C. DEFINITION OF HEALTH EXPENDITURE

- Health expenditures are defined as payment for activities with their primary or predominant purpose of improving, maintaining and preventing the deterioration of the health status of persons and mitigating the consequences of ill-health through the application of qualified health knowledge.

- Health includes both the health of individuals as well as of groups of individuals or population. Health expenditure consists of all expenditures or outlays for the following health care activities:
  - Health promotion and prevention
  - Diagnosis, treatment, cure and rehabilitation of illness
  - Caring for persons affected by chronic illness
  - Caring for persons with health-related impairment and disability
  - Palliative care
  - Providing community health programmes
  - Governance and administration of the health system