



Session IV: Health

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Brief summary of the 3 papers discussed in the First Dialogue

- Two papers on pandemic control systems
 - Public health issues
 - Experience with H1N1
 - Issues we need to be concerned about
 - Need for a surveillance and response system
 - Effective utilization of data
 - Systems only tested in emergencies, do not work properly
 - Are we spending enough?

Third paper (mine)

- One paper on health care provision and financing
 - More on financing than provision
 - Discusses Chilean system and whether it is «exportable» or not.
- A Mandatory insurance system with a pillar for the poor
 - Does it work for poorer countries?
 - Is it too expensive?

Some thoughts

- Make markets work for you
 - Use prices for the better off
- Subsidies can be explicit or implicit
 - Key is whether you want to guarantee treatment
 - Which treatments you want to guarantee (AUGE)
- Structure the insurance system in such a way that the public sector can concentrate on the poor

Lessons from first dialogue

- Too many topics
 - If yes, then which?
 - Public health?
 - HC financing?
 - HC provision?
 - Other?
- Very little time
- More selective on topics?
- More time?
 - Other forms of discussion?

Lessons....?

- Do we want to concentrate on the current problems?
- Or anticipate problems of countries growing at great speed?
 - Do we think ahead on the needs of the middle class?
 - Politically key

Conclusion

- I propose to discuss how to best push the dialogue forward by focusing on:
 - Selection of the Topics to Discuss
 - The Modality of the Discussion
 - The Time Allocated to the Discussion
- My personal vote is to:
 - concentrate on the future
 - Discuss what the health system should look like in 10/20 years time.
 - Have virtual discussion preceding the actual meeting
 - Have more time for the discussion at the meeting