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Five minutes PPT by Lao PDR at the Pannel Discussion 1:

**“Sharing the Experience Related the Achievement and Promotion of UHC as well as
Preparation and Measures based on the Challenges”**

Outline:

- **National Health Insurance System in Lao PDR**

- **Implementation Reference of the National Health Insurance Fund.**
- **Challenges and Measures to overcome**

National Health Insurance System in 17 Provinces

➤ National Health Insurance Fund



National Health Insurance System in Vientiane Capital

1. **Social Health Insurance Fund**
2. **Community Health Insurance Treasury**
3. **Mother and Child Free Services Fund**



Social Health Insurance Fund

- **Health care support**, support on child delivery, Labor accident or labor disease, disability, labor sickness, retirement, fatality, family member of the insured person and unemployed;
- Target group: Government officer, military, police, workers in the labor agency, individual business and family member of the insured person.

Community Health Insurance Treasury

- **Health care support;**
- Target group: Citizens who have independent careers.

Mother and Child under 5 years free services Fund

- Support for Antenatal Care, child delivery and postpartum care free of charge;
- Support on treatment of children in the hospital free of charge;
- Target group: Pregnant women, postpartum mother and children under 5 years of age.

Implementation Reference of the National Health Insurance Fund

- Decree of National Health Insurance Fund, edition number 470/ລບ, on 17/10/2012.
- Universal Health Coverage is one of the key targets of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 3.8), adopted by the United Nations in 2015, which aims to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. Laos, along with other countries, is committed to achieving this goal by 2030.
- Health Insurance Strategies of 2017-2020.
- Agreement of Establishment and Movement of National Health Insurance Office, edition number 1090/ສທ, on 12 June 2018.
- Proposal for the Establishment of a Mechanism for Cash Collection, Payment, and Calculation of Service Rates for the National Health Insurance Fund (Edition Number 0476/ສທ, on 16/5/2018).
- Health Insurance Law, edition number 60/ສພຊ, on 13/12/2018.
- Record of aggregation between National Health Insurance office and Department of Political Affairs for the Prevention of Peace and Order, edition number 1680/ຫກບຊ on 05/07/2019.
- Health coverage is one of 11 Health indicators that the National Congress approved in 2020.
- Health Reform phase III (2021-2025) aims is to achieve the universal health coverage (UHC).

Challenges

- ❑ **Health insurance:** Insufficient of fund from domestic resources, lack of human resources and capacity, ineffective fund management; NHIB still in need of capable staff, particularly in remote areas, lack of medical supplies and citizens are still not fully aware on their entitlement to the NHI benefit packages.

Measures to overcome

- ❖ Amendment of NHI laws and sub-legislation
- ❖ Development of E-Claim system.
- ❖ Issuance of NHI membership card in some selected provinces.
- ❖ Establish the NHI fund to allow those who have capacity to contribute more ensuring the financial sustainability.
- ❖ Strengthen NHI verification at local level.
- ❖ Provision of NHI benefit to the poor.
- ❖ Awareness raising.

Thank You Very Much

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