



Orientation & Training Workshop for Newly Qualified HSAs

Lecture 1-Health Sector Policy Framework

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Key features of Ghana's current Policy Framework for Health Development

- Derived from WHO's defn. of health
- Is consistent with the Ghanaian view that the individual is a tripartite being: i.e. the wellbeing of man requires fostering harmony among body, mind and spirit
- It recognizes that good health is necessary for the country's socio-economic development
- It places health activities and programmes within the framework of health industry that sustains health delivery and creates jobs

n/b: above can be summed up in the new paradigm shift:



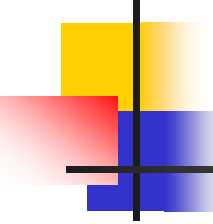
Shifts in Paradigm for Health Development

- Health improves productivity and creates wealth
- Health promotion and nutrition ensure that people remain healthy and stay out of hospitals
- Healthy environment and healthy lifestyles play a key role in ensuring healthy individuals, families, communities and the nation



Shifts in Paradigm for Health Development

- Health delivery is more than health service delivery; it's every body's business, it's affected by individual lifestyles and it depends on multi-sectoral action
- Health delivery is an industry that contributes to economic development



National Vision (to accelerate the country's socio-economic development)

- To attain middle-income status with a minimum of US\$1000 by the year 2015



National Vision for Health

- To create wealth through health and to contribute to national vision of attaining middle-income status by 2015



Health sector goal

- The ultimate goal of the health sector is to ensure a healthy and productive population that reproduces itself safely



Mission statement of MOH

- Contribute to socio-economic development and wealth creation by promoting health and vitality, ensuring access to quality health, population and nutrition services for all people living in Ghana and promoting the development of a local health industry.



Health sector objectives

- To ensure that people live long, healthy and productive lives and reproduce without an increased risk of injury or death
- To reduce the excessive risk and burden of mortality, morbidity and disability, especially in the poor and marginalized groups
- To reduce inequalities in access to health, reproduction and nutrition services and health outcomes



Principal areas of Action

- Promoting healthy lifestyles and healthy environment
- Providing Health, Reproduction and Nutrition Services
- Investing equitably in capacity development of the health sector
- Promoting the use of information for planning and management of the health sector



Principal areas of Action

- Ensuring sustainable and equitable financing
- Promoting a local health industry
- Ensuring good Governance and Partnership

Principal areas of Action (specifically towards achieving MGDs)

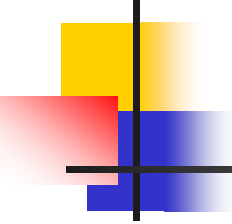


- Ensuring healthier mothers and children through the scaling-up implementation of high impact and rapid delivery (HIRD) health interventions
- Promoting good nutrition across the life span
- Combating communicable diseases e.g. TB.HIV/AIDS, epidemic prone diseases and those that exclusively affect the poor e.g. GW, Buruli Ulcer, lymphatic filariasis etc
- Reducing risk factors associated with the non-communicable diseases such as tobacco and alcohol use, lack of exercise, poor eating habits etc



Principal areas of Action (specifically towards achieving MGDs)

- Strengthening surveillance and response to epidemics and emergencies
- Forging stronger, integrated, effective, equitable and accountable health systems



Conclusion – Conceptual Framework for Health Development

Illustrate:

- Creating wealth through health (requires **poverty reduction, economic growth and increased GDP**; **Improved Health and Sustained Development and Growth of Health Industry**)
- Above can operate in (a) **Healthy Environment**, which requires healthy lifestyle and access to quality health service; (b) **Product Development**, which also requires market development and standard quality control

N/B: *Financing, Capacity Development, Governance and Partnerships, Information* are key elements for implementing this framework

THANK YOU!