



Photo: Daw Aung San Su Kyi at The Myanmar NHP (2017-2020) Launching ceremony, Naypyitaw. (31 March 2017)

The Myanmar National Health Plan (2017-2020) Launching ceremony and dissemination, 31 March 2017

The National Health Plan was launched on 31 March 2017 at Naypyitaw MICC-2. HE State Counsellor Daw Aung San Su Kyi gave the opening speech where she mentioned progress in the health sector, mentioned the Global Fund, and expressed appreciation for the progress in addressing the 3 diseases (AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria).

“The National Health Plan is for the public’s health as well as our country’s peace. Efficiency in the various programs will result if the people are healthy. If efficiency is improved, it will go a long way in contributing to the country’s development. A developed nation goes a long way in contributing to a country’s peace and stability. The National Health Plan is crucial for Myanmar, and the healthcare professionals should acknowledge the fact that everyone can potentially contribute to the country”, the State Counsellor said.

“Health care is everyone’s responsibility. I do not want a situation where only the rich can afford health care. If our citizens have faith in our healthcare system and believe that the nation will take care of them, whether they are rich or poor, then it is the greatest gift for our country,” she added.

The five-year national health plan was drafted by the Ministry of Health and Sports, with the help of several UN organisations and technical experts from NGOs. The plan aims to provide affordable health care which is accessible to everyone and to implement a cost-effective basic healthcare system by the year 2020.

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is defined as all people having access to needed quality health services without experiencing financial hardship. Myanmar’s political leadership has expressed a strong commitment to accelerate progress towards UHC, which has also become a global priority. The National Health Plan (NHP) aims to strengthen the country’s health system and pave the way towards UHC, choosing a path that is explicitly pro-poor with the main goal of extending access of the entire population to a Basic Essential Package of Health Services (EPHS) by 2020 while increasing financial protection.

M-HSCC Activities (January to September 2017)

- 31 January - Regional Artemisinin Resistance (RAI) Country Dialogue meeting
- 1 February- M-HSCC Executive Working Group (ExWG) meeting
- 6 to 10 February - M-HSCC ExWG oversight visit to Sagaing Region (Kalay) and Chin State (Hakha and Falam)
- 27 February - 9th M-HSCC Meeting which included discussion on the National Health Plan, Adolescent Health Services, GFF, Adolescent Health Services, SR Selection Committees, UNICEF Country Programme and additional GFATM Malaria Grant to Rakhine State
- 2 to 3 March - Second RAI Inter-country High-Level Meeting, 9th Meeting of the RAI Regional Steering Committee