

Introduction

Health policy refers what leads to decisions, plans, and actions that are undertaken to achieve specific health care goals within a Country/State. An explicit health policy can achieve several things. It defines a vision for the future which in turn helps to establish targets and points of reference for the short and medium term. It outlines priorities and the expected roles of different groups; and it builds consensus and informs people. In other words, it is a 'statement of intent' made by the Country /State for its population to address their health needs. In order to realize the various goals stated in the policy, the Government plans various programmes/ projects by adopting appropriate strategies to implement across the country. Thus, it is important that health policy should be a living document which can be amended with the changing health needs of the population from time to time.

Government of India formulated for the first time the National Health Policy in 1983. Earlier, planning was made on the basis of recommendations of the various committee reports from Bhore Committee (1946) to the ICMR and ICSSR Report on 'Health for All- An Alternative Strategy' (1980). When it comes to policy, it is important to note that health policy should not be static but change according to the needs of the time as engendered by the ever changing environment, medical invention, emergence of new diseases, etc.

In view of above, the Government revised its health policy in 2002. Based on overall policy framework, NRHM came into being in 2005 and subsequently NHM was implemented in 2013. The achievement of the goals is largely dependant on how the programme and strategies are planned, implemented, monitored and evaluated; and how the M&E results influence changes. Therefore, there is a need to develop capacity among policy makers and administrators at various levels to design informed health policies and implemented effectively for State/ population groups, health problems & issues, etc., and review from time to time.

In this context, when the new health policy is on the anvil, NIHFWS is organizing an orientation training to improve the skills of officials working at State health departments, health institutions, etc., who are involved in policy and planning.

General Objective

To enhance the knowledge and competency of the participants for the identification of critical issues in health policy, planning and financing so that they are able to devise appropriate state specific response for preparation of PIPs.

At the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

1. Describe overview of NHM, new initiatives, issues and challenges including universal health coverage
2. Describe concepts and issues related to health policy, planning and financing
3. Analyze process of policy, planning, financing and implementation in PIP under NHM
4. Explain strategies for inter-sectoral convergence/coordination in context of decentralized planning in the health system.
5. Describe various mechanisms for health financing and budgeting in context of PIP
6. Describe the process tracking of project implementation including budgeting
7. Make presentation on state specific innovations, issues and challenges in PIPs

Course Contents

- Overview of NHM, new initiatives, issues and challenges
- Basic Concept and Terminologies used in Health Policy, Planning and Financing
- Universal Health Coverage; strategies and experiences of selected health countries
- Concept and Strategies of Decentralized Planning including Micro-planning under PIP in NHM

- Inter-sectoral Convergence/Coordination in Context of Decentralized Planning under PIP
- Concepts and Techniques in Costing, Financing and Budgeting
- Financial guidelines for preparation and implementation of PIP and tracking of expenditure

Methodology

Lecture discussions, case studies, exercises, group work, presentation by participants, etc.

Number

25–30 participants

Nature of Participants

State Planning Dept. officers, State NHM/RCH programme officers, officials of State PMU, faculty of SIHFWS & medical colleges, etc.

Training Outcome

The orientation training will be helpful to undertake the training need assessment among the State officials who are involved in planning at various levels. It will also enhance the competence of State level officials on policy and planning.

Road Map for Future

The focus of planning has been shifted and now the bottom-up approach has been adopted. Based upon the feedback of the participants, this course will be modified according to the requirement of the States.

Remarks

The nominated officials may bring state specific policies and plans for discussion in the programme.

**“Failing to plan
is
Planning to fail”**



About the Institute

The National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW) is a premier autonomous Institute under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. It has kept pace with the new thinking and substantially contributed to the health human resource development in the country.

NIHFW serves as an apex 'technical institute' as well as a 'think tank' to promote health and family welfare programmes in the country through education and training, research and evaluation, consultancy and advisory services, specialized projects, etc.

Location of the Institute

It is situated in South Delhi, near Jawaharlal Nehru University and adjacent to Munirka DDA Flats. It is easily accessible from both Indira Gandhi International Airport and the New Delhi Railway Station, approximately 7 kms. and 15 kms. of distance respectively. Pre-paid taxis/auto-rikshaws are available.

Course Coordinating Team

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Venue

Teaching Block
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Course Fee

There is a course fee of Rs 5000/- per participant. Cash/DD in favour of Director, NIHFW, New Delhi will be accepted. TA /DA /other expenses have to be borne by the participant/sponsoring organisation.

Accommodation

Moderate boarding and lodging facilities at nominal rates would be provided to the participants only, within the Institute's Campus. Hostel email is hostel@nihfw.org and reception phone number are 011-26165959, 26166441-ext-154

Weather

Weather in November will be moderate. (Temperature varies from 13°C to 20°C)

Last Date for Receiving Nominations

31st October, 2017

Participants are requested to make travel plans on receipt of confirmation for participation from NIHFW.

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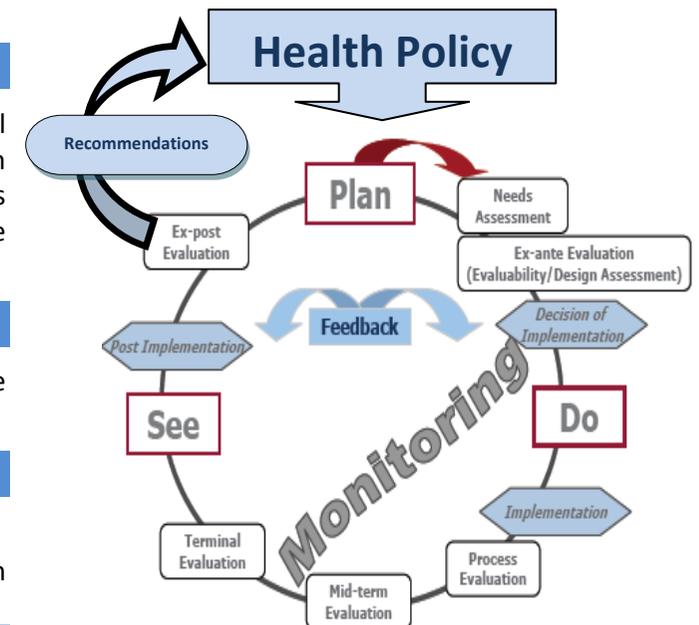
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