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Major revisions:

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The paper is timely and addresses an important issue but would benefit from a more cogent set of messages. It would be helpful to include charts showing the organizational structures of MoH and NCD programs to permit cross-country comparison, as the authors do for Cambodia.

A few specific comments:

1. Page 2: The aims of the paper as stated in the last paragraph on page 2 are unclear. Can the authors focus on a key aim?

2. Page 4: What is meant by governance processes?

3. Page 8: Are the authors saying that in Japan and Malaysia, the MoH does not have programme management and implementation entities? This distinction between high-income countries and others is unclear.

4. Conclusion: It would strengthen the paper substantially to summarize best practices across the region. This would be helpful to the wider community of policymakers.

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