



## Government's Programme of Action 2009

### Human Development Cluster: Health



	Actions	Indicators	Department	Timeframe
<b>2</b>	<b>Improving the health profile of all South Africans</b>			
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Provision of Strategic Leadership and creation of a Social Compact for better health outcomes</b>			
	2.1.1 Adopt annual integrated plans to ensure unified action across the health sector in pursuit of goals	Draft Annual National Health Plan produced and presented to the National Health Council	DoH	Sep - 09
		Final Annual National Health Plan adopted by the National Health Council	DoH	Dec - 09
	2.1.2 Development of a Social Compact for better health outcomes	National Consultative Health Forum conceptual framework adopted by the NHC	DoH	Oct - 09
		National Consultative Health Forum convened to define and adopt a social compact	DoH	Dec - 09
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Implementation of the National Health Insurance (NHI)</b>			
	2.2.1 Finalise policy proposal on the NHI	NHI policy document released for public comment.	DoH	Nov - 09
		Revised NHI policy document incorporating public comments produced and presented to Cabinet.	DoH	Apr - 10
	2.2.2 Finalise draft of legislation to support the creation of the NHI	Draft NHI legislation presented to Cabinet.	DoH	Jul - 10
	2.2.3 Set up National Quality Management and Accreditation Body	National Quality Management and Accreditation Body set up and functional.	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.2.4 Perform an audit of Health ICT at all levels of the National Health System public sector only	Draft Health ICT Audit Report with recommendations produced and presented to the National Health Council.	DoH	Oct - 09
		Final Health ICT Audit Report presented to and adopted by the NHC.	DoH	Nov - 09

	2.2.5 Draft the National ICT Strategy for Health	Draft National ICT Strategy for Health produced and presented to the National Health Council.	DoH	Nov - 09
		Final National ICT Strategy for Health presented to and adopted by the NHC.	DoH	Mar - 10
<b>2.3</b>	<b>Improving the Quality of Health Services</b>			
	2.3.1 Implement quality improvement plans for the 18 identified health districts	A report on the improvement of services in the 18 identified health districts.	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.3.2 Refine and scale up a detailed plan on the improvement of quality of services and direct its immediate implementation.	Adoption and implementation of quality improvement plans, covering infection prevention and control measures, waiting times and cleanliness.	DoH	Sep - 09
		1000 out of 3818 public health facilities with Quality Improvement Plans (QIPs) covering safety, infection prevention and control measures, waiting times and cleanliness.	DoH	Mar - 10
<b>2.4</b>	<b>Overhauling the health care system and improve its management</b>			
	2.4.1 Draft proposals for legal reforms to unify the public health service	Draft proposals for legal reforms presented to the NHC.	DoH	Nov - 09
		Final proposals for legal reforms adopted by the NHC, processed and tabled before Cabinet.	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.4.2 Develop a decentralised operational model including new governance arrangements	Proposal for a decentralized operational model approved by the NHC.	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.4.3 Finalise delegations for all managers at all levels of the public health system, with special attention on hospital managers or CEOs to ensure decentralisation of management	Delegations approved by the NHC.	DoH	Dec - 09
		350 out of 400 of Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) provided with written delegations.	DoH	Dec - 09
	2.4.4 Develop an accountability framework for the public and private sector	Draft accountability framework approved for the start of a wider consultative process	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.4.5 Strengthen health-specific management capacity for programs and facilities, especially hospitals.	150 out of 400 CEOs enrolled on to the Hospital Management Training Program	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.4.6 Evaluate all CEOs of hospitals to ensure that	Submission to Cabinet of a report on	DoH	Mar - 10

