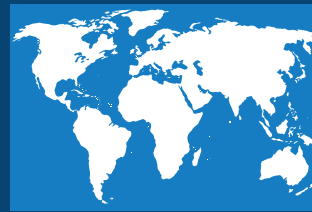# Health Policy Project

HEALTH POLICY PROJECT

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

Project Overview

The Health Policy Project (HPP) works to strengthen developing country national and subnational policy, advocacy, governance, and finance for strategic, equitable, and sustainable health programming.

HPP helps countries bring about real change in the health of people and communities. We work with in-country partners to sustain commitment to and ownership of policy responses that support improvements in family planning and reproductive health (FP/RH), HIV, and maternal health.

We build the capacity of governments, civil society, and other local organizations to advocate for and implement policies and plans that shape health services, systems, and budgets—from policy formulation to implementation and monitoring. We identify gaps, generate evidence, and provide technical assistance to develop and implement multisectoral policy responses that provide a framework for health promotion and development.

Our Work

Policy. Policy plays a crucial role in scaling up and sustaining health interventions. HPP supports policy change that fosters sustainable and equitable health services. We help developing countries address gender-based violence, stigma and discrimination, health inequities related to poverty, and other conditions that contribute to poor health outcomes or prevent people from seeking or accessing the health services they need.

Advocacy. We work to strengthen civil society organizations to play an active and effective role in advancing public health, and build the capacity of women parliamentarians to advocate effectively for health. Our work builds stronger communities that are able to advocate for lasting improvements in health, nutrition, and education.

Governance. HPP promotes accountability and transparent governance. We work to strengthen the capacity of national and local governments, civil society groups, the private sector, and other institutions to strengthen health stakeholder engagement, foster stewardship, track the progress of health policy, financing, and related programs, and increase government accountability for policy and funding commitments.

Finance. We improve the efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare by costing interventions, strengthening healthcare finance systems, and helping countries determine which programs will have the greatest impact.

Capacity building. Our work strengthens national and local capacity to address the most urgent health needs in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East—with a focus on reproductive health, maternal health, and HIV.

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The Health Policy Project builds the capacity of women parliamentarians in sub-Saharan Africa to advocate for family planning.

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What HPP Can Do for Country Programs

Strengthen Country Ownership

- Facilitate country-led processes to formulate and monitor health policies and programs, including global commitments such as the Millennium Development Goals

- Build the advocacy capacity of those most affected by policy decisions—including women, people living with HIV, key populations, and the poor—so they have a strong voice throughout the policy-to-action process

- Build the capacity of policymakers and planners to gather, analyze, and use data to inform decision making, monitor programs, and identify course corrections

Promote an Enabling Policy Environment

- Design evidence-based FP/RH, HIV, and maternal health policies

- Identify and address operational barriers to program integration and strong health systems

- Operationalize national policies and plans at the provincial and district levels

- Develop policy responses to empower women and girls, promote gender equality, and strengthen the implementation of gender policy

- Integrate rights-based and stigma-reduction initiatives into health programs to address barriers to service access and use

- Adapt international guidance and best practices to country contexts

Maximize Resources

- Plan, coordinate, and track resources to improve efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability

- Promote equitable access to resources and services for the poor and other underserved populations

- Encourage country leadership through increased investment in health programs

- Respond appropriately at the country level to emerging health development frameworks

- Strengthen national capacity to develop Costed Implementation Plans (CIPs) for family planning aligned to FP2020 pledges and Ouagadougou Partnership commitments, and to monitor national FP2020 commitments

Leverage Partnerships

- Expand multisectoral partnerships to enhance impact

- Bring new partners into the FP/RH, HIV, and maternal health arenas, such as mobilizing non-health ministries, the private sector, religious leaders, local authorities, and NGOs and civil society groups

- Foster transparency, communication, and accountability among partners and sectors

Enhance Strategic Information and Monitoring and Evaluation

- Apply computer models (e.g., RAPID, FamPlan, Goals, Resource Needs) for evidence-based planning and advocacy

- Assess the nature and socioeconomic impacts of health trends (e.g., population dynamics, the HIV epidemic) on individuals, families, and societies

- Support country-owned health management information systems

- Identify and share models, tools, and best practices

How to Work with Us

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