

6TH April 2022

Dear Esteemed Member,

RE: NATIONAL HEALTH ACCOUNTS (NHA) STUDY 2018/2019 AND 2019/2020

The World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Ministry of Health through the Economic Planning Unit has commissioned a study on the use and efficiency of Eswatini health system. The National Health Accounts (NHA) are spearheading this exercise. Their task is to ensure that there is a systematic, comprehensive, and consistent monitoring of resource flows within the health system over a defined period of time. NHA are designed to capture the full range of information contained in these resource flows and to reflect the main functions of health care financing: resource mobilization and allocation, pooling and insurance, purchasing of care, and the distribution of benefits. Once this exercise is complete this information, will guide the policy process and inform decision makers.

Against this backdrop Business Eswatini urges its membership to participate in this very important exercise. Our health system as a country is in dire straits due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This global exercise will attract external assistance from donor agencies and in turn enhance our health care system.

Please be assured that this information will be used for external purposes only and its proprietary integrity will be protected at all times. This information will be used for budget and policy decisions. Data collectors will be visiting your companies for data collection. Questionnaires will be sent via email before the visit. The exercise covers financial years 2018/19 and 2019/20

Your cooperation and participation during this study will be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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ANNEXURE

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED

Research Questions to be answered

- a) What % of GDP is spend on health
- b) What is the per capital health spending by source
- c) Who pays for health in the country (sources);
- d) What is the private health sector contribution to THE
- e) How is health care paid for? (schemes)
- f) How are the funds mobilized for health spending? How are the funds managed?
- g) What services are we buying with the funds (outpatient, inpatient, etc)
- h) What inputs are utilized in the provision of health care
- i) Are we getting value for money?
- j) What are the implications of the health financing landscape on financial sustainability

Employer Questionnaires

- a) Ownership status (parastatal, private, etc.)
- b) Principal activity of company
- c) Whether the company is self-insured (covers employee health expenses directly) or pays an external health insurance company or simply contributes to a public health insurance program
- d) Number of employees covered by insurance and whether dependents are included
- e) What health services are covered?
- f) Total amount firm paid for benefits during reporting period
- g) Whether employees contribute to health insurance; if so, how much?
- h) Whether any other govt. or org. contributes to health care benefits provided by firm
- i) Whether firm reimbursed employees for medical expenses they incurred. If so, how much?
- j) How much does firm reimburse to private and public facilities?
- k) Does firm provide on-site services. If so, what are they? Does any other NGO make contributions to these services?