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FY08 Workplan

January 1 – September 30 2008



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PURPOSE OF THE PRESENTATION

- To give brief background that explains the selection of our interventions
- To present the major project areas and activities through September 30, 2008
- To discuss outstanding managerial issues (*may not want to put this in, but need to be prepared to answer*)



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BACKGROUND

- Aug 2007– accelerated health policy reform environment
- Sept 2007– interim workplan developed to identify future priorities (Sept-Dec 07)
- Diversification of areas of activity: government and private sector support



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RESULTS OF INTERIM WORKPLAN PERIOD

Institutional Development

- Options for organizational structure and staffing needed to implement draft law on pharmaceutical products are prepared and reviewed with MoLHSA and other key stakeholders.

Private Insurers and Private Provider Networks

- Private insurers aware of quality control approaches in other countries
- Private insurers developed plans to test quality control measures in select areas.
- Detailed ToR developed to assess private providers' financial management.
- Actuarial estimates for monthly insurance premium informed 2008 state budget.
- Private insurers and stakeholders aware of how health insurance mediation is implemented in other countries.
- With GIA, detailed plans for implementation of a Health Insurance Mediation pilot developed and agreed upon with all health insurers and relevant stakeholders.
- Necessary technical, legal and administrative documents for the Health Insurance Mediation Service developed.



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RESULTS continued

Strengthened maternal and newborn care systems

- National-level task force established define system, finalize evidence-based protocols and oversee demonstration of the continuum of care system in one Kvemo Kartli.
- Specific plans for enhancement of perinatal care system finalized and working agreements concluded with facility managers and owners.
- Commitments obtained from private facility owners and insurance companies to participate in periodic report-out meetings and consider results of demonstration work and Task Force recommendations in construction and management of new facilities.



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Expanded Workplan Jan-Sept 2008



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AREA 1: STRENGTHENING REGULATORY CAPACITY FOR THE HEALTH SECTOR

Develop Regulations for Licensing Medical Professionals

Context

Government priority: deregulated physician licensing as a part of the overall drive to minimize regulatory barriers to practice

- decreased number of legislated medical specialties
- voided certification in narrow specialties
- Simplified issuance of licensing

Output

Recommendations for modifying

- Law on Licensing
- Relevant ministerial decrees

Expected outcome

Simplified licensing rules and streamlined licensing processes



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Area 1: continued

Strengthening Organizational capacity of New Drug Regulatory Body (DRB)

Context

Government Priority: Improve Drug Market Regulation

- Draft drug law developed (simplifies drug registration procedures, improves access to safe drugs, promotes market competitiveness)
- Draft organizational structure of DRB developed
- Need for DRB capacity strengthening emerged

Output

Study tour for relevant Ministry/DRB officials to EMEA organized

Expected Outcome

DRB fulfils its redefined responsibilities in regulating pharmaceutical market



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Area 1: continued

Strengthening Public Health Systems

Context

Government Priority: Strengthen PH regulatory environment

- PH Law adopted
- MoLHSA obligations to create PH norms for law execution emerged

Output

Technical content for 15 public health norms

Expected Outcome

Strengthened PH regulatory environment



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AREA 1: continued

Strengthening Public Health Systems

Context

Government Priority: a) Better functioning NCDC and b) Improved design of the PH programs

Output

- NCDC sub-charters and annual work-plan
- Recommendations for PH programs

Expected Outcome

Streamlined PH functions



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AREA 2: STRENGTHENING PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Estimating Monthly Premium Rates for the State Health Care Benefit Program for the Poor.

Context:

Government Priority:

- To purchase health insurance for 1,2 million poor population, through private insurance companies
- To define State budget allocations for the program for the Poor

Output

The report on 2009 monthly premium estimates

Expected outcomes

Monthly premium estimates inform FY 2009 budget allocations



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Area 2: continued

Monitoring Private Insurance

Context

Recent GoG Policy: Public funds - Private insurers – Insured Poor population.

Need for private insurance performance monitoring and information standardization emerged

Output

- Translated and adjusted to Georgian realities international classifications for medical interventions (ICPC 2 and NCSP)
- Government Decree making these classifications official countrywide
- Developed training materials in ICPC 2 and NCSP and trained 210 Master trainers.

Expected outcomes

- Improved Reporting System
- Strengthened HESPA capacity in performance monitoring



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Area 2: continued

Quality Development and Monitoring

Context

Role of private health insurance as a mean of covering healthcare needs for population continues to grow rapidly. By the end of 2008, over third of population will have private insurance policy of some kind and most of them will be state-subsidized. Moreover, for most of this people, this is the first time interaction with health insurance.

Develop quality control approaches for testing with selected private payer provider networks

- Conduct a 3-day workshop on quality monitoring and cost containment mechanisms for Georgian insurance agencies
- Provide technical assistance to select recommendations that result from the 3-day workshop

Deliverables

- Final assessment report on the quality control procedures of 5 private Georgian Insurance Companies
- Workshop report on quality monitoring and cost containment mechanisms for representatives from Georgian insurance agencies
- Monitoring report on the implementation of any quality monitoring and cost containment mechanisms undertaken by the private insurance agencies



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Area 2: continued

Mediation Service

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Subcontract the Georgian Insurance Association (GIA) to Identify Customer Service Processes for Private Health Insurance

- Finalize and disseminate review of customer service approaches
- Pilot the health insurance mediation service under the GIA subcontract
- Develop periodic mediator reports and recommendations for private insurers to respond to claims

Deliverables

- Pilot health insurance mediation service initiated
- Sustainability plan for mediation service
- Mediator report and recommendations for private health insurers to address
- complaints



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Area 2: continued

Providing Limited Assistance to Georgian Medical Associations

- Conduct an assessment of Georgian medical professional associations



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Area 3: Strengthening Perinatal Care Systems

Context

Maternal & newborn care still priority of GoG – RH Strategy implementation demand –
Need of improvement of current perinatal care system emerged – New reality on the health care market

Output

- Comprehensive situation analysis of perinatal care in Kvemo Kartli identified strengths and gaps of continuum of care with set of specific recommendations
- Completed continuum of perinatal care delivery guidelines including:
 - scope of services at each level, staffing requirements, staff skills and equipment
 - information system requirements
 - standards for perinatal care delivery at each level of the system and
 - protocols for referral, transportation, communication in accordance of protocol's algorithms and job aids for both obstetric and neonatal care
- Recommendations for quality perinatal care system

Expected outcomes

- Improved system of continuum of perinatal care in pilot region
- Strengthened capacity of facilities and providers of utilization ev-based perinatal care guidelines and protocols
- Utilization of ev-based information generated by the project for investors related to physical standards of maternal facilities and for private insurance companies to guide quality monitoring and decision-making for reimbursement of services



Georgia CoReform Project Organizational Chart

