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Soft launch and AIPHSS Program Coordination in East Java

The two days AIPHSS Program Coordination workshop in Surabaya, East Java was successful. The workshop was attended by distinguished guests namely representative(s) of AusAID, local government officials, AIPHSS Program key people from the Planning and Budgeting Bureau of Ministry of Health of Republic of Indonesia, Health Insurance Financing Center (PPJK), Human Resources Development and Empowerment Agency (BPPSDM), Primary Health Division (BUKD), Health Research and Development (Litbangkes), and representative(s) of East Java Provincial Health Office, East Java Provincial Development Planning Agency (BAPPEDA), and District Health Office of AIPHSS four targeted districts, namely Bondowoso, Bangkalan, Sampang and Situbondo districts.

dr. Andi Saguni, MA, representing the Head of Planning and Budgeting Bureau of Ministry of Health of Republic of Indonesia, shared the progress of AIPHSS. He explained that AIPHSS program is currently on the preparation stage to sign the Grant Agreement (GA) document. GA document was developed by considering the implementation of recommendations of Readiness Criteria Assessment conducted by an independent consultant (PwC). In an overview, PwC recommended to perfect the work plan, to perfect the Manual Implementation Guideline (PIM) and to place personnel recruitment process in the Program Management Unit (PMU), be it at the national, province and AIPHSS program's target district levels.

The participants of the workshop not only having the portray on the progress

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The premiere edition of UPDATE from East Java will share stories about AIPHSS Program Coordination Workshop activity in Surabaya.

The workshop was conducted on January 14-15, in Novotel Hotel, Surabaya.

of AIPHSS and its working mechanism (Introduction of the Implementing Service Provider/ISP & Program Technical Specialist/PTS), but they also discussed AIPHSS work plan for the period of 2013 – 2014. In this opportunity, Prof. Ascobat Gani, MD, MPH, DrPH as AIPHSS Program Technical Specialist (PTS) also gave an overview on Health System Strengthening Framework and its implementation.

The Presence of AIPHSS and the Commitment of the Local Government

AIPHSS Program coordination workshop was opened by the Head of Provincial Health Office, Dr. Budi Rahayu, MPH. The Head of Provincial Health Office gave her full support for the planning and implementation of AIPHSS program in East Java. She stressed the point that with decentralization, health system in East Java has changed, specifically on the issue of health financing and health workforce. And these two matters need to be taken seriously. She also added

that when the program is moving forward, it is important to note down the different perception between indicators at the national, province and district levels. AIPHSS program implementation on the field, both at the province and district levels must be in accord to the local procedures and local processes. We also need to remember that East Java has a strong potential to support AIPHSS program because East Java has a dynamic active community.



“With decentralization, health system in East Java has changed, especially on the issue of health financing and health workforce, and these two matters must be taken seriously, and AIPHSS program will hopefully be able to help the local government in strengthening those processes”.

Dr. Budi Rahayu, MPH, Head of East Java Provincial Health Office

In this workshop, John Leigh, AusAID-Indonesia Health Director stated that AIPHSS program is the latest approach in the long history of Australia’s support to the health sector in Indonesia. AIPHSS program is seen as an important step moving forward to support a sustainable health system strengthening. Often times, short term success is well achieved while losing the long term potential due to lack of attention to

strengthen the health system building block, such as health financing and health workforce. John Leigh noted that a sustainable change in the health system also requires cooperation between the health sector with other sectors, therefore, it is very important for AIPHSS to collaborate with other sectors and other ministries to ensure its achievement by the end of the program.



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Implementing Service Provider (ISP) & Program Technical Specialist (PTS)

AIPHSS program is managed by a Program Management Unit (PMU).

