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National Health Accounts Update for Samoa



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Presentation Outline



- Samoa's Health System
- Healthcare Financing
- National Health Account Progress
- Challenges
- Achievements
- Ways Forward



Samoa's Health System



- Is made up of public and private health sectors
- Includes general practitioners, private dentists, pharmacists, alternative therapists, physiotherapists, traditional birth attendants and traditional healers, health related NGOs and Community Based organizations.
- MOH is the main publicly funded services provider and is also responsible for the regulatory oversight of the health sector and provide guidance on policy framework and health priorities of Samoa

Samoa's Publicly Funded Facilities



- 2 hospitals (TTM Hospital in Upolu & MTII Hospital in Savaii)
- 4 district hospitals (3 in Upolu, 4 in Savaii)
- Health Centres (1 in Savaii, 4 in Upolu)

Financing of Samoa's Healthcare System



Sources of Funds:

- Samoa's health system is financed by combination of public subsidy with rest being privately funded/paid by each individual through Out-of-pockets
- Sources of funds for financing health system include:
 - Government local budget
 - Donors/Development Assistance
 - Out of pockets

Financing of Samoa's Healthcare System



Uses of Funds (Health Expenditures)

- Most of Samoa's Healthcare expenditures include:
 - Healthcare good and services provided by publicly funded health facilities, private medical clinics, pharmacists, dentists, traditional healers and traditional birth attendants
 - Healthcare goods prescribed or consumed for home or self care
 - Government and donors expenditure on public health programs and infrastructural developments
 - Administrative expenditures of public and private health operations
 - Health related functions and activities such as private health insurance, NGOs with community health programs, SNPF

National Health Accounts Update for Samoa



- Purpose of National Health Accounts
 - Identify the flow of funds within Samoa's health system
 - Offers framework for analysing health financing policy interventions and as a policy tool it answers the following questions:
 - (i) ***How much is being spent on Samoa's healthcare?***
 - (ii) ***Who pays for healthcare?***
 - (iii) ***What health care services are being provided?***
 - (iv) ***How much it costs to administer health financing schemes?***

History of NHA in Samoa



- 1st National Health Account (NHA) for Samoa was published in 2002 for Financial Year 1998/1999
- The NHA production tool used was introduced by the World Bank under the World Bank funded Samoa Health Management Project
- Most recent NHA report for Samoa was launched in 2016 for Financial Year 2014/2015 (1st time the WHO Systems of Health Accounts tool was used to produce NHA report for Samoa)

Challenges of NHA Production



- Human Resource – all MOH staff specifically trained for NHA left the Ministry
- Lack of knowledge transfer
- Tools/Resources for Data Collection
- Discontinuous of NHA Production – connection with data providers
- Lack of awareness with NHA importance/useful purpose
- Lack of interest with Health Financing/NHA production
- Poor knowledge with NHA production tools

Achievements



- Reviving of MOH NHA Working Group (MOH Finance, Strategic Planning, Policy and Research & ICT)
- Restarting of NHA production for Samoa
- Progress with NHA report 2019/20-2020/21
- Trainings of MOH Staff with NHA terminology/tool
- Expanding human resources under new structure – Establishing of new unit

Way Forward



- Continue to work with WHO on capacity building the NHA selected working team within MOH
- MOH will continue to produce NHA reports from now on for every two financial years
- Seek WHO support to fund the attendance of 3 candidates (Finance/Planning and Policy/ICT) from Samoa to the annual healthcare financing meetings and workshops for ongoing capacity building)

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