



HEALTH POLICY PROJECT / **BOTSWANA**

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

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Capacity Development

HPP trained local data collectors and Ministry of Health officials on the OneHealth model to cost all essential health services in Botswana. Additional training on costing methodologies will be provided.

To ensure country ownership, all data collection was undertaken by a local team, which will be able to continue the work and update the model independently upon activity completion.

Overview

The Health Policy Project in Botswana (HPP/Botswana) contributes to health systems strengthening by generating data and building capacity for costing the delivery of health services—a key component of improving health financing and enhancing sustainability.

In partnership with the Ministry of Health and other local partners, HPP/Botswana generates costing data to support implementation of the Integrated Health Sector Plan—a comprehensive ten-year strategic plan for the health sector that involves government, private sector, and civil society actors.

HPP/Botswana's work contributes to the government's ongoing efforts to restructure the health sector, including by supporting the decentralization process and the design and implementation of a national health insurance scheme.

Health Financing: Costing Botswana's Essential Health Services Package

The primary objective of HPP/Botswana is to determine the resources required to cover specific interventions offered under the Essential Health Services Package (EHSP).

Introduced in 2010 as part of the Integrated Health Sector Plan, the EHSP focuses on the allocation of scarce resources to the most cost-effective interventions. The interventions included in the EHSP address almost 80 percent of Botswana's disease burden—while taking into account resource availability and the need to ensure equity in the delivery of health services.

HPP/Botswana's analysis seeks to

- Generate unit costs for interventions in maternal health, child health, tuberculosis, HIV, hypertension, and diabetes
- Allow policymakers to compare the unit costs of service delivery across different levels of care
- Help determine national budget requirements for implementing the EHSP
- Enable individual districts to project resource needs for implementing the EHSP
- Increase understanding of the costs of non-EHSP health services
- Produce data to inform guidelines, payment structures, and subsidies to implement a national health insurance scheme

How to Work with Us

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