

Adding Oil and Glue to the Prescription

Inter linkages between PBF reform elements in low-income countries

Narrow Definition of Performance-Based Financing (PBF)



PBF in low- and middle-income countries is a mechanism that gives health care providers (facilities or health workers) financial payments based on the achievement of predetermined targets, goals or outputs after being verified for quality (Borghesi et al., 2015; Rudasingwa et al., 2015). Variations of this definition restrict it to the fee-for-service logic (i.e. outputs) (Fritsche et al., 2014) or to facilities as beneficiaries (Janssen et al., 2015).

Wider Definition of Performance-Based Financing

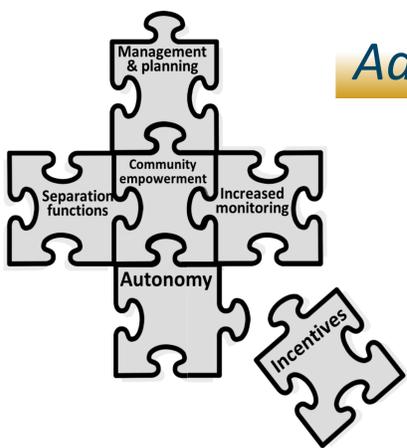
Performance-Based Financing is a reform package with an orientation on results defined as quantity & quality of service outputs. This approach entails, *inter alia*, making facilities more autonomous, introducing contract development & verification (CDV), separating the different functions (purchasing & providing), supporting management & planning, preparing trainings, and involving the community.

(adapted from SINA Health 2015)

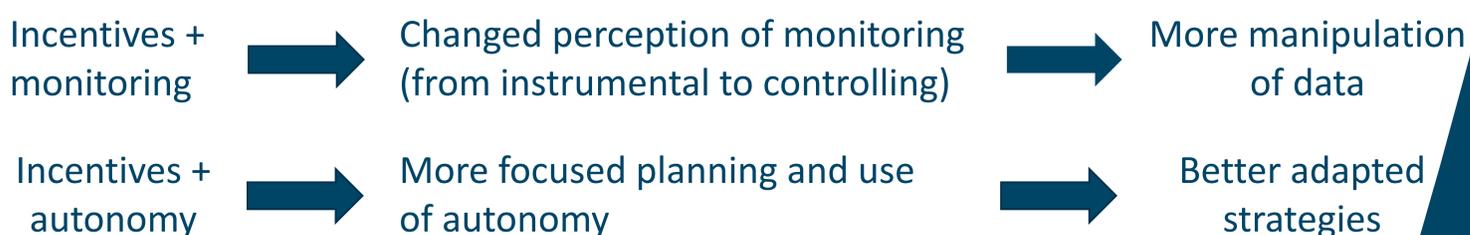


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Incentives work as catalysts for other elements of the reform package (**oil**) and bring in a mindset towards results linking the different reform elements (**glue**) like a jig puzzle. Depending on the implementation and the context this can lead to positive or negative outcomes. These inter linkages are severely under scrutinized in the research on PBF. My research aims to look at some of these inter linkages.



Examples



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