

DRAFT CCH III

REGIONAL PROGRAMME AREA

STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS

GOAL: Health Services that respond effectively to the needs of the population

PURPOSE: To strengthen the structure and performance of health systems to provide equitable, sustainable and high quality services

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Health Systems	1. To strengthen the legislative frameworks and institutional structures of health systems	1.1 Appropriate legislation developed and enacted e.g. relating to Health Reform	1.1 Administrative structures for implementation and monitoring of legislative framework established in all countries by 2012 1.2 Legislation to strengthen health system enacted in all countries by 2013	# of countries with administrative structures in place by September 2008 Legislation for health facilities and health professional practice available for sharing with all countries by Dec.08	Model legislation developed for strengthening the regulatory and steering role of Ministries of Health Model legislation developed to enhance the governance of health facilities and the practice of health professionals	CARICOM, World Bank (WB), PAHO/WHO, Tertiary Learning Institutions (TLI) PAHO/WHO, CARICOM, National governments	The legislative framework in many of the Caribbean countries is outdated or inappropriate to monitor and enforce the regulatory functions required to manage the expanding private sector programs In 2002-03 all the countries completed assessments in the EPHF; and	
	2. To strengthen capacity to perform essential	2.1 mechanism to review and monitor performance	2.1.1 Steering role of the National Health Authority		Development of a regional quality and safety program with a health systems			

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	public health functions including the delivery of responsive, quality services	e in Essential Public Health Functions (EPHF) established	<p>strengthened in all countries by 2011</p> <p>2.1.2 System improvements in at least 6 EPHF areas in all countries by 2013</p> <p>2.1.3 EPHF performance appraisal included in the format of the annual CMO's report in all countries by 2011</p>		<p>approach</p> <p>Support to enable all countries to produce a timely annual CMO's report</p>		agreed to adopt EPHFs as markers for self assessment of the performance of the health sector in meeting the national and sub national public health needs. Since 2003 some countries have built additional capacity to conduct the exercises; However, in the current context of new and emerging diseases, natural and manmade hazards and related factors, there is a need to accelerate the efforts to ensure the quality of the public health response	
		2.2 Standards and protocols for CQI implemented	2.2.1 National Quality Improvement (QI) program implemented in 60% of countries by 2013		QI SOPs in health settings developed			

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	To renew focus on Primary Health Care Services	3.1 Appropriate PHC administrative and integrated program structures implemented.	<p>3.1 Increase in the financial allocation for primary care services to at least 10% of total health services budget in all countries by 2013</p> <p>3.2 % Increase in the number of physician and nursing personnel available in primary health services in all countries by 2011</p> <p>3.3 Population-based prevention and control programs present in all countries by</p> <p>3.4 Referral networks and linkages between PHC and secondary institutions functioning effectively in all countries by 2013</p>		<p>Development and assessment of effective PHC organizational and administrative models</p> <p>Agreement on types of screening services and the standards of care</p>	PAHO/WHO, CARICOM, National governments, UNICEF, FAO, UNDP, TLIs	The CARICOM Caribbean countries (with the exception of Haiti) have traditionally conducted fairly strong PHC programs despite being under-resourced. The renewal of the PHC strategy provides new opportunities for governments to examine the allocation of resources in the health sector. Between primary, secondary and tertiary care.; analyse the impact of interventions and implement the most appropriate or effective population health programs	

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					convening of PHC networks and alliances and the sharing of “ Best Practices”			
Information and evidence management for health systems Knowledge (Information, Surveillance, M&E, Research) Management System	1 To enable national and sub-national information systems to support evidence based decision making by policy makers. practitioners and program managers	<p>1.1 Adoption and implementation of national HIS policy and plans.</p> <p>1.2 Implementation and networking of technological platform (hardware, software, connectivity) to share databases and information</p> <p>1.3 National information systems producing</p>	<p>1.1 Health information policy and plan adopted in all countries by 2010</p> <p>1.2 National Health Information Network in 60% of countries by 2010</p> <p>1.3 All countries producing up dated core health</p>		<p>Development and implementation of a Caribbean Health Information System supported by a regional health information network</p> <p>Establishment of core dataset to support management</p>	CARICOM.PAHO/WHO, UNDP, CDB, TLI	Despite the recognition of the need for comprehensive information for evidence based decision making, an effective system or mechanism has not been implemented. Several efforts have been made to share practices from and pilot initiatives from select countries. National sustainability has presented the greatest challenge. In	

