

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)

Support to NEPAD

Period of Report: 2003-2004

Areas of support for NEPAD

- Facilitating and promoting South-South Cooperation;
- Promoting coordination and coherence in support of NEPAD priorities;
- Supporting and strengthening sub-regional consultation mechanisms as a vehicle for fostering collaboration and coordination for NEPAD at the regional level;
- Developing and implementing joint programs in support of NEPAD; and
- Support the NEPAD Secretariat and to African countries in developing NEPAD projects and programs.

Primary focus of activity

AFRO has been most active in promoting South-South Cooperation. AFRO's support has mainly concentrated on human resources development for health.

WHO's financial commitment to NEPAD

Individual African member states benefit from WHO's financial assistance.

Recommendations for strengthening NEPAD implementation

WHO main constraints are financial as the mandate of our Organization is to provide technical support to countries. For WHO, NEPAD should:

- assist countries and sub-regional groupings in developing sound health development plans and program and in resource mobilization;
- NEPAD should also promote health strategies and interventions of proven efficacy and efficiency; and
- NEPAD should establish an effective monitoring and evaluation system.

Additional comments

The NEPAD process should take advantage of the experience and lessons learnt from past and current initiatives in other parts of the world in order to ensure success and create confidence in the capability of Africans to promote and support their development.