

## APPENDIX 2

### Post-conflict workshops — 1998/1999

#### *April 1998 workshop*

In April 1998, a meeting was held at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) to explore the challenges and opportunities in the 'post'-conflict health sector. The meeting, attended by 25 experienced professionals in health policy and planning in post-conflict situations, identified several strategic areas that need to be addressed by countries emerging from conflict:

- a need to maximise the inputs from international donors to the formulation and development of health policy;
- a process to support the development of a clear conceptual framework to guide health system development as countries emerge from conflict; this should be informed by multidisciplinary approaches to understanding the wider context and consequences for health;
- involvement of a wide range of stakeholders in a participatory and transparent process to identify needs and priorities and consider alternative models and approaches to health system development;
- greater clarity regarding the potential opportunities, limitations and constraints operating upon the range of different stakeholders (government at central and local level, UN agencies, NGOs, traditional, public and private sector providers) in financing, providing and overseeing health service provision;
- the need to promote evidence-based policy and planning to ensure that more good than harm results from interventions proposed and that resources are used as equitably and efficiently as possible.

As an outcome of the workshop, a process was put in place to take forward further study and consideration of these issues, to include both those who attended the April 1998 workshop and an invitation to a wider group of researchers and representatives from the countries undergoing recovery to participate. A proposal with three consecutive phases was developed during the April 1998 meeting with input from all the participants.

#### *Phase I: July 1998 - February 1999*

The objectives of the initial phase were to identify key themes and gaps emerging from the existing literature and commissioned case studies, to identify other relevant initiatives in this area, and to organise a two day meeting in London of steering committee members to decide on next steps. The key outputs of the initial phase were to:

- produce a brief report describing key themes and issues emerging from the literature
- commission a set of country and issue papers which could inform the next phases of the proposed project
- produce an inventory of relevant initiatives in this area
- produce a draft proposal of the key areas identified and agreed by the steering committee at a meeting organised by the LSHTM.
- The World Bank provided funding for the first stage of the proposal. Coordination and planning for this phase was extended, with the Bank's approval (letter of 20 November 1998) from end October to early February 1999.

In preparation for the meeting on the 4-5 February 1999, a series of issue papers were commissioned from selected authors, some of whom had been participants in the April 1998 workshop.

#### *February 1999 workshop:*

The second workshop on *Post-conflict health policy and planning frameworks*, organised by the Health Policy Unit, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), was held in London on the 4-5 February, 1999. The objectives of the meeting were:

- to examine the issues and challenges related to health and health sector interventions in post-conflict situations, in part based on those identified in the commissioned case studies;
- to determine the potential direction and process for further collaboration in research and policy development.