Designing National Budgets: Translating Global Commitments into Realities
Breakout session on Budgeting for Health

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Issues to consider by parliaments when budgeting for Health?

**Health Spending Targets (1)**

- The Abuja Declaration of 2001 recommended that governments allocate 15% of their budgets to the health sector.
- Public spending on health as a % of GDP. This indicator captures both the priority given to health in budget allocations, as well as the fiscal context. (3%-5%)
- At least $86 per capita spending for health
• *Global factors for consideration by parliaments (2)*
  • UHC2030
  • SDG3
  • FP2030
  • Global Action Plan – Sustainable Financing Accelerator
  • COVAX Facility & Access to COVID19 Tools (ACT)
  • Global Strategy on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene to Combat Neglected Tropical Diseases – 2021-2030
  • PMNCH COVID19 Call to Action
  • Role of International Financing Institutions and development partners
Domestic factors for consideration by parliaments (3)

- Annual government revenue projection
- Budget envelopes or Zero Budgeting
- Medium Term Expenditure Framework
- Medium Term Revenue Projection
- Fiscal policies and Laws/Acts
- Health sector strategic development plans
- National Demographic Health Surveys
Common mistakes in health budgeting

- Lumpsum budget lines for certain capital expenditure budget category
- Inadequate scrutiny and evaluation of health budget proposals to ensure that they adequately reflect government’s priorities.
- Underbudgeting and/or over budgeting of certain capital budget categories
- Absence of public/citizens hearings on health budget
- Donor budgets and contributions not captured in annual budgets.
Partners to work with at country level

• Civil Society Organizations
• Healthcare Professional Associations
• Women Groups
• Youth led organizations.
• People affected by diseases.
• Media
• Office of the Auditor General
• Central Bank
How to enhance the performance of parliaments in health budgeting?

- Continuous capacity building in health financing, with a focus on national budget planning, allocation, validation, execution, transparency, oversight and equity.
- Continues provision of knowledge and understanding regarding health sector and its priorities.
- Continuous support to parliaments in strengthening oversight functions to the executive arm of government as a means of ensuring accountability and transparency throughout a budget cycle.
Questions, comments and discussion