

Minutes of the 5th PCM Meeting for GAVI :

Date: 28th September 2007

Time: 9.30 am

Venue: Conference Hall, Ministry of Health.

Chairman:

Dr.Gado Tshering, Secretary, Ministry of Health

PCM Members:

1. Mr. Rinchen Namgayel DHSO, Chukha Dzongkhag
2. Mr. Naichu Regional Secretary, Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industries
3. Mr. Lhaba Thsering Planning Officer, Planning Commission Secretariat
4. Ms. Jambay Zangmo Program Officer, Ministry of Finance
5. Mr. Tahsi Galay Representative from Religious Body
6. Dr. Ugyen Dophu Director, Department of Public Health
7. Mr. Mishra Programme officer, JICA
8. Ms. Sangay Lhamo Civil Society
9. Yangchen peldon programme officer, National Women Association of Bhutan
10. Also other relevant stakeholders were involved, as attached in the list

Member Secretaries:

1. Mr. Karma Tshering EPI, programme MoH
 2. Ms. Sangay Wangmo PPD, MoH
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Agenda 1: Opening Remarks:

In his opening remarks, the Chairman welcomed the members to the PCM meeting to discuss the final draft of the GAVI proposal for round 2007. Also he thanked all of them, particularly those from other ministries and agencies outside health, for making themselves available to participate in the forum.

In his speech the chair also indicated the purpose of meeting; mainly to endorse the final draft of the proposal that was prepared under the close guidance of the PCM members and further reviewed by the PPD and EPI with the technical unit at WHO SEARO, Delhi recently. He also notified that the proposal should be submitted to Planning Commission Secretariat for signature and further send it to GAVI by 5th of October 2007.

Agenda 2: Presentation of the Draft Proposal to the Members:

The presentation highlighted the major Goal, objectives and activities as reflected in the proposal along with the budget. The forum was also informed on the relevance of the proposed activities and its contribution to health system strengthening in Bhutan. The draft was mainly presented for the endorsement by the forum.

The proposal being drafted in a very participatory way since beginning involving many of the relevant stakeholders under the guidance of the PCM members; there wasn't much comments made on it. Further the members appreciated the way the proposal was put in by the PPD and EPI programme in close consultation with the technical unit in WHO SEARO, New Delhi.

The representative from the Ministry of Finance and the Planning Commission also concurred on the proposal and agreed to appraise their secretaries on this.

The forum then endorsed the draft proposal for onward submission to Planning Commission Secretariat for signature and further to GAVI by 5th of October.