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# Working Group 1: Assessing Need and Feasibility of Vouchers

# Assumptions

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- **Basic health priorities are identified**
- **A health need is established**
- **There is a need for a different programme/ scheme to meet this health need**
- **Is a Voucher Scheme the right thing to do?....is it the “right option”?**

# Needs Assessment – Demand Side

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- **Health seeking behaviour**
  - Awareness
  - Unmet need
- **Utilisation patterns**
- **Ability and willingness to pay**
- **Why are the services not being availed?**  
**Price, information, etc.**

# Needs Assessment

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- **Disconnect between demand and supply**

# Feasibility

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- **Supply side**
  - **Public and private**
  - **Current load – under-utilised/ over-utilised**
  - **Quality**
  - **Accessibility**
  - **Credibility**
  - **Range of services – are the priority services provided (in terms of meeting the health objectives)?**

# Feasibility

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- **Government priority**
  - **Political and Executive ownership**
  - **Level of funding**
    - **Adequate funding – time horizon and scale**
  - **Financial “Sustainability”**
  - **Cost of implementation/ management**
  - **Appropriate Voucher Management Agency (VMA)**

# Aims and Goals of the Programme

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- **Behaviour Change tool or Long term financing tool?**
- **Precursor to health insurance?**

**Thank you**

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