



La Saline Concept Note

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Objective:

This concept note will explore the possibility of adding La Saline Health Center to the SSQH-CS network and will detail: the current budget and services of La Saline, potential improvements to be made and budget implications for the project.

Background:

La Saline Health Center, managed by CDS, serves one of the oldest slum areas in the metropolitan PAP. It is characterized by:

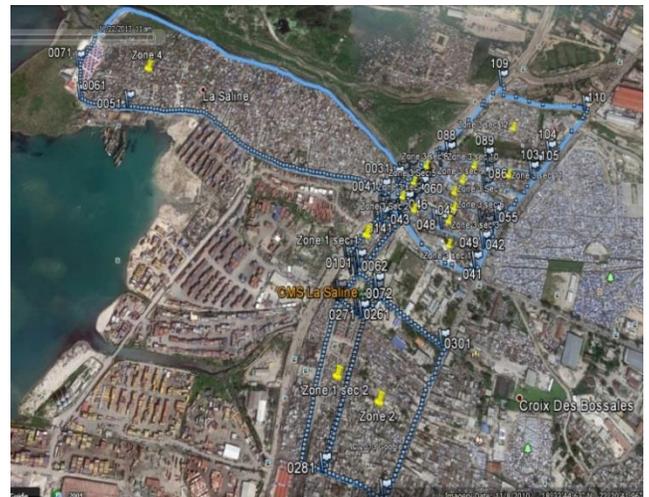
- Informal Housing and poor quality;
- Inadequate access to safe water;
- Lack of hygiene;
- Insecurity;
- High prevalence of poverty-related diseases.

The CMS-La Saline is a health center without beds located in La Saline at # 9 on rue La Saline covering about 5 km². It directly serves a population of about forty thousand inhabitants (and indirectly can be 10 times more). Preventive, curative and emergency services are currently offered.

Preventive care services include:

- Vaccination,
- IEC and promotion of health and hygiene,
- Family planning services and prenatal care,
- HIV testing and syphilis.

Curative care consists of consultations for children and adults, and emergency services.



The La Saline Health Center is the only health facility (public or private or NGO) operating in the area. Before the earthquake the health center provided strong services, particularly in its TB programs. However, the combination of socio-political factors in conjunction with the earthquake facilitated the rapid degradation of the facility's ability to provide services.

Current Funding situation:

Currently, the center functions with its internal revenues (which are insignificant) and the financial support of the Global Fund via the national Malaria Program. Two health providers are paid by the MSPP. Most of the remaining operational costs are currently supported by CDS. These budget constraints lead to reduced service provision. Expanding the provision of the services (and improving the quality of care) at La Saline will therefore directly benefit the population of Saline and the surrounding neighborhoods of Cite Soleil, military city, etc., especially for pregnant women, children, PLHIV, and TB patients.

Expected deliverables:

For 12 months, SSQH will ensure that:

1. The La Saline health center has a reinforced team of competent and well-trained health providers;
2. The La Saline Health center presents a workplace with essential medical equipment to provide high quality health services to the population;
3. Services are re-organized and reinforced and;
4. The population is informed and demand for services is stimulated.

Expected results:

1. Number of people tested for HIV and expected positive: estimated to roughly more than 1,000/year
2. Number of children immunized:
3. Number of deliveries:
4. Number of 3 ANC visits:
5. Number of new FP users:
6. Number of people tested for TB:

Activities :

1. Renovation of the facility and space relocation;
2. Acquisition of furniture and office equipment:
 - a. Laboratory Equipment;
 - b. Computer Equipment;
3. Recruitment of additional staff: 1 MD, 2 nurses, 2 assistant nurses, 1 HIV counselor; PCHW (progressively to reach 40) and at least 1 data clerk;

4. Training staffs in selected technical areas: MCH, FP, HIV/AIDS, TB, etc.;
5. Reengineering care and health information management;
6. Updating and strengthening management systems including provision of management tools/forms;
7. Acquisition of commodities;
8. Provision and distribution of standard protocols;
9. Conduct several open-days sessions at the health center to raise awareness;
10. Support and develop outreach activities with PCHW;
11. Regularly realize IEC sessions at the center to inform and orient potential users of available services (FP, HIV, TB, immunization, antenatal clinic, general consultation)

Estimated budget:

- Salaries and benefits (for one year): 4,262,920
- Travels and transportation: 127,720
- Other direct costs: 750,457
- Equipment: 546,277
- Renovation: 1,352,305
 - Total: 7,039,679 Gourdes ; USD 156,500

Proposal:

- The USAID/SSQH-CS pays for: renovation, equipment and the other direct costs;
- The USAID/SSQH-CS Project pays the salaries for the additional staffs while the MSPP and CDS maintain the payment of current employees;
- SCMS supports provision of commodities including lab and other technical equipment;

Conclusion

La Saline Health Center offers an opportunity to reach a large population with quality health services. The center's strong history of service provision and the positive results of CDS in its other health facilities demonstrate the fact that this center could be a high performer with increased support.