



Health Financing under Pressure: Adapting to a Changing Landscape in Nepal's Transition

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Nepal is navigating a critical transition in its health financing landscape amid significant shifts in global health funding and domestic economic pressures. As Vice Chairperson of the Policy and Planning Commission, I present insights into how Nepal has responded to these evolving challenges to sustain and strengthen its health system. Over the past 18 months, reductions and reconfiguration in donor support have compelled Nepal to explore innovative strategies to mobilize additional domestic resources and optimize the allocation of existing funds. Our experience demonstrates how service delivery has been adapted—not only to maintain essential health services but, in some instances, to improve efficiency and equity. Key lessons include prioritization frameworks for treatments, projects, and programs that balance immediate health needs with long-term progress toward universal health coverage and domestic health sovereignty.

This presentation will reflect on Nepal's approach to mitigating the impacts of changing funding landscapes, highlighting the strategies that have enhanced resilience, sustained critical health services, and strengthened national capacity for autonomous health planning. By sharing these experiences, we aim to contribute actionable insights for other countries in the Global South facing similar pressures, fostering sustainable, locally driven health responses in an increasingly uncertain global funding environment.

