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In a publication such as this one, in order to assemble a final product of high quality, the authors must have a clear vision of the prevailing situation in the Region. In particular, they must have an accurate understanding of conditions in the field and of the practical needs of the personnel responsible for the management and execution of health activities at the local level.

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