

## HEALTH FINANCING UNIT

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### **Broad Objectives of the Unit**

1. Policy analysis in respect of health financing
2. Analysis of health insurance schemes (particularly RSBY) in India
3. Capacity development in health financing & health insurance
4. Budget & resource analysis in health sector
5. Designing course curricula for the certificate/diploma courses in health financing and Masters Course in health economics and financing by the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare through distance/e-mode/regular means if deemed university status awarded to NIHFW
6. Research on financial implications/ impact evaluations of on-going National Health Insurance Schemes.

### **Activities Conducted during (2011-2012)**

During the year 2011-12, part-time faculty appointed in the unit contributed in the following:

- Training Course on Financial management in health sector during 13-17 June 2011. The objective was to build the capacity of state health programme officials to be able to plan, review and monitor their state budgets at various stages of projects. The participants were State health administrators, programme managers and hospital administrators in public sector, faculty from medical colleges and state level training institutions.
- Training Course on health financing and health insurance during 17-21 October 2011. The objective was to provide a basic understanding of the key issues in health financing particularly health insurance and apply methods of economic and policy analysis to health financing in the context of socio-economic development. The participants were mainly state health administrators, programme managers and faculty from medical colleges and state level training institutions.
- Developed draft module on Financial Management in Health Sector
- Provided technical support in conducting the following studies:
  - A rapid appraisal of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana in Delhi
  - Cost effectiveness study of voucher scheme for RCH services in District Haridwar, - Uttarakhand

### **Remarks**

This unit was initially funded by the WHO Country Office for two years (2008 & 2009). Later, one part-time faculty was appointed by the Institute for facilitating various activities related to the Unit. The part-time faculty left the Unit on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011. Therefore, the activities of the Unit may be kept in abeyance. PAC is therefore requested to drop this activity.