



HEALTH POLICY PROJECT / **KENYA**

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

The Health Policy Project (HPP) supports the government of Kenya to achieve its goals for the health sector—to provide equitable, affordable, and high-quality services to improve the health of all citizens. Despite progress across health sectors in recent years, Kenya faces challenges in securing healthcare for all. For example, as of 2010, 5.6 percent of adult Kenyans were HIV positive, and fewer than half of Kenyan women give birth with the assistance of skilled providers.

Since its inception in April 2012, HPP/Kenya has focused on

- Providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Health (MOH) and partners to develop and disseminate essential policies, laws, and guidelines to support the implementation of the 2010 Constitution
- Developing health financing and budgeting strategies that improve health equity while using resources effectively
- Strengthening the capacity of selected local agencies to participate in the health policy process and thereby ensure long-term sustainability
- Strengthening new national and county health systems in health policy, finance, and governance

Policy

HPP supports the MOH to develop and disseminate policies and guidelines for the health sector, essential elements contributing to an enabling environment for improved service delivery. HPP/Kenya has provided technical assistance in the development of the

- Kenya Health Policy, the Health Sector Gender and Equality Policy, the Kenya Health Bill, and more
- Second Medium-Term Plan (2013–2017) for the health sector to achieve Vision 2030
- Kenya health strategy to guide the development of health and medical tourism in Kenya

HPP/Kenya has also conducted research to support the development of a policy to ensure appropriate health services for key populations at risk of HIV infection. HPP also supports the MOH to strengthen gender integration in health policymaking.

Governance and the Devolution Process

The 2010 Constitution calls for a massive transformation of Kenya's governance structures: an across-the-board devolution of roles and responsibilities designed to move Kenya from its current centralized model to a two-tiered partnership between the national government and the country's 47 counties. HPP/Kenya



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Capacity Development

HPP/Kenya works with the government of Kenya at many levels to strengthen capacity by

- Offering training for MOH staff in policy development and monitoring and evaluation
- Coaching and mentoring staff at the MOH, the National AIDS Control Council, and the National AIDS and STI Control Programme
- Conducting learning events that bring together actors and stakeholders to solve problems and strengthen the policy process and other health finance and governance systems

provides support to the national government to launch legislative and policy initiatives to strengthen devolution, as provided for in the Constitution. Through this assistance, the Ministry of Health has

- Facilitated the completion of the Function Assignment and Transfer Policy Paper (FATPP), to guide the transfer of functions to county governments
- Drafted new organizational structures for county governments and the merger of two health ministries into one

Health Financing and Budgeting

HPP works in close collaboration with other partners to improve health financing and budgeting. The project's contributions include

- Conducting efficiency and effectiveness (E²) analyses to inform HIV programming
- Building MOH research capacity to inform decisions on resource generation and allocation
- Generating costing data for key strategies, such as the Kenya Health Sector Strategic Plan III
- Contributing to study design, implementation, and dissemination of results from key surveys, including public expenditure tracking and household health expenditure surveys

How to Work with Us

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