

## Introduction

Health policy refers what leads to decisions, plans, and actions that are undertaken to achieve specific health care goals within a Country/State. An explicit health policy can achieve several things. It defines a vision for the future which in turn helps to establish targets and points of reference for the short and medium term. It outlines priorities and the expected roles of different groups; and it builds consensus and informs people. In other words, it is a 'statement of intent' made by the Country /State for its population to address their health needs. In order to realize the various goals stated in the policy, the Government plans various programmes/ projects by adopting appropriate strategies to implement across the country. Thus, it is important that health policy should be a living document which can be amended with the changing health needs of the population from time to time.

The National Health Policy of 1983 and the National Health Policy of 2002 have served well in guiding the approach for the health sector in the Five-Year Plans. Now 14 years after the last health policy, the context has changed in four major ways. First, the health priorities are changing. Although maternal and child mortality have rapidly declined, there is growing burden on account of non communicable diseases and some infectious diseases. The second important change is the emergence of a robust health care industry estimated to be growing at double digit. The third change is the growing incidences of catastrophic expenditure due to health care costs, which are presently estimated to be one of the major contributors to poverty. Fourth, a rising economic growth enables enhanced fiscal capacity. Therefore, a new health policy responsive to these contextual changes is required.

National Health Policy 2017, aim is to inform, clarify, strengthen and prioritize the role of the Government in shaping health systems in all its dimensions- investments in health, organization of healthcare services, prevention of diseases and promotion of good health through cross sectoral actions, access to technologies, developing human resources, encouraging medical pluralism, building knowledge base, developing better financial protection strategies, strengthening regulation and health assurance.

The achievement of the National Health Policy 2017 is largely dependent on how the programme and strategies are planned, implemented, monitored and evaluated; and how the M&E results influence changes. Therefore, there is a need to develop capacity among policy makers and administrators at various levels to design informed health policies and implemented effectively for State/ population groups, health problems & issues, etc., and review from time to time.

In this context, when the new health policy is on the anvil, NIHFWS is organizing an orientation training to improve the skills of officials working at State health departments, health institutions, etc., who are involved in policy and planning of National Health Programmes/ NHM

## General Objective

To enhance the knowledge and competency of the participants for the identification of critical issues in health policy, planning and financing in context of National Health Programmes including NHM

At the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

- Describe overview of new initiatives, issues and challenges including universal health coverage
- Describe concepts and issues related to health policy, planning and financing and management of COVID initiatives
- Analyze process of policy, planning, financing and implementation in context of National Health Programmes including NHM.
- Explain strategies for inter-sectoral convergence/coordination in context of decentralized planning in the health system.
- Describe various mechanisms for health financing and budgeting
- Describe the process tracking of project implementation including budgeting
- Make presentation on state specify innovations, issues and challenges.

## Contents

- Overview of new initiatives, issues and challenges financing in National Health Programmes including NHM and management of COVID initiatives.

- Basic Concept and Terminologies used in Health Policy, Planning and Financing in context of National Health Programmes including NHM.
- Universal Health Coverage; strategies and experiences of selected health countries
- Concept and Strategies of Decentralized Planning including Micro-planning in context of National Health Programmes including NHM.
- Inter-sectoral Convergence/Coordination in Context of Decentralized Planning Concepts and Techniques in Costing, Financing and Budgeting in context of National Health Programmes including NHM.
- Financial guidelines for preparation and implementation and tracking of expenditure

## Methodology

Lecture discussions, case studies, exercises, group work, presentation by participants, etc though online google meet platform.

## Number

25–30 participants

## Nature of Participants

State Planning Department Officers, State NHM/ Programme Officers, Officials of PMU, Medical Colleges, SIHFWS, PRCs, etc.

## Training Outcome

The orientation training will be helpful to undertake the training need assessment among the State officials who are involved in planning at various levels.

## Road Map for Future

The focus of planning has been shifted and now the bottom-up approach has been adopted.

## Remarks

The nominated officials may bring state specific policies and plans for discussion in the programme.

**“Failing to plan  
is  
Planning to fail”**



## About the Institute

The National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW) is a premier autonomous Institute under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. It has kept pace with the new thinking and substantially contributed to the health human resource development in the country.

NIHFW serves as an apex 'technical institute' as well as a 'think tank' to promote health and family welfare programmes in the country through education and training, research and evaluation, consultancy and advisory services, specialized projects, etc.

## Course Coordinating Team

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## Course Fee

There is a course fee of Rs. 5000/- for each participant, to be borne by sponsoring states/organizations.

## Physical Requirement

The nominated participants must be having computer/Lap top with web cam, mike, speaker and internet facility.

The details programme schedule will be shared later. The course will be conducted through google meet around two to three hours daily.

## Last Date for Receiving Nominations

1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020

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# Online 10<sup>th</sup> Orientation Training on Health Policy, Planning & Financing in context of National Health Programmes including PIP under NHM

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