



HEALTH POLICY PROJECT / CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Building capacity for improved health policy, advocacy, governance, and finance.

The Health Policy Project (HPP), funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. President's Emergency Fund for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), contributes to improved health through strengthening the efficiency, effectiveness, and equity of health systems.

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Overview

Despite recent health gains, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire has one of the highest HIV prevalence rates in West Africa, and access to family planning and reproductive health (FP/RH) services and information is limited. In 2011, at the Ouagadougou Partnership and FP2020 meetings, Côte d'Ivoire committed to expanding access to family planning services and information.

The Health Policy Project (HPP) supports the government and other local partners in Côte d'Ivoire to strengthen policy, advocacy, and governance for strategic, equitable, and sustainable health programming—with particular emphasis on FP/RH and HIV.

Since 2011, HPP/Côte d'Ivoire has focused on

- Building individual and institutional capacity for strategic data use, analysis, and evidence-based decision making
- Strengthening local partners' capacity to engage in the policy process through evidence-based advocacy
- Supporting health financing and budgeting strategies that improve health equity while using resources effectively
- Developing a costed implementation plan (CIP) for FP to help mobilize increased resources, and ensure efficient and effective use of these resources

Policy

HPP/Côte d'Ivoire helps foster a more supportive policy environment for FP/RH and HIV by strengthening evidence-based decision making and enhancing stewardship of the health system.

Key contributions include

- Assisting the government to develop and disseminate policies and guidelines for FP
- Providing technical assistance to implement a costed implementation plan (CIP) for FP—helping Côte d'Ivoire honor its Ouagadougou Partnership and FP2020 commitments

Health Financing

HPP/Côte d'Ivoire works in close collaboration with partners to improve health financing and budgeting by generating and using costing data to assess the potential costs and impacts of health programs. Country-specific costing data enables the government to make evidence-based decisions regarding resource allocation and programming for the national HIV response, including services for key populations at higher risk of HIV infection—such as female sex workers (FSWs) and men who have sex with men (MSM).



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Women speak at a local radio station in Côte d'Ivoire.

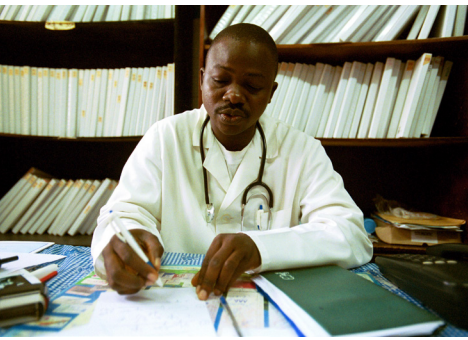


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Capacity Development

Capacity building is central to HPP's approach. HPP/ Côte d'Ivoire offers

- Capacity and skills building in data collection, analysis, and country-driven use of data for decision making
- Skills-based trainings to improve the quality of data collection activities in the field
- Learning events and tools in data quality and monitoring and evaluation

Key contributions include

- Generating costing data, including estimating the unit costs of programs that target key populations
- Building the capacity of government and local partners to assess the costs and impacts of HIV prevention programs

Governance

In 2008 the government of Côte d'Ivoire established the National AIDS Control Program for Key Populations (PLS-PHV), with a mandate to strategically coordinate national HIV treatment, prevention, care, and support services for MSM and FSWs. HPP/Côte d'Ivoire supports the national government in developing legislative and policy initiatives to strengthen HIV services for key populations.

How to Work with Us

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