



Advancing Primary Health Care

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PROPEL Health: Objective and Focus

PROPEL Health aims to improve the enabling environment for equitable and sustainable health services, supplies, and delivery systems through:

- ▶ **POLICY:** policy development and implementation
- ▶ **FINANCING:** adequate, predictable, and sustainable health financing
- ▶ **GOVERNANCE:** enhanced government stewardship, transparency, and accountability
- ▶ **ADVOCACY:** use of evidence-based advocacy approaches at global, national, and subnational levels to promote best practices

PROPEL Health focuses on family planning/reproductive health (FP/RH), and the integration of FP/RH with HIV and maternal and child health (MCH).

Primary Health Care Approach

PROPEL Health is working with governments and partners to design comprehensive approaches to address primary health care (PHC) needs at the community, subnational, and national levels. Together, we tackle the whole health system by addressing issues ranging from health management and governance to developing and implementing evidence-based, responsive policies that govern service delivery. We are supporting efforts from the ministry to the clinic to increase efficiency and resource allocation, advance data-informed decision making, and build capacity for financial management and leadership.

Select PROPEL Health Primary Health Care Activities

We are implementing activities across the globe, including in **6** out of **7** USAID Primary Impact countries (wave 1).

PROPEL Health works with partners on primary health care-related initiatives to:

- ▶ Promote domestic resource mobilization
- ▶ Support revision of health benefits packages
- ▶ Strengthen strategic purchasing of quality services
- ▶ Sustain integration of family planning
- ▶ Promote community outreach and strengthen community health workers
- ▶ Support decentralization, devolution, and task-shifting to improve locally led services
- ▶ Advance digital transformation
- ▶ Improve governance and accountability
- ▶ Promote strategic private sector engagement
- ▶ Strengthen human resources for health
- ▶ Develop and implement primary healthcare roadmaps

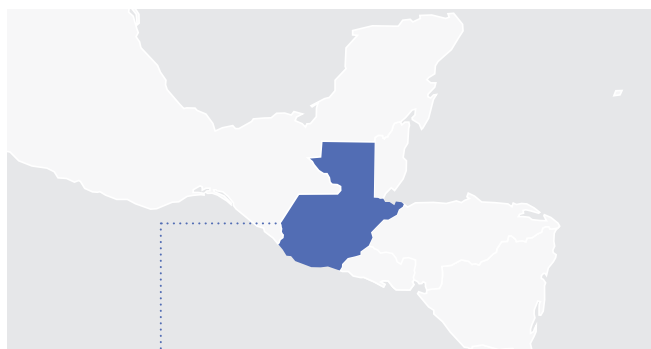
At an inter-ministerial policy dialogue aimed to improve resource mobilization, allocation, and utilization for better primary health care outcomes in Botswana, a participant from the Ministry of Finance (MOF) remarked, *“I have been with MOF for nine years and there has never been a meeting of this type held”* among the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, and the National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency.

Ghana

- ▶ Supporting the government, local civil society organizations, and research institutions to strengthen access to and provision of family planning, sexual and reproductive health, and other primary care services through improved policy development and implementation, health financing, and domestic resource mobilization.

Côte d’Ivoire

- ▶ Supporting local organizations to conduct targeted, evidence-based advocacy to secure sustainable domestic financing for community health workers.
- ▶ Facilitating capitation for community health workers and community-based organizations providing PHC.
- ▶ Supporting and mentoring community health workers to build and sustain coalitions that enable health sector improvements and accelerated coverage via digital health approaches.



Guatemala

- ▶ Enhancing ministry of health and finance collaboration for financial management of municipal health districts.
- ▶ Decentralizing human resources administration processes at the local level.
- ▶ Updating pre-service and in-service training processes.
- ▶ Promoting the implementation of the Primary Impact action plan.
- ▶ Supporting PHC-focused technology.
- ▶ Harmonizing criteria for the provision of quality family planning services.

Nigeria

- ▶ Supporting efforts on financing the integration of family planning into a package of PHC services and the national health insurance scheme.

Kenya

- ▶ Supporting national health insurance reform, including improved risk pooling and strategic purchasing, and the establishment of a new social health insurance scheme.
- ▶ Designing and piloting integrated PHC models.
- ▶ Strengthening county capacity in health budget formulation and execution.
- ▶ Expanding national capacity to increase and coordinate investment in health and efficient resourcing for PHC.

Malawi

- ▶ Improving the capacity for evidence-based PHC policy implementation and accountability, including increasing domestic resources for health and improving strategic purchasing.
- ▶ Generating evidence and increasing data use for improved district-level accountability and stewardship.
- ▶ Building the capacity of community health workers to use the integrated community health information system (iCHIS) and supporting its interoperability with the national digital health information exchange architecture.

The Philippines

- ▶ Working with stakeholders on how to incorporate family planning into multisectoral policies, including those related to climate change.

Botswana

- ▶ Supporting the Ministry of Health's efforts to revitalize PHC.
- ▶ Focusing on community health and increased community health worker participation.
- ▶ Undertaking a political economy analysis, costed implementation plan, and investment case to support a roadmap for PHC revitalization.
- ▶ Supported the launch of a PHC technical working group.

Global

- ▶ Integrating family planning into comprehensive PHC health insurance offerings.
- ▶ Supporting sustainable financing for community health workers.
- ▶ Developing a roadmap to advance understanding of PHC financing
- ▶ Supporting Ministry of Health/Ministry of Finance dialogue for PHC financing.

■ USAID Primary Impact country (wave 1)

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