

**Health Service Delivery using  
Primary Health Care Strategy:  
A move from service delivery to  
a development approach**

## Basic Health Services

In Myanmar Health System, basic health care services provided by basic health staff are playing vital role in health development of community. Aiming to achieve universal access to health care services, yearly expansion of health infrastructure and community based health workforce in terms of basic health staff and voluntary health workers i.e. community health workers and auxiliary midwives have been done according to the National Health Plan.

Basic health staff have been providing maternal and child health care, nutrition promotion, school health, environmental health, expanded programme of immunization and activities for controlling diseases, such as TB, Malaria, HIV/AIDS, Leprosy, and other communicable diseases, including emergency response in case of disaster. They also have to collect data on health and health related information and to report monthly for monitoring, supervision and mid-year and yearly evaluation.

Basic health service section, public health division of department of health is responsible for administration, management, implementation, supervision, monitoring and evaluation of health care activities especially for rural areas through primary health care approach. Shifting the focus to improving quality from that on quantity, trainings including refresher trainings for basic health staff as well as for Community Health Workers have been provided with the aim to strengthening the capacity building programme. Supply and equipment like RHC kits and kits for Health Assistants, Public Health Supervisor Grade I, Public Health Supervisor Grade II and Community Health Worker are also provided.

As effective supervision and monitoring by responsible persons from State/Regional Health Departments are also important for improving the performance of Basic Health Services, BHS section has provided supports to State/Regional Health Departments for effective supervision, monitoring and evaluation.