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Making economic sense of common problems

Towards an IGFR system that supports the implementation of the NHI

Summary discussion

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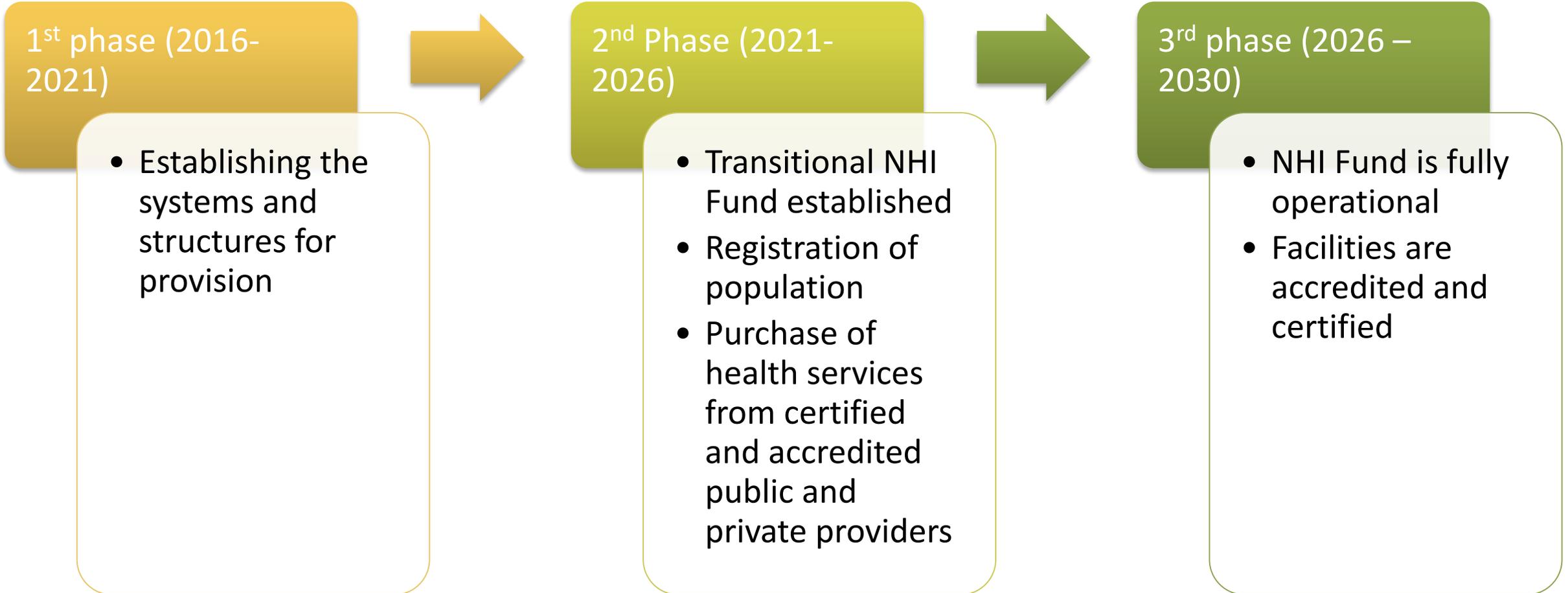
Are we marathon runners or sprinters?



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Three phases of implementation



Main themes and questions

What are the objectives of the NHI?

Are the objectives of the NHI sufficiently clear?

How are these objectives achieved?

Under the NHI, what are we delivering?
Who delivers what? Where is provision located? How is provision governed?

Where are we now?

How is the public health system and funding arrangements organised how?
What is working and what isn't working?
Why is it not working?

How do we fund and finance the NHI?

Who makes decisions around funding? How do we fund the NHI? How to we create a IGFR system that supports the NHI?

Are the objectives of the NHI sufficiently clear?

- There have been extensive consultations on the NHI
- Green and White Papers issued as part of the policy making process
 - Some confusion on the extent to which NHI will achieve UHC
- Key question: are the objectives sufficiently clear to guide the implementation of the White Paper?
 - This has implications for the IGR and IGFR system and how we transition from the current to the desired state

How are these objectives achieved?

- Moving into an implementation planning process
- Implementation planning will happen in a constrained fiscal space
- The maturity of the IGR system plays an important role in the implementation planning process
 - Need for vibrant discussions between provinces and national government around the implementation planning
 - Assessment of capacity at provincial and district level
- Lessons from other countries
 - Long and complicated process, but the complexity can be managed
 - False starts happen, and are part of the learning process

Where are we now?

- Diagnosis of what is and not working in the current health system
 - Governance arrangements
 - Service provision (efficiency, value for money)
 - Different and varied capacity to deliver health services across provinces and districts
- Detailed information on why certain aspects of the public health system are not working
- What capacity exists to fix what is not working in the short, medium and long term?

How we fund and finance the NHI?

- Sources of funding
 - Taxes (general, payroll taxes)
 - Contribution
- Intergovernmental fiscal transfers and provider fees or reimbursements
 - Do we need change the design of the IGFR to accommodate the NHI or do we need to change the NHI to accommodate the IGFR system?
 - Constitutional changes
 - Legislative changes

An agenda moving forward

- Learning from SA's own experience in terms of IGFR
- Learning from international experience
- Making better use of IGR/IGFR Forums and Structures
- Dialogue and engagements between key role players

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