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IHP+ : Changing the way we work together

IHP+ is a group of partners around the world committed to improving national health systems in developing countries. National governments, civil society organisations and international development agencies all agree to work together to plan, finance and implement better health services for citizens in developing countries.

Organising and providing health care for a nation is complex. In developing countries, governments must also cope with a range of development partners, different funding streams and bureaucratic demands. Efforts can become fragmented and resources can be wasted. The valuable work of civil society organisations can be overlooked.

The Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness is a set of principles designed to make delivering aid to developing country governments more efficient. IHP+ puts this set of principles into practice in the health sector through joint planning of a national health strategy, a single monitoring and evaluation plan and a strong emphasis on partners holding each other to account.

IHP+

* A unified strategic vision for national health systems
* A forum for partners to interact and share information at the global level
* An opportunity for civil society organisations to influence the health agenda
* A better chance for citizens to be healthy and access good health services.

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The five Paris principles - ownership, alignment, harmonisation, managing for development results and mutual accountability - are changing aid practice for the better.

“We have the instruments and now we have to make them work.” Luis Riera, European Commission

 “The goal of one national health plan is as valid as ever, and the argument for IHP+ is as strong as ever.” Peter Colenso, DFID

“In Uganda, civil society organizations are increasingly recognized as partners in the health sector and IHP+ has been a positive force for this.” Evarist Kintu, Uganda

 “The JANS process significantly improved quality of the five-year health plan.” Dr Long, MOH Vietnam

“The development of the new Compact brought civil society and private sector into the discussions.” Dr Hertel, Sida Uganda