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	2. To strengthen / develop surveillance, health research and M&E system to enhance responsiveness and quality of health system	<p>timely and accurate key information, especially core health data and minimum data set to support management of health systems and services</p> <p>2.1 Improved national capacity for collection and analysis of health information for decision-making and policy formulation;</p>	<p>data and key management indicators to support management of health systems and services by end 2013</p> <p>2.2 Monitoring and evaluation systems have been developed in all countries by end 2013</p> <p>2.3 Allocation from health budget for essential health system research in % countries by 2012</p>		<p>Integration and trend of health sector surveillance and monitoring systems (Health Sector Observatory)</p> <p>Technical capacity to support essential research</p>	CHRC, PAHO/WHO, CARICOM,	short the lack of information and analysis in the health systems have limited the capacity of the countries to document impact of interventions and/or highlight the needs of vulnerable groups	
Health Financing	1: Mobilize and/or redistribute financial resources to support alignment of health budget to priority	1.1 National health budgets sufficient to address priority health needs	1.1 National health expenditure budget at least 6% of GDP and distributed to address priority health needs in all countries by 2013		Development of mechanisms to assess or develop health financing policies, strategies and programs to increase efficiencies and	PAHO/WHO, CARICOM, CDB, National Governments, bilateral and multilateral partners	Over the past twenty years considerable resources have been expended throughout the Caribbean in consultations to review the	

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	needs				measure performance		feasibility of implementing National health Insurance Schemes. In most instances comprehensive publicly supported Schemes have not been adopted. Instead several countries have implemented Funds to	
	2. Align health financing to identified national and regional health priorities	1.2 Additional revenue streams secured for selected programs 2.1 Evaluation of financial streams in the health sector (National Health Accounts- (NHA) sources, financial intermediaries, providers, functions and line items)	1.2 Additional (new) resources identified for health financing in 50% of countries by 2011 2.1 Financing of priority areas meet or exceed planned levels in 50% of countries by 2011		Regional Resource mobilization for specific programs Development of models for regional health insurance schemes Capacity building and development of model programs to conduct NHA analyses (The MDG Health reports identified that to finance health sector developments it would generally require increasing government expenditure on the health goals by up to 4% points of GDP through 2015.)		guarantees medications for select diseases and in some instances specific populations. Despite these challenges there is a recognition and acceptance of the need to improve distribution and efficiency of utilization of the available resources as well as the need to distribute the risks across the region	

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Risk/Disaster Management	1. Health sector organised to prepare and respond to mass casualty national and regional events/disasters based on a risk management approach.	<p>1.1 Country Comprehensive Disaster Management Framework for health sector preparedness mitigation and response developed and periodically updated</p> <p>1.2 Preparedness activities related to health sector coordinated with PAHO</p> <p>1.3 Response team activities coordinated with CDERA and PAHO/WHO</p>	<p>1.1 Disaster management policies and plans developed, implemented, and updated in all countries by 2008</p> <p>1.2 Identified Health Focal Points active in all countries by 2008</p> <p>1.3 Active Post-Disaster Surveillance Programs in all countries by 2008</p> <p>1.4 MOUs/Agreements between national and regional and international agencies signed in all countries by 2010</p> <p>1.5 National experts for response teams</p>		<p>Institutionalize training program for Disaster Management for health professionals</p> <p>Development of Standard Operation Procedures for Mass Gatherings</p> <p>Development of Regional health Response Plans</p> <p>Human Resource Pool – schedules and resources to</p>	PAHO/WHO, CDERA, CDB, TLI, CARICOM		

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	2, International Disaster Reduction Strategy for Safe Hospitals implemented	Hospitals in all countries designated as "Safe Hospitals" by 2013	identified All hospitals evaluated, retrofitted and implement an effective preventive maintenance plan by 2013	Evaluation schedule 2008- 7 hospitals 2009 – 8 hospitals 2011-	facilitate sharing and movement Hospital Building Codes and infrastructure standards developed	CARICOM, CROSQ, PAHO,		
Disaster and Pandemic Preparedness								
Drug Management	1. Access to safe, affordable and efficacious medicines improved	1.1. Strengthened regulation of medicines including legislation and drug registration	1.1 Common drug registration system agreed and implemented in 60% of countries by 2013		CRDTL Strengthened Model regional drug management including generic policy developed by 2009	CARICOM, PANCAP , PAHO/WHO, WHO Collaborating Centres, TLIs, Caribbean Pharmacy Association	Access to good quality and safe medications varies throughout the Caribbean partly because of the national resources, the	

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		1.2 Harmonized procurement and supply management of quality drugs	1.2. A harmonized list of standard criteria for procurement and indicators of performance implemented by all CARIPROSUM (Caribbean Regional Network of Procurement and Supply management Agencies) members by 2011		Implementation of PANDRH (Pan American Network of Drug Regulatory Harmonization) Recommendations CARIPROSUM structured to coordinate donation of pharmaceutical supplies in times of disaster Link with global or regional pooled procurement initiatives		sources of supplies and the quality of the installed management, regulatory and registration systems. The countries of the region are eligible to participate in several regional and global initiatives to enhance the management and access to quality medicines. Opportunities that exist for the sharing of best practices and pooling of resources could increase the potential for success in this area.	
Re- organisation of the Health Systems								