

*Navigating Chaos to Good Governance;
On Becoming a Modern Health System Regulator*

Case Study: Regulating the Private Health Sector in Afghanistan

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Abstract

Afghanistan is transitioning from a system in which government provides services to one in which government is the regulator of a changing public health care system and a new emerging private health sector. In the years since the Taliban era ended, the Government of Afghanistan has taken many steps to encourage the development of a market economy and in 2012 its Cabinet passed a law to regulate the private health sector. This law empowered and directed the Ministry of Public Health, (MoPH) to undertake the regulatory functions of licensing, setting standards, monitoring, evaluating performance of private health actors and enforcing the law with sanctions. To implement this new law, many of the departments of the MoPH will have to develop new procedures and forms and undertake additional or new regulatory functions. In accordance with the current national health policy objective of good governance, these new procedures and functions must reflect good governance and rule of law principles. Since last year, Professor Forzley has been working as a consultant and legal advisor to assist the Afghanistan MoPH to implement the new law in accordance with rule of law and good governance principles.

Her presentation will cover a background on Afghanistan, its health system and the new private sector, the main functions of the new law, how procedures and systems are being developed to reflect good governance principle and future planned work.

Biography

Professor Forzley is an international health law practitioner specializing in health sector reform through the lens of governance and rule of law, legislative drafting and implementation, anticorruption, and IP and medicines access. Her clients include the World Bank, WHO, PEPFAR/SCMS, USG, ministries of health, and NGOs. Professor Forzley holds a JD from New England Law in Boston and a MPH from Johns Hopkins in Baltimore.