**WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Insurance Governance and Services**

**Collaborating Centres**

**Annual Report**

**KOR-109**

**1. Describe progress made on the agreed work plan.**

**For each activity, detail (1) the actions taken, (2) the outputs delivered, as well as (3) any difficulties that may have been encountered. Three responses are expected. [maximum 200 words per activity]. Indicate, if an activity has been**

**completed previously, has not yet started or has been placed on hold.**

**Activity 1**

**Support for development and governance of health financing arrangements**

In series of WHO Headquarters efforts, Dr. Inke Mathauer suggested NHIS to collaborate with her research on digital technologies for health financing. Thanks to Ms. Yeri Kim, the first second from NHIS and Ms. Ding Wang, the joint research was on the table. It would be inseparable to discuss the success of early achievement of UHC in ROK without its digital technologies and data management. WHO CC HIGS (Health Insurance Governance and Service) had participated with the research from the beginning to design the concept note. The detailed research area was selected and sorted together with officers from NHIS.

DT research was launched in April with Health Insurance Review Assessment(HIRA) and Korea Health Industry Development Institute. WHO CC HIGS had tried to support the research with the various internal informants’ interviews and sharing documents which were limited to the public. NHIS internal experts in the related area had reviewed the report. The final report has been reviewed with Dr. Soonman Kwon at the moment.

**Activity 2**

**Provide training in development and governance of health financing arrangements**

The 2022 NHIS UHC Global Academy(NUGA), as known as the 19th Capacity Building Program on Social Health Insurance was held from October 31 to November 3, 2022. It was a virtual training program convened in collaboration with partners, Ministry of Health and Welfare(MOHW) of Korea, WHO Western Pacific Regional Office(WPRO), the World Bank(WB), and COVAX.

2022 NUGA had started its very first step working closely with WHO WPRO from setting agenda in concerning areas to finalize the concept note. By WHO WPRO’ collaboration, the agenda of “Increasing Health System Performance in The Post-Pandemic Era: Focusing on Primary Healthcare” was drafted to emphasize strengthening primary care would be the key of UHC, and pandemic to endemic.

NUGA was able to have a pleasant beginning with the opening speech from Dr. Lluis Vinyals Torres and following first lecture delivered from Ms. Ding Wang, which gained the highest survey response from the domestic participants, and second lecture from Dr. Aniz Kazi. Thanks to WHO WPRO’ overall support, 9 lectures and one discussion were successfully delivered by wonderful colleagues from the whole globe to 80 participants from 18 countries and 47 participants from domestic.

Participants’ reflections on NUGA had showed that overall objectives were achieved throughout the 4-day program. Almost half of participants left additional comments to show gratitude for the event.

**2. Annual report on other activities requested**

**Should WHO have requested activities in addition to the agreed workplan, please describe related actions taken by your institution [maximum 200 words]. Please do not include in this report any activity done by your institution that was not requested by and agreed with WHO.**

NHIS had virtually participated to the Fourth Regional Forum of WHO Collaborating Centres in the Western Pacific. The forum was convened from 28 to 29 November, 2022, Siem Reap, Cambodia, under the vision of ‘For the Future: Towards the Healthiest and Safest Region’.

Since this year forum was convened on the ground in 3 years after the advent of COVID-19, NHIS had hoped to attend at the actual venue to interact with more than 190 WHO CCs in the region. Despite of NHIS’ circumstances, it had put its effort to engage with the meetings held before and after the main forum.

The forum was a venue to deepen understanding for WHO CCs to how to collaborate with WHO. Furthermore, it brought us abundant perspectives in public health challenges in country, regional and global levels thanks to WHO WPRO dedication.

**3. Resources**

**Indicate staff time spent on the implementation of activities agreed with**

**WHO (i.e. those mentioned in questions no. 1 and no. 2 above). Do not**

**include any data related to other activities done by your institution without**

**the agreement of WHO. Please indicate staff time using the number of “fullday**

**equivalents” – a day of work comprising 8 hours (e.g. 4 hours work per**

**day for 7 days should be recorded as 3.5 full-day equivalents).**

Supervisor TOR 1 and 2

Dr. Sang-Baek Chris Kang 1 full-day equivalent

PM TOR 1 & 2 on administration

Ms. Mi-Kyong Kim 1 full-day equivalent

PM

TOR 1 Dr. Yang-Hee Kim 1 full-day equivalent

TOR 2 Mr. Hyunjin Cho 3.5 full-day equivalents

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TOR 1 Ms. In Kim 3.5 full-day equivalents

TOR 2 Ms. In Kim 3.5 full-day equivalents

**Implementation of the agreed workplan activities (i.e. those mentioned in**

**questions no. 1 and no. 2 above) normally require resources beyond staff time,**

**such as the use of laboratory facilities, purchasing of materials, travel,**

**etc. Please estimate the costs of these other resources as a percentage of**

**the total costs incurred (e.g. if you incurred costs of USD 100 and the value**

**of your staff time was USD 50 which makes the total of USD 150, please**

**report 33.3% and 66.7%).**

Staff time 67.4% Other resources 32.6%

**4. Networking**

**Describe any interactions or collaboration with other WHO Collaborating Centres in the context of the implementation of the agreed activities If you are part of a network of WHO Collaborating Centres, please also mention the name of the network and describe your involvement in that network [maximum 200 words].**

Special Seminar was held under the theme of ‘WHO and Healthcare Diplomacy: WHO Governance After COVID-19’ on 28th October 2022. Asian Institute for Bioethics and Health Law(AIBHL)-the chair of the alliance for WHO CC’s in Korea of 2022, and graduate school of public health of Yonsei University, had jointly conducted the seminar. It was co-hosted by the alliance for WHO CC’s in Korea and Korean Society of Global Health. It had shared hands-on experiences at the WHO. Firstly, Ms. Min Won Lee, permanent mission of the ROK in Geneva, presented WHO’s major issues and health cooperation. Dr. Jia Han, former WHO headquarter manager, introduced her view as an employee of WHO. At the last, Dr. Ki Dong Park, director of WHO WPRO, virtually delivered WPRO and republic of Korea’s health diplomacy.

After the seminar, the alliance run parallel session which was the annual regular meeting for the alliance for WHO CCs. Dr. Sang-Baek Chris Kang and Ms. In Kim had participated at the venue on behalf of WHO CC HIGS. Most CCs were engaged on site and rest of them attended via videoconference. The Alliance had discussed for the forum attendance and future operation for the alliance.