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Guidance on Identifying new Public Health Midwife (PHM) areas

Achievement of national health targets relies on the strength of the grassroot level health work force. Family Health Programme is implemented across multiple levels in the health system and lowest is the Public Health Midwife (PHM) area where many population level health interventions are implemented. In order to improve the quality coverage of public health services number of PHM areas need to be reviewed periodically.

Over the years, the anticipated service coverage improvement in newly demarcated PHM areas has not been observed. With economic downturn and the resulting consequences, the limited resources need to be utilized with maximum service efficiency. Due to the lack of streamlined process of getting adequate cadre for medical officer of health areas, there are frequent discrepancies between vacant PHM areas and cadre availability.

Family Health Bureau with the support of stakeholders has developed a guideline on identifying new PHM areas. We hope that this guideline will be used to identify new areas and improve service provision.


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