BMJ programme in Georgia

Programme update meeting- September 2020

Agenda for discussion

- **Programme progress**
  - Registration
  - Usage report
- **CME Study**
- **Sustainability**

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Progress report

- Number of doctors currently enrolled in the programme: **2,612**
- **Priority categories:**
  - Village & Ambulance doctors (112 network): **604 (requested 1500, reported # of healthcare workers 7,000)**
  - PHC clinics providing planned outpatient component of UHC
    - Covered
      - Networks (Evex Clinics, Geo Hospitals, Medalpha)
      - Standalone with strong CPD system: NFMTC, Nazarishvili
    - Problematic
      - Small clinics especially in region

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Progress report

Next Steps:

- Support from the MOH to drive this registration process
    - 112 network still priority? Plan to move forward (e.g. mailing list compiled and administrative staff tasked with creating an account and notifying the doctors)
    - Reach the providers (webinars organized for the management, banner on the MoH website, explaining the opportunity and providing BMJ Implementation Lead's contact details.
    - If the administration is difficult, we can register these doctors centrally if the list of their emails can be provided. (We would need a responsible person for making sure that the emails are accurate and are checked by their owners. There is also a high risk that the access not used)

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Usage BMJ Best Practice

- Top 3 topic views:
  1. **COVID-19**
  2. Overview of **coronaviruses**
  3. Type 2 **diabetes** in adults
- Over **15 000** BP topic views since January
- **Treatment** and **diagnosis** are the most visited pages after the summary page.
- Top 5 search terms - hypertension, asthma, anaemia, copd and pneumonia

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Usage BMJ Learning

- Top completed modules include:
  1. **Chest pain**: a guide to investigation and management for GPs
  2. Managing **hypertension** in primary care
  3. **Sore throat:** diagnostic picture test
- Top select agent modules completed include:
  1. **Infection control**
  2. **Personal protective equipment**
  3. **Q fever**
- Over **4,400** learning modules completed
- Average **improvement score** on select agent modules have been **52%**, with pre-test scores being on average 34% and rising to 86% in the post test.

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CME/CPD Study

BMJ employed a Georgian consultant to conduct a qualitative study to identify recommendations for the future of CME/CPD in Georgia.

- **Aim**: to provide an overview of the existing CME/CPD landscape and to identify key challenges and recommendations.
- **Duration:** September 2020- January 2020
- **Method**: in depth interviews will be conducted with CME providers, MOH representatives (Professional Development Board and Policy Department).
- **Outputs**: Policy Brief and journal publication (if accepted).

Sustainability discussion

- Adding local guidelines to BMJ Best Practice.
- Exploring avenue for fundings, including translation updates of 25% of remaining modules.
- Working with MOH on publications (CME/CPD study, quality improvement poster)

Next Steps:
- Identification of a central focal point (in MOH) to be able to manage national guidelines in BMJ Best Practice.
- MOH indicates potential funders focusing on healthcare workforce development, UHC.
- Identify key authors within MOH and their level of participation in such studies.

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