An Overview of the State of Health in Pakistan

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Millennium Development Goals

- Pakistan is not on track to achieve most health related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- Pakistan lags behind other South Asian countries in majority of the health indicators
- Within the country, inequalities exist at the regional level

Pertinent facts...

- Pakistan has the 8th highest newborn death rate in the world (Unicef, 2009)
- Almost 1 in every 10 children born in Pakistan between 2001-2007 died before reaching five years of age
- Women in Pakistan run a 1 in 80 chance of dying of maternal causes during reproductive life

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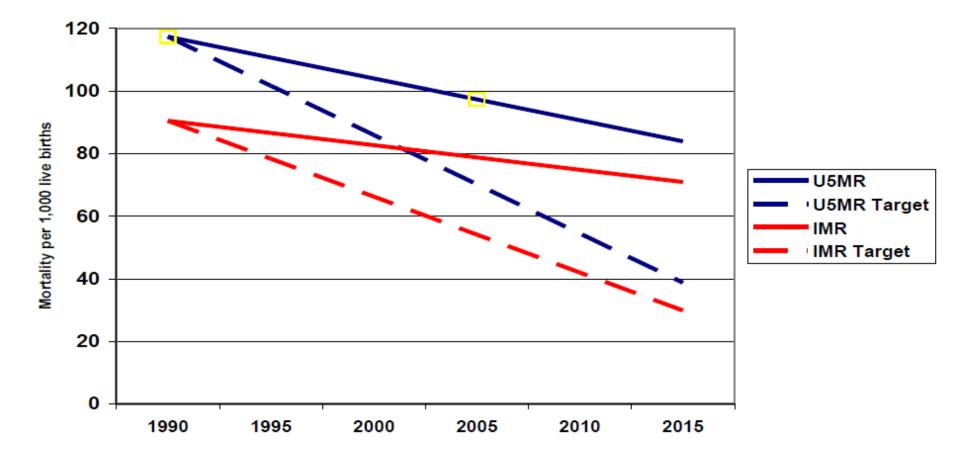
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Immunization-DPT (among 1-yr-olds %)	54	86	69	95	70	72	86	99	43	82
Immunization- measles (among 1- yr-olds %)	50	82	65	94	56	74	88	99	57	86
Fertility rate, total (births per woman)		3.4		2.2		2.6		2.3		2.7
Life expectancy at birth (years)		65. 2		68.6		65.1		74.7		68.4

Source: WHO MDG Database

Projections of U5MR and IMR to 2015 Compared to the MDG Targets (Based on PDHS Data)



Source: DHS 1990-91 and 2006-07. (WB, 2010)

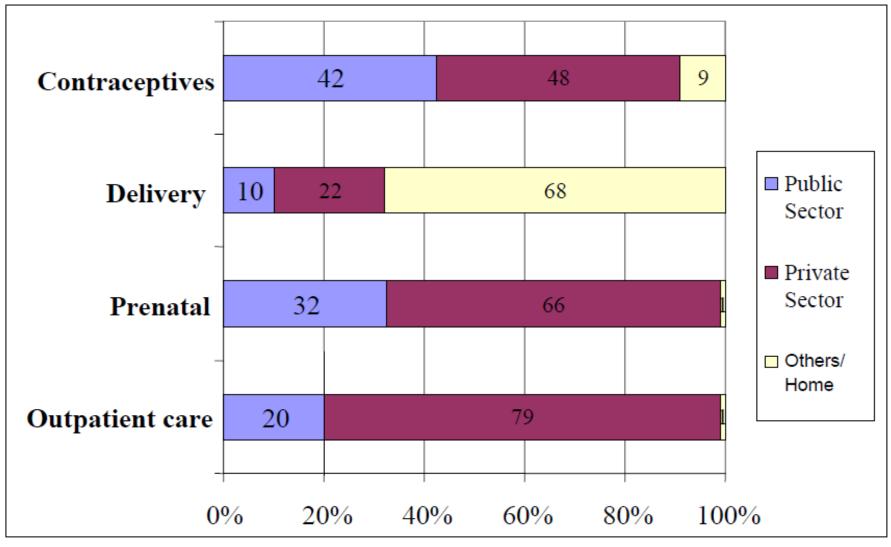
Millennium development Goals contd.

