

The "Guide to planning for implementation of IMCI at district level " is designed to assist health officials responsible for planning for the implementation of IMCI (Integrated Management of Child Health) at district level. Developed by the Regional Office and based on a rich country experience, the Guide describes in detail the steps of the preparatory phase (from data collection to situation analysis and capacity building at district level), the district planning workshop and monitoring of the implementation of the plans of action developed, including a list of key indicators. It covers the three components of IMCI, human resource development, health system strengthening and improving child care community practices. Emphasis is given also to planning for monitoring and documentation. As such, this document serves as a useful guide to planning for primary child health care related activities and even for other programme areas at district level. A library of tools, widely used and tested in some countries in the Region, is provided in the Guide. A companion CD comes with the printed publication, containing the orientation package, tools for data collection and templates used during the district planning workshop, as a resource for countries to adapt as needed and use. The Guide has been extensively reviewed by a group of experts with longstanding field experience from many countries in the Region and from WHO, who have served as regional resource persons in the area of IMCI. It has already been introduced to national coordinators from six countries in the Region (Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen) in a planning workshop in Suez, Egypt, in February 2008. The electronic version of the Guide can be downloaded from here

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