1. Improve coordination between infectious disease and health program stakeholders involved in the country including USAID - SIMUNZA, ERIC AND CALVIN

Our approach to improve coordination entails the synchronization of all activities related to infectious disease control and response at the MoH, with health program implemented and/or assisted by stakeholders involved in the country, we have the following ideas to achieve this

* Providing technical assistance in developing a communication strategy that will define ??
* Provide technical assistance in defining Clear authority and responsibility: as responsibility can be fixed only when the authority and its source are clearly demarcated.
* Enhance existing and/or Formulate clear cut policies and procedures: to ensure unity of action and absconding subjective handling of the problems
* Promote mutual communication between MoH and health programs, as direct communication help resolve the individual and organization differences. Here we shall provide technical assistance in enhancing periodic report bulletins, stakeholder meetings (virtual and physical).
* Facilitate the joint and common understanding of main objectives of health programs and how the line up with mandate of the MoH
* Provide technical assistance in developing organization manuals and/or protocols stipulating the general philosophy of MoH and serve as a guide to the understanding of service request, service delivery and the appreciation of the role of health programs in achieving its mandate
* Enhance and/or Develop digital platform that improves communication and coordination of activities between MoH and health programs. This system will empower MoH health programs liaison officers (or equivalent) in understanding ongoing activities of the health programs, identify synergies and duplication of efforts. In particular the platform shall act as an integrated control system ensuring ubiquitous (MoH and all health programs) awareness of various activities between public health stakeholders

We believe that the use of technology is fundamental in providing effective control and coordination and thus we shall promote the development (or enhancement of existing) digital platform to coordination efforts with particular focus on enhancing MoH management capacity in (a) keeping a proper balance between MoH involvement in different health programs activities (b) Scheduling various health program activities in such a manner that they support and reinforce each other and (c) integrate diverse health programs interest so that they are unified for the achievement of the overall MoH objectives.

We shall focus our activities in

Technical Assistance

* Developing a communication strategy
* Developing information sharing platform
* Stakeholder mapping – health programs (and NGOs) as related to each other and to objectives of MoH
* Formation of technical working groups that will ???

Training:

* Develop (and Provide) focused training modules MoH – Health Program Liasion officers on how to interact with health programs, provide feedback to MoH and identify synergies

Mentorship:

* Provide mentorship to MoH liaison officers on how to deal with competing interests from different health programs

Technical support (facilitate workshops):

* Ad hoc technical workshops for implementing key activities
* Manage periodic digital/virtual workshops

1. Needs identification
   1. Conduct GAP/situation Analysis (output – gap analysis report)
      1. Training needs assessments (for capacity building)
      2. Mapping out current expertise in MoH
   2. Prepare workshop to discuss gaps identified, prioritize and model solutions (EpiHack) – (Output joint proposed solutions -
      1. Develop workplan and/or implementation strategy
2. Capacity Building
   1. Develop Focus training modules (based on training needs assessment)
   2. Provide online and in person training
   3. Develop mentorship programme (For leadership, management and infectious disease response) - Identify and enroll key staff for mentorship programs, match staff to mentors, Mentors to have  bi-weekly one on one sessions with staff to advise on progress
   4. Develop short term certification programme awarded by SACIDS academic institutions ??
3. Provide Technical Assistance
   1. Develop a roaster of experts (may be called on demand)
   2. Identify and embed experts in ministry
   3. Provide implementation support and oversight to embedded experts
   4. Provide focused technical assistance (utilizing roaster of experts) via Facilitating technical workshops to assist in implementation of activities
4. Monitoring and Evaluation

We will critically evaluate the internal and external conditions that affect national infectious disease programs and other health priorities. This shall provide the knowledge to identify current opportunities and challenges to the MoH. This in turn helps with devising a strategy to empowering host MoH to lead and manage key aspects of their infectious disease portfolios as well as improve coordination between infectious disease program stakeholders.

Our approach for conducting situation analysis

* Desk research from available literature
* Prepare, test and digitize survey
* Assist host governments to Fill out surveys digital and follow up with physical interaction
* Conduct a workshop with key statkeholders to review preliminary findings of situation analysis, prioritise gaps and/or challenges and prepare strategy to address them

Expected output from situation analysis

* Training needs assessment report
* Plan of action