- Some improvement in the reduction of Maternal Mortality Ratio (per 100,000 births)
 – Declined from 533 in 1990-91 to 276 in 2006-07
- Declining trend in the share of deliveries attended by skilled personnel
- High fertility rates with low contraceptive usage

The landscape of public health service delivery

- The Rural-Urban divide
 - The full immunization rates in the rural areas of Punjab (82%), KPK (73%), Sindh (53%) & Balochistan (49%)
 - <u>Slide 11</u>, <u>Slide 12</u>
- Rural poor versus the urban poor
- Inter-district gaps more pronounced than provincial level variation
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Coverage of Selected Health Service by Public and Private Providers In Pakistan 2006-2007



Source: PSLSMS, 2006-07 (WB, 2010)

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Health as a Provincial Subject

- Devolution of powers in 2001: decentralization of health services and the creation of the district health system
- 18th Amendment: devolution of the MoH

 Implications for National Health Policy
 Ownership of vertical programs
- Opportunity or burden for the provinces?

Health Financing in Pakistan

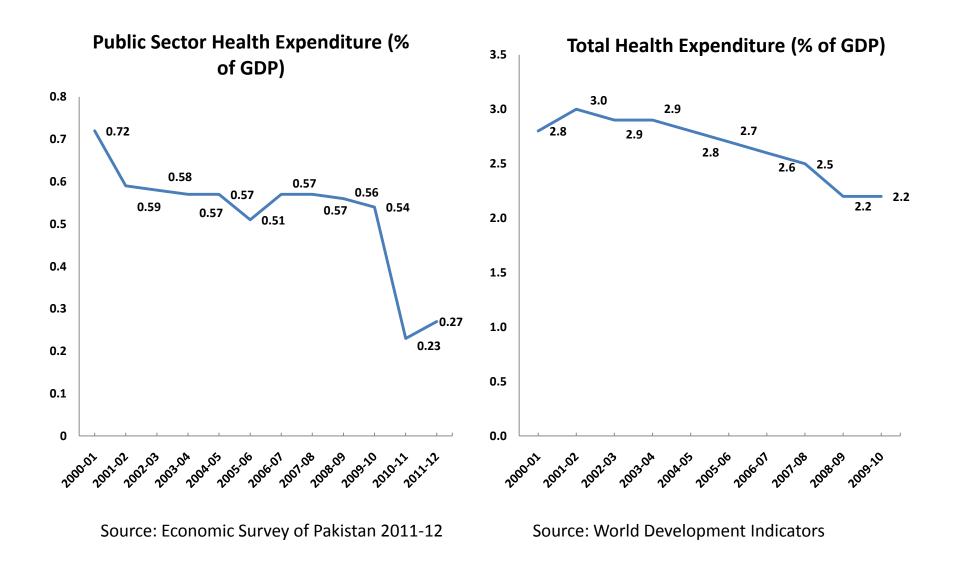
- Health financing is one of the key functions of a health system (WHO, 2000)
- In 2005/06, Total Health Expenditure was less than Rs. 1020 (US\$ 15) per capita, an extremely low level of expenditure by international standards
- Overall skewed health expenditure (Primary vs. Tertiary)
- Public-private mix in health financing
 - Public expenditure slightly more than a third of total health expenditure
 - Out-of-pocket payments represent the highest share of total health expenditure

Expenditure on Health

	Pakistan	Bangladesh	India	Sri Lanka	Nepal
Year	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010
Health Expenditure (% of GDP)	2.2	3.5	4.1	2.9	5.5
Public Health Expenditure (% of GDP)	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.8
Private Health Expenditure (% of Total Health Exp.)	61.5	66.4	70.8	55.3	66.8
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Source: (WDI, 2012)