	they meet minimum requirements for effective management of the said facilities, and institute corrective measures where indicated, including re-training and/or redeployment	qualifications, skills, competencies of CEOs and corrective measures taken or implemented.		
	2.4.7 Do a feasibility study for the establishment of a leadership academy for health managers	Feasibility study completed and presented to the NHC.	DoH	Dec - 09
		Final Report on feasibility study completed.	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.4.8 Evaluate and strengthen the District Health System and Primary Health Care	A report on the evaluation and strengthening of the DHS and PHC submitted to Cabinet.	DoH	Mar - 10
<b>2.5</b>	<b>Improved Human Resources Planning, Development and Management</b>			
	2.5.1 Review and refinement of the Human Resources Plan for Health	A report on the review of the Human Resources Plan for Health submitted to the Minister	DoH	Oct - 09
		A revised Human Resources Plan for Health adopted by the NHC.	DoH, DHET, Presidency	Mar - 10
	2.5.2 Review all policies, legislation, regulations and directives that led to the closure of nursing schools and colleges	A report on the review of policies, legislation and directives on the re-opening and/or development of nursing schools and colleges submitted to the Minister	DoH	Oct - 09
	2.5.3 Draft plans and allocate resources for the re-opening of nursing schools and colleges in the 2010 academic year	Implementation plans and resources for the re-opening of nursing schools and colleges approved	DoH	Dec - 09
	2.5.4 Finalise plans for the creation of auxiliary personnel, including a frame-work for task shifting, for all categories of health professionals	Plans of new auxiliary personnel for all categories of health professionals approved	DoH, DHET, Presidency	Mar - 10
	2.5.5 Expand the scope and numbers of Community Health Workers	Plans and progress reports on the expansion of the scope and numbers of CHWs submitted to the Minister	DoH, DHET, DSD	Mar - 10
	2.5.6 Develop norms and standards for Human Resources for all levels of the health system	Progress report on the development of HR norms and standards produced	DoH	Dec - 09
		Work plan for the development of HR norms and standards, including an outline of required resources produced	DoH	Aug - 09
		Draft HR norms and standards submitted to the Minister		Mar - 10

	2.5.7 Increase access by and training output of targeted groups, namely Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDIs), Women, persons with disabilities and Youth from academic health complexes	A report on the baseline and plans to increase access and training output from 2010 submitted to the Minister	DoH, DHET, Presidency, WCPwD	Dec - 09
	2.5.8 Review the accessibility and training output of academic health complexes	Submit a report on the review of accessibility and training output of academic health complexes	DoH, DHET, Presidency	Mar - 10
<b>2.6</b>	<b>Revitalisation of infrastructure</b>			
	2.6.1 Develop a National Health Infrastructure Plan that incorporates the use of PPPs and that is also based on the 2010 infrastructure delivery model.	Draft National Health Infrastructure Plan incorporating the use of PPPs submitted to Cabinet for consideration.	DoH, NT	Dec - 09
	2.6.2 Urgent implementation of refurbishment and preventative maintenance of all health facilities	Submit a report to NHC indicating that the refurbishment and preventative maintenance, based on the resolution that 3-5% of budgets be used for the purpose, is implemented in all health facilities.	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.6.3 Strengthen provincial departments of health capacity to deliver and maintain health infrastructure for primary and secondary health facilities	Report on the capacity and performance of provincial government in the delivery and maintenance of health infrastructure submitted to Cabinet.	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.6.4 Review the funding of the revitalisation program and submit proposals to get participation of the private sector to speed up this program	Funding of the Hospital Revitalization program reviewed and proposals on the participation of the private sector submitted to Cabinet for consideration.	DoH	Dec - 09
	2.6.5 Finalise the Health Technology Plan and Strategy	Draft Health Technology Plan and Strategy submitted to the NHC	DoH	Dec - 09
		Health Technology Plan and Strategy approved by the NHC	DoH	Jan - 10
		Health Technology Plan and Strategy incorporated into provincial DoH plans.	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.6.6 Finalise the Health Technology policy and regulations	Draft 1 of Health Technology policy and regulations submitted to NHC	DoH	Mar - 10
<b>2.7</b>	<b>Accelerate implementation of the HIV &amp; AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections National Strategic Plan 2007-11 and increase focus on TB and other communicable diseases</b>			

	2.7.1 Implementation of the Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission (PMTCT) and Pediatrics Treatment and Adult Treatment guidelines	80% of eligible pregnant women initiated on ARV PMTCT dual therapy	DoH	Mar - 10
		80% of eligible HIV-exposed infants initiated on ARV Paediatric Treatment, viz. dual therapy	DoH	Mar - 10
		33 000 eligible new children patients initiated on Antiretroviral Treatment (ART)	DoH	Mar - 10
		30% of eligible pregnant HIV positive women initiated on Highly Active ART	DoH	Mar - 10
		215 000 eligible new adult patients initiated on ART.	DoH	Mar - 10
		35% of eligible TB & HIV co-infected patients to started on ART	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.7.2 Strengthen programs against TB, MDR-TB and XDR-TB	80% of health facilities appropriately implementing TB guidelines.	DoH	Mar - 10
		2000 professionals trained in the management of TB, MDR- & XDR-TB	DoH	Mar - 10
		2 500 non-professionals (Community Health Workers) trained in the management of TB, MDR- & XDR-TB	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.7.3 Collaborate with United Nations agencies and other multi-lateral bodies for technical support	Progress reports on collaborative efforts submitted to the NHC and SANAC	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.7.4 Mobilize financial and other resources from the Global Fund and other major donors.	A report on resource mobilisation submitted to the NHC and SANAC	DoH	Mar - 10
2.8	<b>Mass mobilisation for better health for the population</b>			
	2.8.1 Intensify health promotion programs	Health Promotion Strategy approved	DoH	Dec - 09
		Health Promotion Strategy incorporated into Provincial Health Promotion plans.	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.8.2 Intensify the implementation of programs to attain the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Strengthen programs focusing on Maternal, Child and Women's Health	The Perinatal Problem Identification Program (PPIP) fully implemented in the 18 priority health districts.	DoH	Mar - 10
		The Household and Community component of the Integrated Management of Childhood	DoH	Mar - 10

