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Subject: Re: DHS-8-PGSSC-OOP-Template

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In order to support the development of national surgical plans and the growing influence of global surgery on supporting health systems, I highly recommend including this measure in the DHS survey. Out of pocket expenditure is vital to understanding HOW patients seek care. Even in the most advanced surgical systems, if patients cannot afford surgery, they will not be able to access it. This measure expands our understanding of surgical access and should be included to support the study of NCDs.

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