



PROPEL Health: Botswana

Project Overview

Promoting Results and Outcomes through Policy and Economic Levers (PROPEL) Health is a five-year U.S. Agency for International Development-funded project with the overarching objective of improving country environments to better facilitate access to equitable and sustainable health services. The broad project strategy is centered around policy, financing, governance, and the use of evidence-based approaches.

In Botswana, PROPEL Health is working with the Ministry of Health and the National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency to achieve universal health coverage through strengthening the national and subnational capacity to address issues around primary healthcare, health financing, health workforce, and data management. The project's work is focused on three main components: (1) strengthening the governance capacity of the

Ministry of Health, (2) strengthening the health financing landscape to advance universal health coverage, and (3) strengthening the sustainability of human resources for health, all while sustaining HIV epidemic control.

Our Work

Strengthened public health institutions and revitalized primary healthcare

A priority component of PROPEL Health work in Botswana is focused on strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Health to govern and manage the health system, including disease control programs and primary healthcare. Project activities involve:

- Revitalizing primary healthcare, including strengthening the public financial management system
- Developing a costed national community health strategic plan

- Strengthening institutions, including the Ministry of Health, the National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency, and civil society organizations, and supporting these institutions in the implementation of the HIV Sustainability and Transition Roadmap/Plan to optimize the integration of noncommunicable diseases into HIV services, and HIV services into various platforms
- Strengthening use of the integrated human resource information system by the Ministry of Health and its regulatory entities
- Supporting the development of a strategy on human resources for health, determining staffing requirements, and building institutional capacity on planning and management of human resources for health

Strengthened public financial management

As is the case in other countries, external sources of aid to finance health programs are decreasing, resulting in a financing gap. PROPEL Health is strengthening Botswana's national health financing systems by:

- Implementing more sustainable financing methods and practices in collaboration with the ministries of health and finance
- Strengthening the government's capacity to provide oversight to civil society delivery of HIV and noncommunicable disease programs to priority populations

Sustainable human resources for health

The availability and accessibility of high-quality healthcare services in Botswana is hindered by a shortage of qualified and skilled healthcare workers. This issue worsens in rural areas, which leads to an inequitable distribution of the health force across the country. Supporting interventions in human resources for health is vital to sustaining the gains already made in the HIV response. PROPEL Health activities include:

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