Some Emerging Experiences from Africa Region on the role of Health Policy Think Tanks in the implantation of SGDs for Health Development

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Background Introduction: Complex Economic and Social Environment

• Unpredictable dynamic political and social environment with economic shocks, social upheaval, weak health systems as well as natural disasters including disease epidemics.

• Significant challenges: high disease burden, resource limitations, inadequate information systems, decentralization, partnerships with competing priorities and power imbalances

• Despite all there is progress and renewed hope.
Ministerial Turnover: Africa

Turn over of Ministers

- High: 52%
- Moderate: 39%
- Low: 9%
OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRANSITION FROM MDGs TO SDGs

• SOME MDGs SUCCESSES BROUGHT
  • HOPE
  • UNITY OF PURPOSE
  • COMMITMENT TO COMMON GOALS BY LEADERS ACROSS NATIONS

• MUCH WORK IS ON-GOING ACROSS THE REGION IN SUPPORT OF SDGs

• SDG COMPACT HAS ENTRY POINTS FOR THINK TANKS AS PLAYERS
  • NATIONAL COORDINATORS
  • PROCESS FOR INTEGRATING SDGS INTO NATIONAL PLANS
  • HIGH LEVEL FORUM FRAMEWORK
KEY CONSTRAINTS

• Diversity of understanding of the SDG frame work
• National Negative Health seeking Cultures in a complex environment of weak health systems
• Fragmentation of National Health agenda (Silos within and external to Health Sector)
• Government and other key actors not yet coming out to support indigenous HPTT and CSOs
• Capacity deficits in HPTT
• Distortionary funding streams
EMERGING PRIORITIES

- PRIORITY IS SUPPORTING CROSS SECTOR FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT
  - NATIONAL
  - REGIONAL
  - GLOBAL
- Supporting domestic Resource Mobilization and Management
- Supporting comprehensive Universal Health Coverage with no one left behind
- Supporting national, regional and global partnerships for better health governance.
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