



PROPEL Health: Honduras

Project Overview

Promoting Results and Outcomes through Policy and Economic Levers (PROPEL) Health is a five-year U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)-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 Honduras, PROPEL Health is using an evidence-based approach to improve health security, including disease surveillance; disease

preparedness, prevention, detection, and response; and related health information systems. Grounded in USAID's Global Health Security approach and building on the COVID-19 pandemic response, PROPEL Health aims to improve governance and facilitate sustained capacity strengthening in support of the government through direct work with the ministries of health, agriculture and livestock, and environment. Central to our approach is support for the implementation of a One Health approach with a focus on the interconnection between human, animal, and plant health to prevent, protect against, and respond to new and emerging health threats to ensure optimal health outcomes.

Our Work

Creating an effective One Health enabling environment through multisectoral engagement

To create meaningful change and sustained implementation of the One Health approach, engagement from all sectors is required. Project efforts include:

- Conducting a political economic analysis to understand the country's current governance ecosystem; building a health security steering committee; and transitioning resources from a focus on COVID-19 to one more broadly targeted at all-hazards systems strengthening
- Developing a costed roadmap to coordinate, modernize, and optimize resources for the health security response

Strengthening workforce capacity to respond and adapt to health threats

Honduras' health security and response capacities were improved with USAID investments during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, to achieve an integrated One Health approach, upskilling and reskilling of staff is necessary within key ministries and other organizations within the public and private sectors. PROPEL Health activities include:

- Planning and conducting a One Health orientation for stakeholders to ensure knowledge of the approach and basic concepts
- Conducting a global health security capacity strengthening baseline assessment

- Strengthening multisectoral workforce global health security capacity through activities such as One Health training and joint framework development

Strengthening epidemiological surveillance

Epidemiological surveillance of human, animal, and plant health, as well as integrated data availability and use, is considered essential in Honduras as the country moves toward a One Health approach. Related activities include:

- Adapting the Data Use Strategy being implemented by the Ministry of Health to respond to global health security disease threats
- Strengthening laboratory quality improvement with a focus on sample processing and diagnostic techniques, aligned with a One Health approach that feeds into the national laboratory network
- Developing a prevention, preparedness, and response plan within the international health regulation unit to address future pandemics

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