



HEALTH POLICY PROJECT / MOZAMBIQUE

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

HIV prevalence remains high in Mozambique, and—as in many other sub-Saharan African countries—women are disproportionately affected by the epidemic. HIV prevalence among women is 13 percent, compared to only 9 percent among men. Gender-based violence (GBV) continues to hamper Mozambique's efforts to respond effectively to HIV, and diminishes the overall health and well-being of individuals. A 2004 survey found that 54 percent of women in Mozambique had experienced GBV.

The interlinked challenges posed by HIV and GBV also affect the broader reproductive health (RH) situation in Mozambique, where fertility rates have stagnated in recent years and contraceptive use is low.

The Health Policy Project (HPP) supports government and civil society partners to strengthen Mozambique's HIV response, combat GBV, and mobilize increased political and financial support for family planning (FP).

Since its inception in August 2011, HPP/Mozambique has focused on

- Strengthening the capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) to prevent and respond to GBV
- Providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Health (MOH) and other government partners to estimate the costs of key health sector policies and plans
- Generating costing data to inform key strategies, such as the HIV/AIDS Acceleration Plan and the Health Sector Strategic Plan
- Providing technical assistance to government partners to support data collection and analysis for FP advocacy and policy planning

Gender-based Violence and Gender Equality

The government of Mozambique is committed to reducing GBV, and has established a policy framework to combat gender inequality and other gender-related factors that contribute to the spread of HIV, including violence against women. Supporting the PEPFAR GBV Initiative, HPP/Mozambique's work helps to ensure that this framework is put into practice. The project

- Helps foster a sustainable and supportive environment at the grassroots level for GBV and HIV prevention programs
- Strengthens the capacity of host-country stakeholders—particularly civil society organizations—to incorporate GBV and gender strategies into their programs
- Provides technical assistance to grassroots organizations to mainstream gender into organizational policies and procedures

Capacity Development

HPP/Mozambique works with country-level stakeholders to strengthen their capacity by providing:

- Coaching and training for civil society organizations to lead community GBV-prevention activities
- Technical assistance to government of Mozambique staff on costing and family planning models
- Coaching and technical support to government of Mozambique staff on strategic planning, prioritization of cost, and interdepartmental coordination

Health Financing

HPP works closely with local partners to improve health financing and budgeting. The project's contributions include

- Conducting analyses—including gap analyses and efficiency and effectiveness (E²) analyses—to inform strategic decision-making and planning processes and HIV program development
- Strengthening the MOH to lead prioritization and resource-alignment processes
- Evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of the national HIV/AIDS Acceleration Plan

Policy and Advocacy

HPP/Mozambique supports country-owned advocacy efforts to increase government leaders' awareness of and commitment to investing in FP programs and services. The project

- Works with the government to apply the RAPID model to demonstrate the potential benefits of investing in FP programs and services
- Trains policy champions to use the results of RAPID analyses for evidence-based advocacy
- Builds local partners' capacity to apply and update the RAPID model in the future

How to Work with Us

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