

**PUBLIC –PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) IN HEALTH: SECURING EQUITY,
ACCESS AND QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR THE POOR: A PRACTITIONERS'
WORKSHOP**

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Department of Public Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh (GoMP) instituted its Health Sector Strategy (2007-2012), which provides a unique opportunity for the Government to prioritize use of its limited resources and to help address the major shortcomings in both public and private health provision.

The DFID assisted, Madhya Pradesh Health Sector Reform Programme (HSRP) supports following six priority outputs under reform strategy:

- i. Quality public and private health, sanitation and nutrition services available in underserved districts
- ii. **Participation and regulation of private providers in achieving public health goals**
- iii. More and better trained staff working in the underserved districts
- iv. Financial and procurement systems effectiveness improved
- v. Increased demand for Nutrition, Health and Sanitation Services in underserved districts
- vi. M&E Systems Strengthened

Assistance is provided to GoMP as sector poverty reduction budget support (PRBS), and channeled through the Department of Public Health and Family Welfare (DPH&FW), in support of achievement of HSRP outputs. HSRP also provides technical cooperation (TC) funding.

GoMP is committed to hasten improvement of the health outcomes of the population, especially the disadvantaged and marginalized people in the state. One of the reform strategies is to augment the private sector in the state for the delivery of health services. Though DoPH&FW, GoMP has already piloted some schemes in collaboration with the private sector, review of these schemes indicate scope for improvements on several fronts.

There is a need to develop a PPP policy in health sector that would guide the DoPH&FW in the effective implementation and management of PPPs in the state. Under the HSRP, GoMP planned to develop a PPP policy in health sector that would facilitate piloting of innovative PPP schemes, strengthen institutional capacity to design, implement and manage PPPs, and promote harmonious and well regulated growth of the private health sector in the state.

However, developing a comprehensive PPP policy and the way forward for its effective implementation in terms of action agenda, both at the State and District levels requires wide consultation with a variety of stakeholders.

Objectives of the workshop:

The objectives of this practitioner's workshop was to:

- a) Provide an opportunity to share the experiences of PPP in health sector across various parts of India and outside, so as to enable state health officials and private sector gain greater insights on best practices, management systems, and key issues in the implementation of PPPs both at the policy and operational levels;
- b) Identify the scope for PPP in health sector and prioritize state-specific PPP options

- c) Develop a broad consensus on a draft PPP policy for health sector in the state.
- d) Agree up on designing and implementing 3 to 4 PPP schemes in the delivery of priority health services, such as Management of Primary Health Centres(PHCs); Establishment of Regional Diagnostics and Therapeutic Centers at District Hospitals; Implementation of RSBY for secondary care services; reorganization SIAF for Tertiary Care; identify opportunities in the area of Malaria Control, RCH services, Mobile Health Units, etc;
- e) Identify opportunities for private sector investment from corporate hospitals and other investors;
- f) Identify and agree the institutional systems and managerial capacity required to design, implement and manage PPPs effectively.

Target group:

The workshop was meant for:

- a) Officials of DoPH&FW, including district and block level officials;
- b) Officials from Directorate of Institutional Finance
- c) Representatives from the private sector, including non-profit sector;
- d) Federations such as IMA, FOGSI, CII, FICCI, etc.;
- e) Corporate sector in health care, such as Wipro, GE, Philips, Cisco, etc;
- f) Representatives from development partners; and
- g) Representatives from other government departments

After due deliberations during the 3 day Workshop, it was resolved that Health Department shall take initiative to develop PPP Projects, especially for PHCs. The Workshop ended with a vote of thanks to the participants.