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## BACKGROUND

- *Department of Health of the Philippines has shown strong commitment to a more integrated approach to address PSCM challenges.*
- *One challenge is how to ensure ongoing PSCM improvements at the local government unit (LGU) level beyond the project development life cycle.*
- *A consensus building approach, key informant interviews, focus groups and learning sessions were used to engage stakeholders from levels of **government, implementing partners and academia***
- *Supported by USAID, MTaPS worked with stakeholders to develop the PSCM Local Technical Assistance Providers Scheme (LTAPS) for LGUs to meet this aim.*

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## RESULTS AT THIS STAGE

- *Agreed on the following objectives for LTAPS graduates:*
  - *Advocate with LGU leaders for improved understanding of PSCM development*
  - *Assess PSCM services at the LGU level against a defined end state*
  - *Develop LGU PSCM improvement plans specific to the LGU*
- *Support LGU in the change management process.*
- *A four-phased approach was agreed to achieve this:*
  - *Advocacy and engagement*
  - *LTAPS Program materials development-ToolKit (using PtD STEP 2.0 as a basis)*
  - *Delivery of LTAPS program*
  - *Integration of program into local institutions*

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## CONCLUSIONS

- *For universal health coverage to be a reality, mature PSCM systems need to be in place.*
- *We need to focus on initiatives that build up supply chain leaders with the change management skills needed to make a difference in their local context.*
- *LTAPS approach developed in the Philippines demonstrates that through a consensus building approach solutions with the potential for lasting impact are possible.*

## LESSONS LEARNT

- *Plan with final sustainability in mind*
- *The journey to a capacity development solution is just as important as the final product*
- *Development of immature PSCM systems takes a coordinated effort that needs time to complete*

# Open Café – Questions

- *Any points of clarification?*
- *How are you engaging with local capacity development organisations for PSCM leadership and change management competency development?*
- *How could an LTAPS-like approach assist you?*



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