To support PMU, AusAID has contracted ISP & PTS with the following scope of works:

Implementing Service Provider (ISP):

- Managing recruitment system, monitoring and ensuring the quality of technical assistance (technical assistance and quality assurance).
- Providing management and operational supports to PMU.
- Providing expert personnel and capacity building activities related to M&E of AIPHSS program.
- Managing Civil Society (CSO) Challenge Fund that is aiming to provide small grants for CSOs to conduct several policy advocacy activities to the local government on the increase of access and improvement of health service quality & transparency of health financing at the district level.
- Managing the grant for several health policy network activities to conduct research study on health financing and health workforce. The study will be conducted to provide inputs for policy development and program planning at the national and province levels.
- Supporting the planning and different types of communications about AIPHSS program, both internally and externally.

Program Technical Specialist (PTS)

Providing strategic directions/inputs to PMU related to the concept and implementation of AIPHSS program.



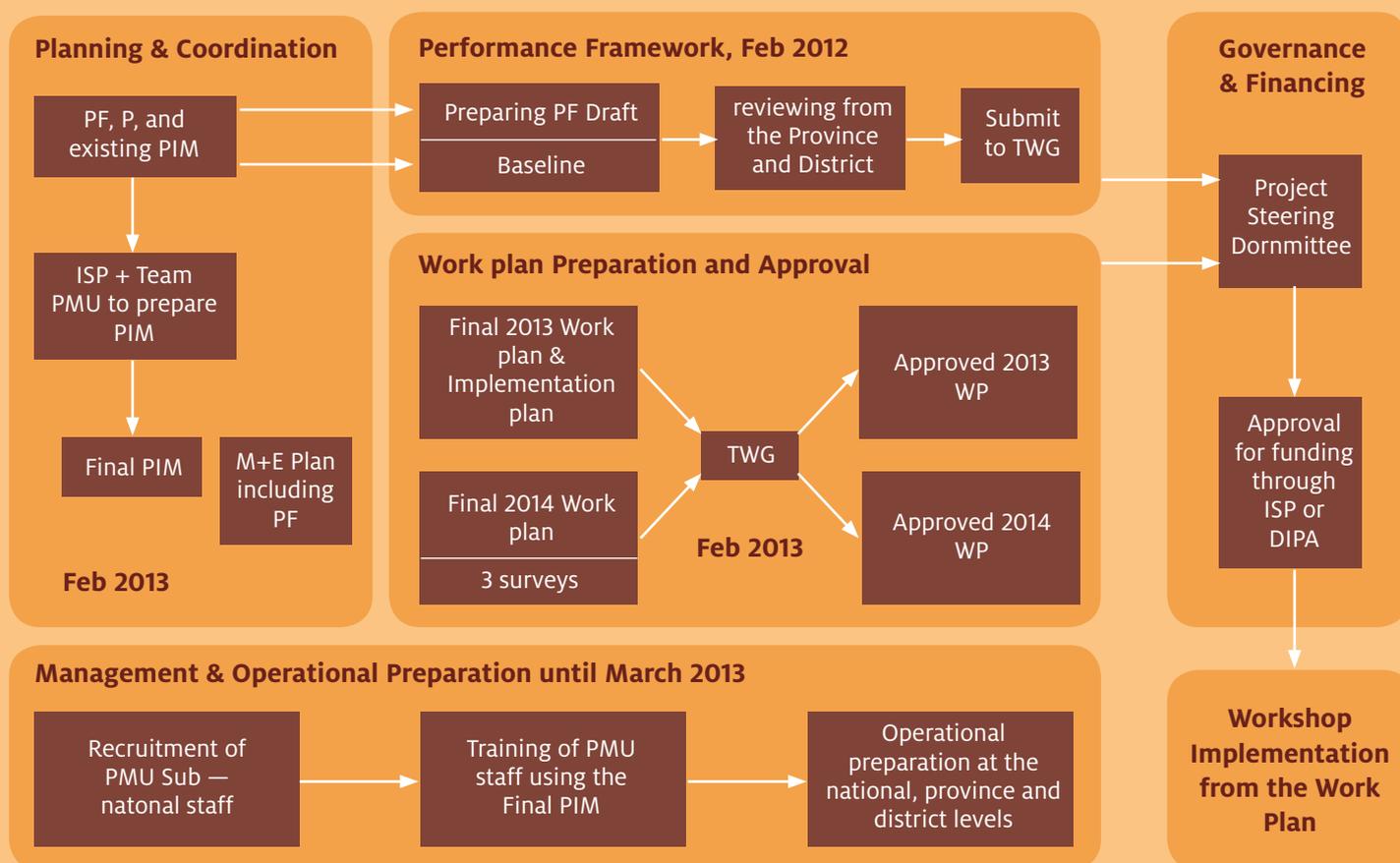
Responsibilities & management of AIPHSS program at the national, provincial, and district levels

