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New handbook and web section

help staff prepare investment submissions

A new web section and handbook on INFOweb will ensure the ministry's Strategy and Investment Prioritization Committee (SIPC) is well positioned to consider investment ideas and recommendations from across the organization.

SIPC, a sub-committee of Ministry Management Committee (MMC), was established in May 2007 to provide MMC with investment recommendations, which are:

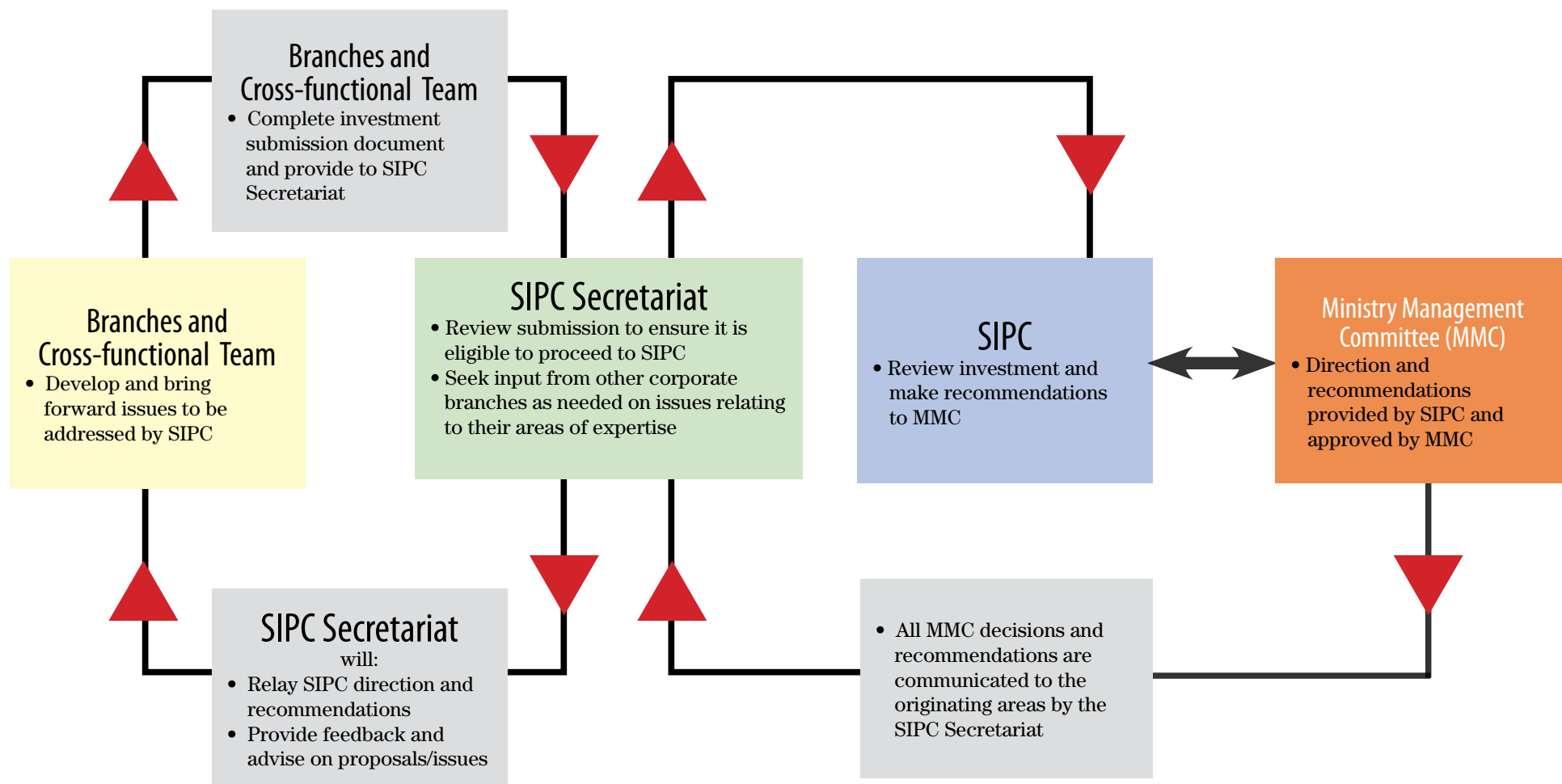
- Consistent with the ministry's priorities
- Enhance health system performance
- Meet budget requirements
- Effectively manage risks.

"SIPC's role is to review, evaluate and recommend system-wide investment scenarios that contribute to the ministry's overall budget planning process and other

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Strategy and Investment Prioritization Committee (SIPC) Submission Process

SIPC is responsible for reviewing, evaluating and recommending system-wide investments to Ministry Management Committee (MMC). The SIPC handbook provides staff with a clear understanding of the committee's mandate and the investment submission and approval process (see chart below). The [handbook](#) is found in the SIPC [web section](#), located on INFOweb under MOHLTC intranets, along with guides and other reference materials to assist staff in preparing submissions.



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corporate objectives,” said John McKinley Assistant Deputy Minister, Health System Information Management and Investment (HSIMI), who co-chairs SIPC.

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SIPC plays a key stewardship role by making investment recommendations that align with the ministry’s strategic objectives and result in the best possible outcomes within the health system.

SIPC also assists MMC in making evidence-based investment decisions. “We make recommendations across a range of programs and priority initiatives, based on which investments deliver the most value to the public,” said Adalsteinn Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health System Strategy (HSS), who also co-chairs SIPC. “We focus on how to best allocate the increasingly constrained pool of funding.”

The items and initiatives that require SIPC review include:

- > Any new initiative or change to an existing program or service that will have four-year costs or savings in excess of \$1 million
- > New items not identified in the approved multi-year Results-based Plan (RbP)
- > Under spending/over spending related to the approved multi-year RbP
- > Policy items with financial implications in excess of the \$1 million threshold after the policy is approved by MMC.

Submissions to SIPC can come from a range of sources within the ministry, including branches and cross-functional teams. The committee also reviews reports and handles requests for advice on funding-related issues.

Staff should check back regularly to the web section as it and the handbook will be updated as SIPC processes and requirements continue to evolve.

The SIPC Secretariat wants to hear from you! Send your suggestions, questions or comments about the web section or handbook to

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