## Worksheet 1-2: Guiding questions for an informal risk assessment

The questions in this table provide starting points for doing a basic analysis of the possible risks and benefits of doing health reform.

As you identify possible risks and harms, assign each two ratings (of low, medium or high). One rating is the likelihood of this risk occurring; the other is for the magnitude of the possible harms that would result.

Once you have identified the most concerning risks (either because they are highly likely to occur or because they would create significant harm if they occur), you can prioritize developing risk management and mitigation strategies for them.

| **Guiding questions** | **Your Notes** | **Likelihood**  **(low, medium, high)** | **Magnitude of harm**  **(low, medium, high)** |
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| Ethical considerations |  |  |  |
| What ethical values would be advanced if the health reform is enacted? |  |  |  |
| Who opposes these values? |  |  |  |
| What harms could occur if opponents mobilize against the reform? |  |  |  |
| What ethical values would be undermined if the health reform is enacted? |  |  |  |
| Who opposes these values? |  |  |  |
| What harms could occur if supporters mobilize against the reform? |  |  |  |
| Political considerations |  |  |  |
| Which stakeholder groups would be affected by the health reform? |  |  |  |
| Which groups would gain and which would lose? |  |  |  |
| What harms could occur if the “losing” stakeholders mobilize against the reform? |  |  |  |
| What harms could occur if the “winning” stakeholders are strengthened by the reform? |  |  |  |
| Which political leaders/parties would benefit if the reform is approved? What would they gain? (power, influence, achievement of campaign promises, institutional authority, access to resources, etc.) |  |  |  |
| What harms could occur if these political leaders/parties accrue gains? |  |  |  |
| Which political leaders/parties will be harmed if the reform is approved? What would they lose? (power, influence, achievement of campaign promises, institutional authority, access to resources, etc.) |  |  |  |
| What harms could occur if these political leaders/parties incur losses? |  |  |  |
| What would be the political ramifications if you undertake the reform and it fails to be enacted? |  |  |  |
| What political harms would occur if the reform fails? |  |  |  |
| Technical considerations |  |  |  |
| What are the possible repercussions if the effort health reform package you select is enacted—but fails to improve health system performance? |  |  |  |
| What harms could the failure of the health reform package create for the population?  (health status, confidence in the state and the health system, financial risk, etc) |  |  |  |
| What harms could the failure of the health reform package create for health care providers? |  |  |  |
| What recurring costs would be generated if the health reform succeeds? Where will the resources come from? What endeavors would be defunded? |  |  |  |
| What harms could come from allocating the required resources toward the reform? |  |  |  |
| What harms could occur if the reform is enacted and then later repealed? |  |  |  |
| Other considerations |  |  |  |
| What resources are required to go through the process of designing, passing and implementing health reform? Where will they come from? |  |  |  |
| What harms could occur by allocating resources to pursuing health reform? |  |  |  |
| What harms could occur to you and other proponents of the reform if it is fails to be enacted? |  |  |  |
| What harms could occur to you and other proponents of the reform if it is enacted but fails to create improvements? |  |  |  |

What are the three most likely risks? What strategies could be implemented to manage or mitigate these risks?

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What are the three most potentially harmful risks? What strategies could be implemented to manage or mitigate these risks?

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