

# HEALTH POLICY PLUS

## Project Overview

Health Policy Plus (HP+) strengthens and advances health policy priorities at global, national, and subnational levels. The project aims to improve the enabling environment for equitable and sustainable health services, supplies, and delivery systems through policy design, implementation, and financing. Taken together, evidence-based, inclusive policies; more sustainable health financing; improved governance; and stronger global leadership and advocacy will lead to improved health outcomes worldwide.

**Policy** HP+ promotes health policies that are led by countries but inclusive of all voices. These policies are based on evidence of priority needs and best practices, and will be supported through adequate financing.

**Financing** To support its work in other areas, the HP+ project works to maximize available resources for priority health services and commodities. This effort is inclusive of greater domestic resource mobilization, efficiency gains, and increased engagement with the private sector.

**Governance** HP+ helps operationalize stewardship, transparency, and accountability among governments and partners, with an emphasis on greater participation and inclusion of all populations.

**Advocacy** HP+ recognizes that effective and sustainable health policies are best advanced by well-informed leaders, advocates, and decisionmakers.

## Our Work

HP+ fosters strong health sector responses to end preventable child and maternal deaths, reduce unmet need for family planning and reproductive health, and achieve an AIDS-free generation, with an emphasis on voluntary, rights-based programs. The project advances its work in specific health areas and across health systems through the four pillars of policy, financing, governance, and advocacy. In addition, the project strives to

- Identify and address the political, social, and economic influences on health
- Facilitate enduring public, civil society, and private sector partnerships
- Encourage broader integration of health within the economy, justice, and other sectors to support resilient health systems
- Build capacity for more transparent and accessible information for policymakers, implementers, and citizens
- Support a rigorous monitoring, evaluation, and learning agenda hand-in-hand with in-country partners to capture, learn from, and share experiences

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## What HP+ Can Do for Country Programs

### *Advance Equitable Health Policies*

Develop, adopt, implement, and monitor health policies that improve equity, access, availability, affordability, and acceptability of high-quality health services, supplies, and information.

- Use analytical models, tools, and data for decision making, including on behalf of vulnerable populations
- Design, implement, analyze, and monitor macro-level policies, laws, and regulations
- Develop equitable, affordable, rights-based policies
- Support policy, including multisectoral policy and implementation at decentralized levels
- Identify and address operational barriers, and reduce barriers to equitable access to health services
- Formalize processes to involve civil society (including vulnerable populations) and the private sector in policy development, implementation, and monitoring
- Build technical, advocacy, and organizational capacity of civil society organizations and vulnerable populations

### Maximize Resources

Increase sustainable, predictable, and adequate financing for programs and health policy implementation.

- Promote policies that secure funds for key services
- Help governments institute budget equity and gender-based targeting processes that increase allocations to essential health services, especially for vulnerable populations, through tax-based resource mobilization, improved execution, and technical efficiency
- Improve expenditure tracking for better budget execution and greater fiscal responsibility
- Support the generation of evidence and promote its use during budgetary decision making
- Develop capacity for better financial management and use of information
- Support partners to implement a total market approach aided by evidence-based country-specific dialogue among public, nonprofit, and commercial health sector actors
- Foster public and private partnerships to leverage domestic resource mobilization

### Promote an Enabling Policy Environment

Improve the policy environment for public stewardship, accountability, and transparency.

- Support high-level policies mandating accountability in government departments and ministries

- Promote formal structures and practices for accountability to ensure that governments protect citizens' rights and manage health resources effectively
- Support local decisionmakers, civil servants, and parliamentarians to improve structures and processes that promote accountability and transparency
- Build local citizens' capacity to hold government accountable through monitoring models and systems
- Create or adapt budget and social audit tools to analyze budgets, track expenditures, obtain citizen input, and present key policy findings

### Strengthen Country Leadership and Ownership

Advance Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through global leadership and advocacy.

- Generate and synthesize evidence to make best practices on sustainability, scale, and accountability for the SDGs widely available
- Strengthen the evidence base for decision making in health service, supplies, and delivery
- Advance global health agendas through advocacy that cascades information across multiple levels, improves stakeholder engagement, and assists global secretariats and partners within national and local government and civil society

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