

***NATIONAL HEALTH ACCOUNTS
(NHA)***

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NHA constitute a systematic, comprehensive and consistent monitoring of resource flows in a country's health system for a given period and reflect the main functions of health care financing:

resource mobilization & allocation, pooling and insurance, purchasing of care and the distribution of benefits

NHA is a tool designed to assist policy makers in their efforts to understand their health systems and to improve health system performance, the NHA survey covered the different contributors to the health sector financing such as the private sector, NGOs, Health Insurance and the employers

They address a basic set of questions:

- Where do the resources come from?
- Where do the resources go?
- What kinds of services and goods do they purchase?
- Who provides what services?
- What inputs are used for providing services?
- Whom do they benefit?

- NHA provides evidence to monitor trends in health spending for all sectors including public and private, different health care activities , providers , diseases, population groups and regions in a country.

- It helps in developing national strategies for effective health financing and in raising additional funds for health. Information can be used to make financial projections of a country's health system requirements and compare their own experiences with the past or with those of other countries.

it is the first time for Iraq producing the National Health Accounts Report.

The ministry of health in Iraq with WHO and ministry of health in Kurdistan started the project of National health accounts in Iraq and Kurdistan region

National Health Account survey was successfully completed on September 2010, the Ministry of Health with support from WHO entered and analyses the data on international principles and methods.

The work started in October 2009 by conducting many capacity building activities for ministry of health officials at the central and the governorates level in the 18 governorates. This was preceded by developing NHA survey tools. The training workshops started in all governorates of Iraq according to schedule done by MOH in Iraq dividing Iraq to group of governorates in south in middle and Kurdistan region (Erbil, Sulimaniyah, duhok governorates) with Mosul and Kirkuk governorate.

The workshop started in MOH Kurdistan in April 2010 for 5 days the training team was from Baghdad ministry of Health. different forms of Governorate health faculties (hospital, PHC, specialized medical centers, health insurance clinics, afternoon medical clinics) private medical clinics, dental clinics, pharmacies, laboratories) UN organizations that support directorates of health and their preventive programs also nongovernmental organizations and factories that had health insurance for their workers were involved in survey.

The survey started in all Iraq and Kurdistan region in beginning of July 2010 each governorate with team (doctor, statistician, and accountant)

At the end of July supervisors team from MOH Baghdad visited 3 governorates and checked the forms in randomized selected health facilities, private facilities, UN organization, nongovernmental organization with survey team continue their work for 10 days and all survey forms were took to the MOH in Baghdad to be processed and analyzed for final report

- Final report of NHA survey supposed to be published in November 2010 but it not published yet

FINANCING FLOW IN THE HEALTH SYSTEM

