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Developing Guidelines to Operationalise Strengthening Local Health Governance in Nepal



A short term strategic assignment to initiate the implementation of Collaborative Framework

Project Objectives

To develop a comprehensive guideline (both in Nepali and English) engaging Ministry of Health (MoH) and Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development (MoFALD) and other key partners for effective implementation of agreed principles, roles and responsibilities of key partners carrying the spirits of the Collaborative Framework.

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Project Summary

In order to make local health delivery more responsive, Ministry of Health (MoH) and Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development (MoFALD) signed a broad Collaborative Framework on December 1, 2013 highlighting the health as a priority local development agenda. To support Government of Nepal to initiate implementation of the Collaborative Framework, Health for Life (H4L)/USAID contracted HERD to develop comprehensive guideline to strengthen local health governance primarily in H4L working districts.

The key project activities include:

- **Evidence Review:** All the relevant readings related to Health and Governance such as Local Health Governance Act and Regulations 1999, Local Health Governance Strengthening Programme Guidelines 2010, Local Health Governance Strengthening Programme Report and the recently developed Collaborative Framework were reviewed during this process.
- **National Consultations:** A 4 days' National Consultative Workshop was organised where key officials from both ministries (MoHP and MoFALD) and key partner organizations participated and agreed on the scope, broader outline and components of the guidelines. Series of mini-consultations were also held between the HERD expert team and Technical Consultation Team (TCT) of H4L.
- **District Consultations:** Consultations were also held with district level stakeholders at Dang to understand the real context of the local governance in spirit of the Collaborative Framework.
- **Guideline Write-Up:** HERD team of experts were involved in the write-up of the guideline, providing strategic way forward to facilitate the implementation of the Collaborative Framework.
- **Translation:** After completion of the write-up, the guideline was then translated into English. Rigorous back and forth

translation process was conducted during this phase in order to ensure that both the versions of the guideline are in standardised language.

- **Guideline Review Workshop:** Review workshop was organised with TCT of H4L and key officials of MoHP and MoFALD for review of the draft guideline. After incorporating their comments, the final version was produced.
- **Guideline Dissemination:** A dissemination workshop of final output of the guideline was held in presence of secretaries of both the ministries (MoFALD) and (MoHP) for their approval.



Local governance mechanisms at various levels



MoHP, MoFALD officials along with HERD/H4L team during National Consultation Workshop

