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## Comprehensive and Integrated Planning and Reporting

In line with the Public Finance Management Act, Treasury requires the DOH to plan and report on all activities funded by it. District managers must plan for, and report on, activities for which they are directly responsible, which are all those funded through the District Health Services (DHS) budget programme. This includes services provided by municipalities and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) with DOH subsidies or grants.

Treasury also requires that plans and reports include district health services funded by municipalities and capital and repairs work undertaken by the Department of Public Works.

From a health planning viewpoint, it is also necessary to describe the relationship with other government-funded health services in the plans and reports. These include DOH referral hospitals and contracted tuberculosis (TB) and psychiatric hospitals situation in the district.

Relationships with private health providers should also be described, particularly if public/private partnerships are planned or in place.

District health planning should also serve to integrate the plans of different health programmes (e.g. TB and maternal, child and women's health; different services (e.g., Pharmacy), different management structures (e.g., district hospitals and transport); and different disciplines (e.g., medical and finance)<sup>2</sup>.

District health plans and reports, therefore, aim to cover all aspects of health care to try to ensure that resources are used equitably, effectively and efficiently.

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<sup>2</sup> The usefulness of planning in promoting integration is described in Chapter 4 of the *Handbook for District Managers*.