

The report on the Third Intercountry Workshop on the Child Health Policy Initiative (CHPI), held in Tunis, Tunisia, from 10 to 13 December 2006, is now available on-line. Information on the workshop was posted on this website on 4 February 2007. The report, after an overview of the regional Child Health Policy Initiative (CHPI), describes the experience gained in each of the three phases of CHPI, namely the situation analysis, the development of the policy document and its official adoption. As the situation analysis is described in detail in the reports on the previous two workshops on CHPI, in the Regional Office document “Development of National Child Health Policy—Phase I: The Situation Analysis” and in country documents, this report provides more information on the development of the policy document, describing the process, the prioritization of the policy issues, the concept of “effective policy”—a policy with a higher potential to be implemented and produce the desired outcome—and the document structure. As Tunisia has been the first country in the Region to finalize and launch a national child health policy, its experience throughout the process is highlighted as are key lessons learned on CHPI. The report also provides brief updates on Regional Office work in child health, namely the development of the regional training materials on “Counselling on infant and young child feeding” and the IMCI pre-service training evaluation guide.

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