

Goals of producing a NHA Guide

- **To provide a resource that allows NHA teams to take advantage of the experience of those who have already embarked on NHA exercises**
 - **operative: how to do it, do it yourself**
 - **a framework: each NHA exercise should be a model of the health system under analysis**
 - **clear potential links to decision making: NHA is the “political arithmetic” applied to health systems**



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To begin a dialogue that can lead to international standards in health expenditure measurement

- Shortage of skilled resources: to promote a critical mass in the field**
 - Satellite accounts proposal not operational yet and lacked a specific framework**
 - NHA experience to date: different approaches, no comparable results**
 - National conditions are highly heterogeneous: no unique universal path**
 - Comparability is searched: measuring procedures, classifications, taxonomy, etc**
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Differences about health systems in the world

- **Complexity of structure and dynamics**
 - **Role of other governmental institutions than the MoH**
 - **Reliance upon out-of-pocket spending (lower prepayment schemes, frequently less predominance of governments)**
 - **Increase of private schemes & public-private mixes**
 - **Role of external funding**
 - **Role of traditional medicine & informal arrangements**
 - **Needs of expansion of infrastructure (investments)**
 - **Regulatory and stewardship strength by MoH**
- **Policy concerns: not homogeneous interest on NHA**
- **Resources**



Differences in health information systems in the world

- **Tradition in social accounting**
- **Completeness of social statistical databases**
- **Heterogeneous operation of SNA93**
- **Heterogeneous focus: health reform & decentralization processes**
- **Early use of distributions among population groups (NHA-equity)**
- **Greater likelihood of NHA staff coming from other than a statistical/accounting background**



Experience in implementation: continuous learning process

- **Earlier drafts: USAID & Asia/ Pacific trainers**
- **Content and approach tested in training courses in LAC**
- **Middle-stage draft: Harvard courses and among selected experts and users (SEARO, WPRO, AFRO, EMRO, AMRO, USAID, WB, OECD, etc)**
- **Once released: used in training activities in WPRO, EMRO, AFRO, SEARO and by Asia/ Pacific trainers**
- **In use in countries: first and subsequent rounds of NHA**
- **Too early to assess results**

