

**NDPHS Strategy Working Group  
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<b>Reference</b>	SWG 2/4/Info 1
<b>Title</b>	NDPHS Evaluation questions – answers by Iceland
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<b>Summary / Note</b>	During the SWG 1 Meeting, while noting with reference to the document “Overview of the Partners’ responses during the PAC 5,” that, <i>inter alia</i> , Iceland’s response was missing, the SWG agreed that Iceland should be approached and invited to submit their answers to the questions on scope and purpose of the NDPHS.  Following the invitation Iceland submitted answers as contained in this document.

**1. How would you characterize the impact of the Partnership so far?**

Answer:

In our view, the Partnership has contributed to improve the situation in the Northern Dimension area by supporting projects concerned with the health and social well-being of the inhabitants. In particular the participation of experts in capacity building and coordination of activities in the area has been of valuable for improving peoples’ life in many parts of the area.

**2. How would you describe the commitment of partner countries to the Partnership so far?**

Answer:

We have found most of partner countries very engaged in supporting the main priority fields of the Partnership, especially if we take into account that this is an extensive task and resources are limited. Two priorities are of a special importance. Firstly, to reduce the spread of major communicable diseases and prevent life-style related non-communicable diseases. Secondly, to enhance peoples’ levels of social well-being and to promote socially rewarding lifestyles.

**3. What is your view on the perspective and the need for the Partnership in the future?**

Answer:

The decision on the continuation of the NDPHS should be based on the conclusions of the evaluation being carried out.