



PROJECT FACTSHEET

August 2015

HEALTH PROMOTION AND SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING (HPSS)



Registration of Community Health Fund insurance scheme at the community level.
© SDC

Tuimarishe Afya Project (HPSS) is a pilot project that has been mandated to SDC by the Government of Tanzania through the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MoHSW) to be implemented in the 7 districts of the Dodoma Region.

Overall goal

To improve the health status and well-being of the Tanzanians with a focus on those most at risk (women, children, elderly etc.) and support the health system to become more responsive to health needs and demands of the different population groups.

This project applies a comprehensive approach to health systems strengthening: it looks both at the supply side (availability of medicines, financing) and the demand side (health promotion priorities from a community perspective). The project is working on four components of the health system simultaneously and in an integrated approach:

1. **Re-design of Community Health Funds (CHF)**
 - i) health insurance for the informal sector into a viable health insurance schemes with a professional organizational structure and a strong IT management system.
 - ii) The new CHF enables members to seek health services at any health facility in the Dodoma Region, and will provide access to hospital care.
2. The project supports the districts to strengthen the **management of medicine supply** and to improve health care.
3. It supports **health technology management** to allow the districts to better maintain buildings and medical equipment of health facilities. Such improved infrastructure and equipment will facilitate health care delivery.
4. The project supports **health promotion** activities in the communities by working with government health officers and community development officers to apply participatory approaches, which enable communities to identify their health needs and develop appropriate solutions and plans.

Research and documentation is an over-arching activity of this project mainly for bringing out evidence based information for policy dialogue and for policy decision-making. Gender, HIV/AIDS and Social inclusion are the three main cross-cutting issues of this project. Upon request by the Government of Tanzania, the pilot project, which is now entering in its second phase is being rolled out to two new regions of Morogoro and Shinyanga.

The project works in collaboration with MoHSW, the Prime Minister's Office for Regional Administration and Local Government (PMORALG) and the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF). There is a high level of political and technical support of this project.

UPDATE

Re-design of Community Health Funds: Enrolment for new Community Health Fund members as of May 2015 is at 8.9% across all 7 districts (active policies).

Management of medicine supply: The districts are developing a pooled drugs procurement mechanism to complement the current Medical Stores Department drugs delivery challenges of stock-outs and delayed delivery of medicines to health facilities.

Health technology management: Three district workshops have been repaired to provide maintenance services to health facilities and the available technicians have been trained and handed over working tools; many basic medical equipment that were not functioning due to minor problems e.g. blood pressure machines, weighing scales etc. are now functioning after repair.

Health promotion: Out of 200 villages 110 have implemented hygiene and sanitation programmes leading to the construction of 25'213 new latrines. School health programmes with more than 700 schools resulted in 93'247 students being sensitized, 40'107 being screened and 1'168 being referred for treatment.

Budget

CHF 18'475'000

Lead Swiss Agency

SDC

Project duration

01.06.2015–30.09.2019 (current phase)

Implementing partner

Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute

For more information:

daressalaam@eda.admin.ch

Related Internet Link: www.swisstph.ch