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Policy Consultationon Health Financing in India Hosted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi, India

Venue: Longchamp Hall, The Taj Mahal Hotel, Number One Mansingh Road, New Delhi

Session	Time	Speakers	Topic
Registration	8.30-9.00 am		
Session 1: Welcome and Inaugural Session	9.00-10:00 am	Welcome Dr. Ajay Shah, Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy Mr. C.K. Mishra, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfar, Government of India Inaugural Address Bhanu Pratap Sharma, Secretary Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India Ms. Anjuly Chib Duggal, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India Keynote Speakers: Dr. Recep Akdag, Former Minister of Health, Turkey Creating the Economic/Efficiency Case for Prioritizing Health Investments: Lessons from Turkey in Partnering with Finance Stefan Kapferer, Deputy Secretary-General OECD Health as a Federal and Provincial Priority: OECD experiences	Laying the foundations for a sound approach to health policy in India.
Session 2: Fiscal Devolution and Implications for health - global evidence and key opportunities for India	10:00- 12:00 pm	Keynote speaker Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan, Former Secretary of Philippines Department of Health, Undersecretary and Chief of Staff. Professor, University of the Philippines, College of Medicine, Philippines: Managing Fiscal Devolution to Protect Health Investments and Promote Inter-State Equity: Lessons from Philippines	







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		Panel Discussion:	
		Chair/Moderator:	
		Mr. Girindre Beeharry, Director, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, India Panellists/ Discussants:	The role of health investments in improving health and broader development outcomes.
		Mr. C.K. Mishra, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	Defining the role of Centre and states in the context of fiscal federalism. Identifying national public goods versus state priorities.
		Dr. M. Govinda Rao, Member, 14 th Finance Commission	Fiscal devolution and implications for health investments at the state level.
		Dr. Arunish Chawla, Joint Secretary,Ministry of Finance, Government of India	Defining a stewardship role for the Centre in addressing national priorities and issues associated with low income states.
		Dr. P.V. Ramesh, Principal Secretary Finance, Andhra Pradesh	Defining the architecture of Central transfers for health to enable states to best utilize the enhanced fiscal space.
		Ms. Arti Ahuja, Principal Secretary (Health), Government of Orissa	Balancing the role of Centre and states in monitoring and accountability.
		Audience Q&A	
Session 3: Improving the efficiency of health spending- Global evidence and key opportunities for India.	1:30- 3:30 pm	Keynote speaker: Dr. Viroj Tangcharoensathien, Senior Expert, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand: Focus on Efficiency and Performance linkages of health financing	
		Chair/Moderator:	
		Dr. Rekha Menon, Practice Manager, South Asia Region, Health, Nutrition and population Global Practice, The World Bank	How should public programs be designed in these areas so as to achieve effectiveness?
		Panellists/Discussants:	
		Dr. Nachiket Mor, Member, Central Board of Reserve Bank of India	Is public spending designed and targeted to correlate with disease and their financial burden?
		Ms. Sujata Saunik, Principal Secretary (Health), Government of Maharashtra	What are the pre-requisites to expanding programs to purchase services? What structures have worked in other countries?
		Mr. Jack Langenbrunner, Senior Program Officer, Comparative Health Systems, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.	Is there a correlation between design of purchasing and the functioning of health systems? What does global experience reflect?









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		Dr. Jeffrey S. Hammer, Visiting Professor in Economic Development at Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University	Are prepayments likely to address some or all of the issues of increasing resources, financial protection, and better functioning health systems? Pre-requisites for pre payments.
		Dr. Peter Berman, Professor of the Practice of Global Health Systems and Economics, Harvard T.H.Chan School of Public Health	Appropriate balance between purchasing and provisioning, from the perspective of the Indian government.
		Dr. Somil Nagpal, Senior Health Specialist, The World Bank	Distinction of functions of who should finance, purchase and provide health care. What categories of care is better suited for purchasing and which ones are not.
		Audience Q&A	
Session 4	3.45-5.15 pm	Panel Discussion	
New Direction for		Moderator:	Restructuring health expenditure by
Health Financing Policy in India		Shereen Bhan, Managing Editor of CNBC-TV18	the government to yield results in terms of population coverage and health outcomes, economic growth, and reduced impoverishment.
		Panellists/Discussants:	
		Mr. Manoj Jhalani, Joint Secretary, Ministry and Family Welfare, Government of India	Best instances from Indian states in prioritizing health expenditure - what triggered these programs, and what results did they achieve?
		Mr. Alok Kumar, Advisor, Niti Aayog	With greater fiscal devolution, is there a risk of inadequate expenditure by a state government?
		Ms. K. Sujatha Rao, Former Secretary of Health, Ministry and Family Welfare, Government of India	What role should the government play with regards to financing and how should financing be designed to aim at efficiency in spending, increased availability of resources and better outcomes?
		Dr. Winnie Yip, Professor of Health Policy and Economics at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford	Is the health planning and financing space evolving as a result of devolution and other reforms? What capacities are required at state level and how do you propose these to be addressed?
		Dr. Abhijit Banerjee, Ford Foundation International Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (TBC)	What should be the 'game plan', way forward for India- short term and medium term plans or low hanging fruit that must be used soon?
Summing Up		1	





