

**National Health Policy Consensus  
Building Workshop  
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The Recommendations**



# Making the recommendations

- The discussions over the last two days have been recorded and will be incorporated in the policy and strategy documents
- Group recommendations will also be incorporated
- The following general recommendations summarise main points of the discussions in the two days.

# Priority and commitment

- Health is a cross-cutting issue and should be a government priority and included in all sectors plans
- A conducive environment for partnership for health should be encouraged
- There is a great need to advocate for increasing political commitment and increasing financial public allocation to health to approach the international commitment (15%).
- New mechanisms to streamline financing to foster equity and poverty reduction

# Primary Health Care

- More emphasis is to be given to PHC to ensure coverage and equity
- New approaches should be developed for delivery of PHC at local level to ensure its effectiveness, efficiency and acceptability
- Increase the coverage of cost effective interventions such as IMCI and the basic package of health interventions
- Consider introduction of the family doctors concept.
- Community involvement in health should be strengthened in planning, implementation and evaluation

# Scanning future health problems

- Anticipate the changes in social and demographic features, lifestyles and environment.
- Non communicable diseases need to be emphasized and elaborated in the document
- Disaster and emergency preparedness
- Emerging and re-emerging communicable diseases
- Strengthen surveillance systems, particularly laboratory based

# Capacity building

- Maximize the contribution of our workforce; all cadres inside the country
- Training of allied health personnel should be scaled up to increase coverage and accessibility.
- Training of community health workers should continue in areas of greater need
- Strategies and mechanisms should be set up to maximize the contribution of the Sudanese health cadres working abroad
- Consideration should be given to IT including telemedicine to support the day to day decisions in health care

# From strategy to action

- We are going through a systematic process of strategy development and consultation.
- The next steps are to prioritise and focus on key deliverables – low cost, high impact, equitable
- We need to develop a systematic approach to implementation – collaborative and cascaded
  - Government and National Strategic delivery mechanisms
  - FMOH – State MoH
  - Health – other sectors
  - Workforce and all health cadres
  - Roles of communities, NGOs, the private sector and other health providers