

Meeting to Discuss development of a proposal for GAVI HSS
14th May 2007

Present

Mr. Kinley Penjor, Senior Planning Officer PPD,
Ms. Kinzang Wangmo, Asstt Planning Officer, PPD, MoH
Mr. Norbu Wangchuk, National Program Officer, WHO Office
Dr Thushara Fernando STP GAVI HSS WHO SEARO

Dr Fernando, STP GAVI HSS of WHO SEARO who visited Bhutan on a request of Ministry of Health Bhutan to facilitate the development of a proposal for submission for GAVI HSS funds explained his objective of the mission. He explained that the country specific grant for HSS for Bhutan is about US\$ 40,000 per year for five years as this figure is based on the low birth cohort of Bhutan which is calculated using the latest census data which brought down the population of Bhutan to 635,000.

The requirements to be complied during application, implementation and monitoring of the project were explained. The Acting Planning Chief reiterated the Ministry's desire to submit a proposal for GAVI HSS funding without any further delay.

The process to be followed for proposal development was discussed in detail during this meeting. The need to follow a systematic process involving all stakeholders while identifying constraints that impede achieving improved child survival was discussed.

The possibility of using an existing mechanism to perform the functions of the Health Sector Coordinating Committee (HSCC) and the need to form a planning group consisting of multiple stakeholders to develop the proposal was discussed.

It was decided to hold the second planning meeting to arrive at a consensus on proposal development methodology on the 17th May 2007. Ms. Kinzang Wangmo, Asstt Planning Officer, PPD, MoH to organize the meeting.

Acting Planning Chief requested the WCO and WHO SEARO to provide continuous assistance in the proposal development and in proposal writing process.