Governance



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The Health Policy Project (HPP) works to strengthen the capacity of national and local governments, civil society groups, the private sector, and other health institutions to strengthen forums for health stakeholder engagement, foster stewardship, track progress of health policy, financing, and related programs, and to increase accountability for policy and funding commitments.

Family Planning and Reproductive Health

- In collaboration with Partners in Population and Development's Africa Regional Office (PPD ARO), HPP supported the launch of online country scorecards to track the progress of family planning commitments and resolutions made by parliamentarians from 17 African countries. Following the Regional Meeting of the Southern and Eastern African Parliamentary Alliance Committees of Health (SEAPACOH), leaders agreed to use the scorecards to monitor country performance toward Maputo, Abuja, and Millennium Development Goal (MDG) commitments, enhancing accountability and governance in Africa.
- In Peru, HPP provided technical assistance in family planning to key stakeholders of the regional government of Ucayali and civil society organizations through the revival of the Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Roundtable. The SRH Roundtable formulates, evaluates, and monitors implementation of policies and norms related to reproductive health and family planning. The members of the roundtable signed a commitment to prioritize family planning as a key strategy to combat maternal mortality and adolescent pregnancy in Ucayali by enhancing access to contraceptives. <u>Read story from the field</u>.
- HPP is helping the government of Guatemala use the Integrated Social Information System for program planning and monitoring, which has recently garnered the attention of high-level government officials, including the President of Guatemala. The system maps the location of social services provision and helps ministries better manage their programs, to meet the health and educational needs of poor people in rural areas. Read the story from the field

HIV

- HPP is working with the Ghana AIDS Commission on a new effort to formalize how HIV-related discrimination cases are tracked in the Ghanaian legal system. The purpose is to ensure accountability and documentation for victims of discrimination and eventual resolution, develop reports of aggregated information, and provide information for ongoing community and advocacy efforts aimed at reducing HIV-related stigma and discrimination.
- In collaboration with government and nongovernmental stakeholders in Ukraine, HPP developed guidance for an HIV-related human rights monitoring system to report and resolve cases of discrimination.

Gender

• In Malawi, HPP is supporting the Ministry of Gender, Children, and Community Development in conducting multisectoral policy analysis, planning, and monitoring to examine and take action on priority gender and health policy issues.

