

SECTION 8: OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE

8.1 Overall assessment and strategic issues

According to the major health status indicators such as illiteracy rate, life expectancy, overall health status of the population has been improved. Many policies which related to health such as population policy, environmental policy have been laid down. New national health policies were developed. The development of health resources particularly human resources for health has also been developed with an aim to produce adequate and efficient health personnel for delivery of quality health care. Community participation and political commitment also strengthened the health care delivery system. Private sector participation in health care provision increased considerably. Per capital expenditure on health increased. More funds were available for health due to improve economic situation. Both modern and traditional system of medicine has been encouraged. UN agencies, international organization and bilateral agencies both in financial and technical terms were further strengthened.

8.2 Future vision

Two main objectives of Ministry of Health derived from the national objectives of State Peace and Development Council namely (i) to enable every citizen to attain full life expectancy and enjoy longevity of life (ii) to ensure that every citizen is free from disease.

8.3 Proposed strategies

For ensuring equity for health, there are three strategies for implementation of health activities;

- (i) Widespread dissemination of health information and education
- (ii) Enhancing disease prevention activities
- (iii) Providing effective treatment for prevailing diseases.

The government is utilizing large sum of money in upgrading of the state and division hospitals and rural health development, opening hospitals and clinics with good will for uplift of the health standard in all States and Divisions.

As a result of relentless efforts of the government, peace and tranquility has been ensured all over the country, including the border areas. This has enabled all round development, encompassing both economic and social fields.

Co-ordination of all multi-sectoral departments is necessary in implementing developmental projects all over the country. Only then can we achieve our goals on time.

With the aim of emerging a modern and developed nation, emphasis is being paid on health and fitness of the entire people.

The National Health Plans are designed to pay more attention to primary health care for the people and to ensure equity in access to health care.

Community participation is to be encouraged to empower the community to take responsibility for their own health and to enable them to adopt healthy life styles.

As 70% of the population resides in the rural areas priority has been accorded to rural health development. The health needs are more pronounced in the rural areas. The National Health Policies, the policies for education, population and environment will form the basis proposed strategies in future depending on changing situation.