Dr. Andi Saguni, MA representing the Head of Planning and Budgeting Bureau of Ministry of Health Republic of Indonesia addressed that AIPHSS program is a direct grant program (on budget – off treasury) from the Government of Australia through AusAID, where the fund is transferred directly to the List of Budget Implementation (DIPA) of Ministry of Health Republic of Indonesia. AIPHSS program implementation is carried out directly by the government, in this case is the Ministry of Health at the national level (PMU) and the Health office at the

Province (PHO) and the District (DHO). AusAID also contracted an Implementing Service Provider (ISP-Coffey) to support PMU in the AIPHSS program implementation. In general, ISP carries out the role to provide technical assistance, training and capacity building.

Aside of ISP, AusAID also contracted a Program Technical Specialist (PTS) who will have the role to provide strategic inputs relating to the concept and progress of AIPHSS program. Prof. Ascobat Gani, MD, MPH, DrPH has been chosen as the PTS from AIPHSS program.

How is the planning process and the implementation of AIPHSS program 2013 – 2014? To respond to this question, Ahmer Akhtar as the Program Manager of the Implementing Service Provider (ISP), described briefly the flow of planning & coordination, preparation and approval of the work plan, financing, as well as the management & operational preparation until March 2013. The summary of his presentation is shown at the diagram below:



Sharpening AIPHSS program work plan

After a series of work plan discussion activities in 2012, a consolidation process needs to be built to ensure the harmonization among needs, priorities and cost allocations. Work plan consolidation in East Java province is done by integrating the work plan at the Sub Recipient (SR) at the national level with the work plan at the province and district levels. Sub-Recipient herewith referred to the Health Insurance Financing Center (PPJK), Human Resources Development and Empowerment Agency (BPPSDM), and Primary Health Division (BUKD).

Work plan discussion results in East Java involved the Provincial Health Office and

four District Health Offices from AIPHSS targeted districts, namely Bondowoso, Bangkalan, Sampang and Situbondo. The two-days discussion took place intensively and will be followed-up with a roadshow to each region. The objective of the roadshow is to produce a final consolidated work plan.

A consolidated work plan will be agreed upon and finalized by Technical Working Group (TWG) by the end of February 2013, which will then be submitted for a final approval or an endorsement by the Program Steering Committee (PSC) by early March 2013.

“An integrated consolidation process through the roadshow at the province and district levels in early February is an important step that we will take after discussing about the work plan for two days in East Java. After the roadshow, Technical Working Group (TWG) and Program Steering Committee (PSC) will do the endorsement by the upcoming mid March, therefore the program will be ready for its field implementation by each PMU”.

dr. Andi Saguni, MA representing the Head of Planning and Budgeting Bureau, Ministry of Health of Republic of Indonesia



Up Coming Events

Activities	Tentative schedule
Work plan consolidation roadshow in East Java province and four districts (Bondowoso, Situbondo, Sampang and Bangkalan)	Mid of February 2013
Finalization of Program Implementation Manual (PIM)	End of February 2013
Staff recruitment at the province and district levels	Early February 2013
Training related to PIM	March 2013

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