of health care reforms, although inevitable, is very challenging for the country especially since the government is able to spend less than 1% of its GDP for health care needs. The implementation of health care reforms is a long and painful process, which demands consolidation of all kinds of efforts. Enabling the Ministry of Health to take a leadership position in policy dialogue with different stakeholders, and by this allowing it to better coordinate and more effectively use of all incoming resources is the key condition to have changes in the health care system.

Project description:

The project aims at strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Health to better coordinate donors' activities in the country.

In order to improve the effectiveness of the ongoing Health Sector Reform SDC is supporting the Ministry of Health for a limited period of two years with the establishment of a "Health Sector Reform - Secretariat".

The task of the latter is to coordinate the diverse donors' intervention by calling in quarter-yearly meetings and to increase harmonization amongst them by providing continuously comprehensive information. The better use of donors' technical assistance will strengthen the role that the Ministry of Health can play in its dialogue with other actors, be it outside of the Government of Tajikistan or within.

Objectives:

- Efficiency of health care reform is improved through better coordination of available resources.
- A step toward strong policy dialogue between key sectors to achieve health MDGs is undertaken.

Results and Achievements:

- Conduction of a donors meeting to discuss the final draft of the "National Development Strategy 2006-2015" (NDS).
- Development of a data processing program.
- Preparation and presentation of a report about the volume of aid provided to health sector to the Ministry of Health.

As broader project's achievement, the Ministry of Health (MoH) disposes of comprehensive information about the ongoing health projects and the external aid

coming to health sector. The information gained from partners helped the MoH to finalize the health section of National Development Strategy.

Implementing agency:

Coordination, Planning and Health Care Reform Department of Ministry of Health

Financial volume:

CHF 22'000 (about 18'000 USD)

Time frame:

August 2005 – June 2007

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Priority topics:

Policy dialogue, international aid, health care reform.

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