

Health Promotion and System Strengthening



Project full name:
Health Promotion and System Strengthening (HPSS)

Priority:
Strengthening State Institutions

Phase III:
2019 - 2023

Total Budget:
CHF 9,850,000

Location:
Nationwide

Main partners:

- Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC)
- President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG)
- National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF)
- Research and Higher Learning Institutions

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Project Overview

Tuimarisha Afya (HPSS) is a SDC flagship project in Tanzania that has been mandated by the Government of Tanzania through the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC). The HPSS project is now in its third and last phase. In this phase, the project aims to strengthen the efficiency of national institutions to scale up policy reform processes that have been introduced based on the successful health innovations financed by the SDC.

Overall goal

The health system of Tanzania is strengthened with regard to leaving no one behind in universal access to a minimum package of primary health care services. This will be achieved through the promotion of basic health insurance, the reliable availability of essential medicines, the functioning of medical equipment and the promotion of healthy living.

Approach

The institutional capacity of 187 district councils will be enhanced to improve access to social protection, medicines supply, medical equipment maintenance and health promotion through technical assistance, digitalized solutions and researches for policy dialogue.

Phase 3 focuses on the following outcomes:

- Improved Community Health Fund, *Jazia* Prime Vendor System, openMEDIS and Community Participatory Health Promotion are nationally implemented through provision of **technical assistance**.
- Enhanced institutional efficiency of delivering improved Community Health

Fund (ICHF), *Jazia* Prime Vendor System, openMEDIS and health promotion is effective through integrated **digitalization** solutions.

- Policy decisions of the government are informed by **evidence based capitalization** and research.

Gender, accountability and the promotion and management of innovation are the three main cross-cutting issues of this project.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rolled out nationally the ICHF and the *Jazia* Prime Vendor.
- Built capacity of 23 district council officials on the management and implementation of the ICHF and the *Jazia* Prime vendor
- Improved availability of 10 tracer medicines at the health facilities from 53.7% to 94%.
- Developed and fully operated an open source software (openMEDIS) for managing the maintenance and repair of medical equipment, providing both the health facilities and the Local Government Authorities with an overview on operational status, need for repair and required spare parts for all health facilities in the governmental system.
- Established a functioning multi-sectoral health promotion coordination mechanism at regional, district, community, health facilities and school levels for implementation, supportive supervision and monitoring of health promotion interventions and activities.

Beneficiaries

The primary beneficiaries are government ministries. The President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) will benefit from the technical support that will be provided through the zonal and national help desk to implement the different reform policies. It will also benefit from capacity building that will be provided through the Health System Strengthening Resource Center that is anchored at PO-RALG. MoHCDGEC will use the available evidence for regulatory purposes and will benefit from technical assistance that will be provided in formulating and reviewing different policy priorities.

The secondary beneficiaries are the 25% of the population (with a majority of women and youth) who are ICHF members and who will benefit from facilitated access to quality health services.