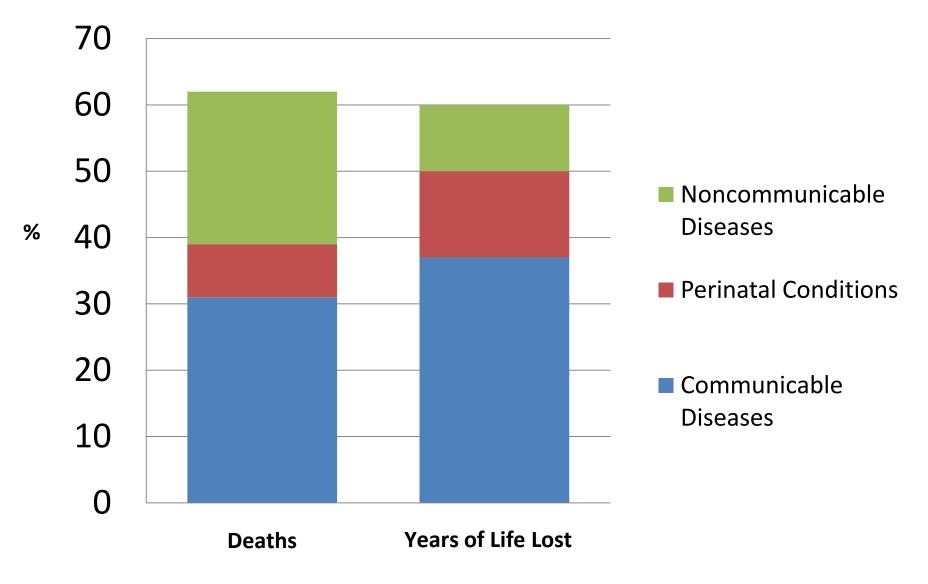
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Burden of Disease

- Pakistan is going through an epidemiological transition that subjects it to a *double burden* of disease (WB, 2010)
- Communicable diseases combined with maternal and perinatal conditions account for more than fifty percent of the burden
- The second burden is of chronic, noninfectious diseases

Burden of Disease in Pakistan



Source: World Health Statistics 2006 (WHO)

Selective National Health Programs

• Number of Health Programs underway:

- National Polio Eradication Program
- National Tuberculosis Control Program
- National Program for Family Planning and Primary Health Care

Areas for Health Reform in Pakistan

<u>Some Goals</u>:

- Accelerating the decline of IMR, U5MR, maternal mortality, fertility
 - Improving nutritional status in children
- Addressing Communicable Diseases (CDs) effectively

Immediate Action:

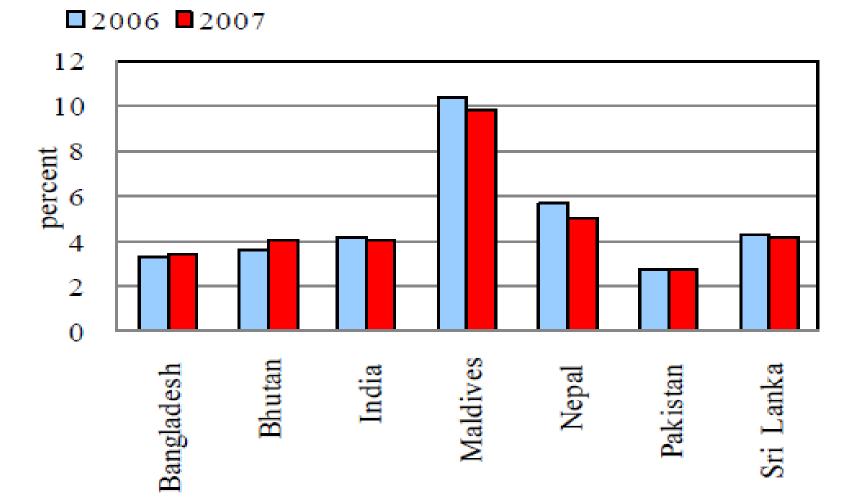
- Increase the share of expenditure on health
- Curbing the impoverishing impact of illness
 - Health Insurance
- Improved health monitoring and evaluation

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Gaps in Financing of Health Expenditure in Pakistan (Might not include this slide)

- Sources of financing
 - *Public:* funded from general revenue pool with limited mobilization capacity; organization of government spending and allocation responsibilities
 - *Private:* actors funding include households, employers and non-profit institutions; services targeted mainly towards the urban sector; out-of-pocket payments

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