		Illnesses (IMCI) fully implemented in the 18 priority health districts.		
	2.8.3 Focus on non-communicable diseases, injuries, patient's rights and quality plus provide accountability	The diabetes declaration and the strategy on unintentional injuries fully implemented by all 18 priority health districts.	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.8.4 Finalise and implement the Health Promotion Strategy targeting the Youth	Adoption and implementation of the Health Promotion Strategy targeting the Youth	DoH, WCPwD, Presidency	Mar - 10
	2.8.5 Strengthen community participation mechanisms, governance structures and consumer bodies to improve the health of the population	A report on the strengthening of community participation mechanism, governance structures and consumer bodies submitted to NHC.	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.8.6 Strengthen health programs focusing on disabled persons	National health cross-cutting programs focusing on the disabled approved.	DoH	Dec - 09
<b>2.9</b>	<b>Review of Drug Policy</b>			
	2.9.1 Develop a proposal and strategy for policy review	Approved proposal and strategy signed off by the Minister.	DoH	Dec - 09
	2.9.2 Review the Drug Policy	Final report on the reviewed Drug Policy approved	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.9.3 Improve drug supply and management	Less than 3% stocks-out of total number of ARV (45) and TB (35) medicines on tender in nine 9 provinces.	DoH	Mar - 10
		90% availability of medicines in all facilities in nine 9 provinces.	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.9.4 Draft plans for the establishment of a state-owned drug manufacturing entity	Approved proposal and strategy for the establishment of a state-owned drug manufacturing entity	DoH, dti	Mar - 10
	2.9.5 Strengthen all work and efforts to ensure affordability of drugs	A report on programs to reduce the cost of drugs submitted to the NHC and Cabinet.	DoH, dti	Mar - 10
<b>2.10</b>	<b>Strengthen Research and Development</b>			
	2.10.1 Research to accurately quantify Infant Mortality Rate	The South African Demographic and Health Survey 2008 published	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.10.2 Research into the impact of social determinants of health and nutrition	Research commissioned	DoH, Presidency	Dec - 09
	2.10.3 Support research studies to promote indigenous knowledge systems and the use of appropriate traditional medicines	A report on the NDoH support for research studies on indigenous knowledge systems and the use of appropriate traditional medicines	DoH	Dec - 09

		submitted to the NHC.		
	2.10.4 To support health research that promotes partnerships that protect health from climate change	A report on the NDoH support for research studies on health and the environment submitted to the NHC.	DoH	Mar - 10
	2.10.5 Improve the research output, especially from formerly disadvantaged health training institutions	A report on the baseline and plans to increase research output from 2010 submitted to NHC.	DoH, DHET, Presidency	Dec - 09
	2.10.6 Review the research capacity of academic health complexes	A report on the review of research capacity of academic health complexes submitted to the NHC.	DoH, DHET, Presidency	Mar - 10

## Notes on the Programme of Action

The report sets out the priorities and programmes arising from the January Cabinet Lekgotla and the President's State of the Nation Address. It includes activities from the Programme of Action for 2008 which were not completed during 2008.

The report has been put on the Government website to enable the public to follow progress in implementing the Programme of Action, with a facility for the public to make comment.

The report presents the information according to the Clusters.

### **Actions**

Actions are arranged according to three levels, indicated by the numbering and the format.

There may be a degree of overlap in the listing of activities under more than one priority, where it was important to capture detailed formulations from the Lekgotla or State of the Nation Address, or where an activity contributes to more than one priority.

### **Departments**

In the lists of departments responsible for implementation, the first in the list is the lead department.

### **Progress**

The Presidency, working with GCIS, intends to update the information on the implementation of programmes after reports on progress have been submitted by Clusters to Cabinet. In addition as particular timeframes are reached, there will be public communication by relevant departments on the details of implementation of the programme concerned.