

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO/AFRO)

Support to NEPAD

Period of Report: 2005 to 2006

The World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa (AFRO) has been collaborating with and providing technical guidance to NEPAD:

1. AFRO contributed extensively to the NEPAD initial programme of action since its inception through various inputs from different divisions within AFRO in 2003;
2. As an outlet to forge better partnership with the African Union (AU), AFRO provided significant technical inputs into the health component of NEPAD's Health Sector Strategy document in 2004;
3. Following this, during the 53th Session of the Regional Committee AFRO organized a briefing of all Ministers of Health in the African Region on the key elements of the health component of the NEPAD Health Strategy;
4. Furthermore, in 2005, AFRO in partnership with NEPAD and the African Council for Sustainable Health Development (ACOSHED) co-hosted the African Consultation meeting on the crises facing human resource for health (HRH) in the African Region. This meeting elaborated key recommendations, including strategies and follow-up interventions to solve the HRH crises;
5. AFRO has also provided further impetus for the achievement of the objectives of the NEPAD Health Strategy in the African Region. The NEPAD Health Strategy was used as one of the important references to inform the WHO Country Cooperation Strategy document (CCS) in the 46 Member States of the African Region¹;
6. The NEPAD Health Sector Strategic document was also given extensive consideration within the WHO/AFRO strategic orientations for WHO action in the African Region 2005-2009²;
7. Overall, while there exist opportunities for enhanced collaboration between both organizations, these are mostly ad-hoc; hence the need for both organizations to develop a programme outline for enhanced consultations.

¹ WHO Country Cooperation Strategy. Liberia. WHO Regional Office for Africa. 2005-2010

² Strategic Orientations for WHO Action in the African Region. 2005-2009. World Health Organization Regional office for Africa.