



PROPEL Health: Burkina Faso

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 Burkina Faso, PROPEL Health is building upon progress made by the government in key health areas to respond to challenges around maternal and child mortality, family planning uptake, and communicable diseases like malaria. Additional challenges include the growing political instability and insecurity, which

has limited access to and delivery of basic health services, and poor allocation of government funding for family planning. PROPEL Health will work with various stakeholders and organizations to make gains in community health and universal health coverage, placing a priority on localized and sustainable activities that result in impactful system-wide change.

Our Work

Ensure sound health policies and implementation

The government of Burkina Faso has plans to implement universal health coverage by operationalizing universal health insurance, setting out a multisectoral nutrition policy, and creating a strategic framework to fight against

malaria. PROPEL Health is working with country stakeholders to strengthen the capacity of local groups engaged in policy. Related activities include:

- Supporting the evaluation of the current national community health strategy and supporting the development of a new strategy
- Strengthening policy implementation across health areas including malaria, maternal, newborn, and child health, and family planning

Strengthen health governance

PROPEL Health is working with country stakeholders to strengthen coordination, stewardship, and governance, specifically focusing on reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health and malaria—while working with and strengthening the capacity of women, youth, and local organizations. Activities include:

- Strengthening the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene’s capacity in donor coordination and knowledge management
- Promoting the governance of the Malaria Elimination Program
- Supporting the coordination of donors and USAID implementing partners
- Supporting health governance to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality
- Strengthening leadership and management capacity of civil society and the private sector to support accountability for reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health and family planning

Strengthen health financing

To continue to improve health financing, a technical secretariat responsible for health financing reforms was created in Burkina Faso. This secretariat is responsible for defining universal healthcare strategies, coordinating, implementing, and monitoring health and nutrition services, and proposing resource mobilization mechanisms. PROPEL Health is working with the secretariat to continue to strengthen health financing, particularly as it relates to domestic financing and governance for primary healthcare, health insurance reforms, and aid coordination mechanisms. Related activities include:

- Strengthening resource mobilization and alignment of technical and financial partners with a focus on innovative financing. These partners include the government’s universal health insurance plan consultation committees, the national universal health insurance fund, and the ministries of public functioning and social protection, as well as partners implementing USAID’s Integrated Health Services and MOMENTUM Integrated Health Resilience projects
- Supporting the implementation of health insurance reforms to advance progress toward universal health coverage

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