Module 14 - Role play by "Health" group

The health group consisted of representatives from ministries, UN agencies, and social security schemes. The group summarized that they have been working for two years to discuss with different stakeholders and performed a health expenditure review. They proposed a scenario to expand coverage of the Public Health Care Plan (PHCP) to poor and near poor people. The Chairperson from the Ministry of Health talked about social protection and the relevance and importance of good health and health services. The group proposed providing the additional funding by increasing the taxes on alcohol, tobacco, and chemicals. The representative from PHCP stressed that the poor and near poor people need government help and that building financial and human capacity to ensure sustainability of the scheme is very important. A representative of the World Health Organization (WHO) mentioned that they support the proposal strongly and added that it was an investment in human capital.