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BASICS PRIMARY STRATEGIES OF WORK PLAN

- Revise and develop child survival and health-focused policies and strategies
- Improve child health care at the community level
- Improve child health care at the BPHS facility level
- Improve child health care at the EPHS hospital level
- Strengthen cross-cutting health system components to improve child health care

BASICS TECHNICAL AREAS OF WORK

- Newborn health
- IMCI
- Community case management (C-IMCI)
- Nutrition: Growth Monitoring and Infant and Young Child Feeding
- Pediatric hospital care improvement
- Behavior change communication
- Systems strengthening

April to June 2009

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS (April – June 2008)

I. Policy and Guidelines

- Finalization of Child and Adolescent Policy and Strategy
- Submission of IYCF Policy & Strategy Document to MoPH
- Design of study in respect of private sector contribution in immunization, training of survey team and data collection.
- Development of strategic plan for improved diarrhea case management (introduction of Zinc and low osmolarity ORS).

II. Improve Child Health at the Community Level

- Development of C-IMCI Package (Job aids, facilitator guide)
- Initiation of implementation of C-IMCI in 5 demonstration project sites and replication to other parts of the country through GAVI-HSS
- Conduction of ToT to the master trainers of demonstration project NGOs as well as for GAVI HSS trainers.
- Production of C-IMCI facilitator's guidelines and Job aids to GAVI-HSS contracted out NGOs.
- Development of community based growth monitoring and Promotion (C-GMP) package (Pictorial materials, facilitator guide, field manual etc.)
- ToT and training of CHWs and Initiation of implementation of C-GMP in 5 provinces in demonstration project sites and establishment of Family Health Action Group (FHAG).
- Development of guidance note for scaling up community based maternal and newborn care.

III. Improve Child Health at BPHS facility level

- Introduction of shortened and up-dated IMCI package (package revision, ToT).

IV. Improve Child Health at EPHS facility level

- Introduction of Pediatric Hospital Improvement initiative (PHI) in six provincial hospitals.
- Conduction of ETAT training for six PHI participating hospitals and four tertiary care hospitals in kabul.
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V. Strengthen cross-cutting health system components to improve child health care

- Conduction of baseline household survey.
- Drafting BCC strategic plan for child survival
- Conduction of study on contribution of private sector in immunization.