

GUIDELINES TO HEALTH DESK DELEGATION IN CONSULTATION WITH NEGOTIATING FORUM

INTRODUCTION:-

Explanation of why health is an important political issue.

- WHO definition of health.
- Need to change understanding of health from curative health care.
- Explanation of primary health care philosophy.
- Multisectoral
- Cost Effective
- Important as tool of development
- Impact on population growth
- Present health resource allocation

70% to Provinces

20% to DNHPD

Provinces put most money into hospitals

43% total health budget is spent on 13 "academic" hospitals in 7 cities.

- Money spent on hospital care, particularly academic hospitals.

POSITION OF ANC HEALTH DESK ON ISSUES UNDER NEGOTIATION

1. The role of National Department of Health is to :-

- Determine National Health Policy
- Set minimum standards
- Set minimum targets e.g. for immunisation, for nutrition status.
- Allocate budgets

2. Regional and district authorities should be given budgets and have discretion to allocate resources according to local conditions and local need. However, they must fulfil national criteria as described in (1). There must be regional equity in resource allocating by national.

Certain resources must be retained and controlled as national resources:-

- Academic Hospitals
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- Human Resources Training

4. National health should be responsible for ensuring that appropriate legislation impacting on health should be in place.

- Maternity Rights
- Notifiable Diseases

4 Health and Safety

- Violence
- Abortion

5. Concern about permanent status for civil servants being offered at present. Explain that this will have enormous implications for implementation of health policy suggest the following:-

- That civil servants both old and new be given a three year contract after elections in April, after which future confirmation of their job will depend on their performance over that period.

- BILL OF RIGHTS

Need to discuss with lawyers

- (a) Right to Health
- (b) Right to Life