



PROPEL Health

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Project Overview

The Promoting Results and Outcomes through Policy and Economic Levers (PROPEL) Health project strengthens health services, supplies, and systems—improving health outcomes and prosperity.¹ The project is an effective and efficient central mechanism that advances health goals and contributes to U.S. Government priorities. We achieve results through:

1. Advancing resilient policies and systems
2. Ensuring adequate, predictable, and sustainable health financing
3. Promoting private sector engagement
4. Improving governance, accountability, and digital solutions

The project is a trusted partner working in 22 countries to engage the private sector, implement innovative financing approaches, and improve governance, accountability, and information systems to strengthen global health security, health outcomes, and economies.

¹ PROPEL Health is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development and implemented by a consortium of partners led by Palladium.

Our Approach

Advance Resilient Policies and Systems

PROPEL Health partners with governments, the private sector, and civil society to develop, adopt, implement, and monitor sustainable, resilient, and context-responsive policies to improve integrated high-quality health services, supplies, and information. To date, the project has supported 74 policies in its countries of operation. In the area of global health security, the project is strengthening health policies and systems in the face of cross-border pandemic threats to minimize their global impact.

- ▶ In **El Salvador**, PROPEL Health supported the establishment of a One Health National Committee in coordination with the ministries of health, environment, and agriculture and bilateral partners to prepare for and prevent emerging infectious disease threats. The project also designed an epidemiological surveillance software to reduce data collection time, enhance data quality, and provide real-time data for better outbreak detection and response.
- ▶ In **Honduras**, PROPEL Health is providing technical assistance to four dengue situation rooms. When dengue fever was on the rise in Puerto Cortes, PROPEL Health supported the health region to activate rapid multisectoral response teams to gather data and improve emergency response. To enhance preparedness and response to avian bird flu, the project facilitated a multisectoral simulation exercise.
- ▶ In **Malawi**, PROPEL Health supported the revision of a national-level infection prevention and control policy. The new multisectoral policy promotes evidence-based protocols and measures for reducing hospital-acquired infections for patients, guardians, visitors, and health care professionals as well as measures to reduce microbial resistance.



74 policies, strategies, laws, and regulations supported to strengthen health systems, financing, and governance



>100 data review meetings supported across **4** situation rooms to provide real-time data for better outbreak detection and response



3 digital health government institutions established/reformed to support accountability

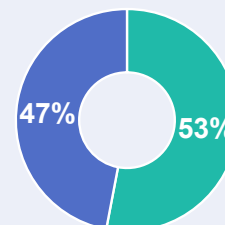
Maximize and Sustain Health Financing

PROPEL Health optimizes sustainable financing for health services, supplies, and information. It supports governments to advance public and private financing of primary health care services, partnering with ministries of health and finance to design financial management solutions that balance flexibility while controlling and better linking budgets with outcomes. To date, more than \$1 billion has been mobilized for health initiatives in the countries where we operate, reducing the need for U.S. and other donor funding.

- ▶ In **Botswana** and **Zambia**, PROPEL Health supported inter-ministerial dialogues to improve implementation of national health financing guidelines and policies. The project engaged ministries of health and finance, local government, and other stakeholders to strengthen management and collaboration for efficient and sustainable spending for primary health care.

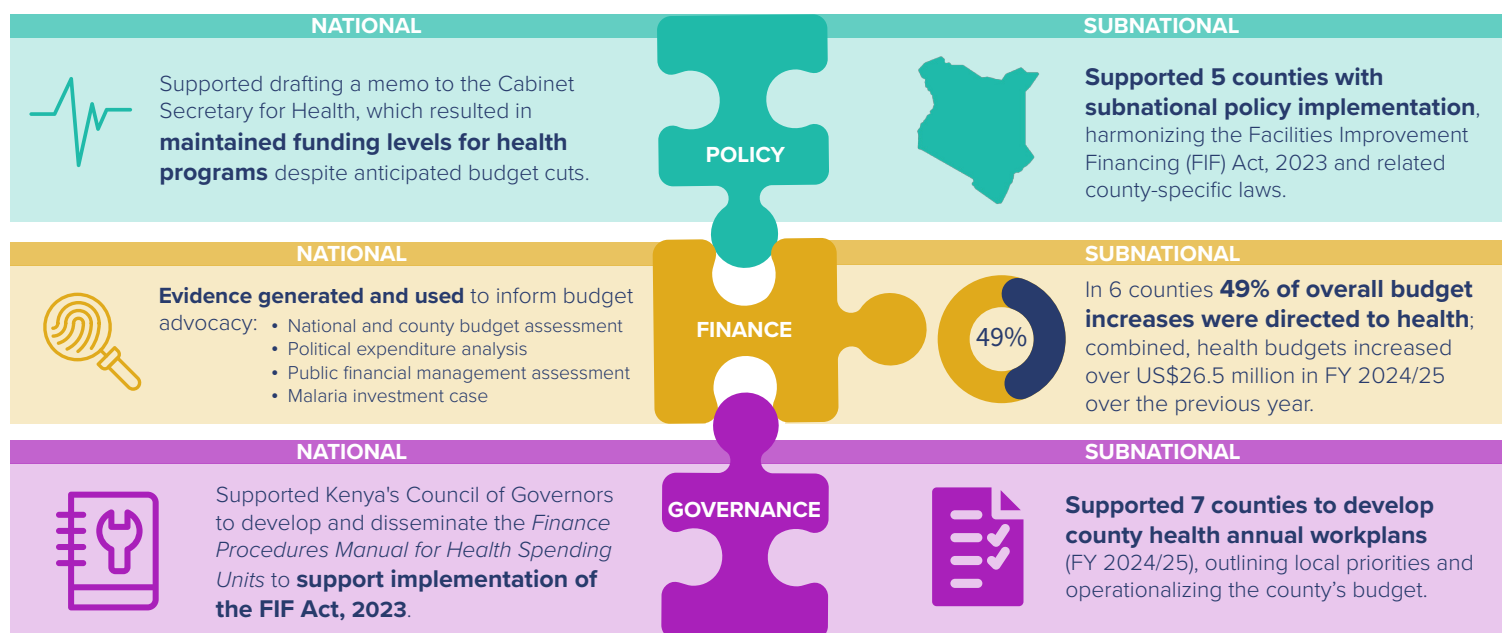
- ▶ In **Jordan**, PROPEL Health conducted an investment case to estimate potential efficiency gains of government investment in strengthening primary health care—estimates showed that such an investment could generate a seven-to-one return on investment.
- ▶ In **Malawi**, the project is contributing to a partnership between the Government of Malawi and faith-based health care providers to review and revise reimbursement rates, ensuring they are evidence-based and consistent with existing guidelines.
- ▶ In **West Africa**, the project developed a Health Financing Gap and Deductive Modeling Tool in collaboration with civil society and the governments of Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Mauritania, and Togo. The tool revealed opportunities for resource optimization, such as improved budget execution and technical efficiency.
- ▶ In **Kenya**, the project is supporting the government to mobilize and optimize its own domestic resources (see figure below) to advance its primary health care strategy in line with the country's vision for prosperity and high quality of life.

>\$1 billion
mobilized for health
initiatives



>\$555 million
from public sources

>\$485 million
from private sources,
including the Global Fund



Promote Private Sector Engagement

PROPEL Health is engaging governments and the private sector to collaborate on development solutions that shift funding from donor programs to local levels, strengthen government stewardship and oversight, and create pathways for increased private sector engagement.

- ▶ In **Côte d'Ivoire**, the project identified key market trends and potential for private sector engagement in the provision and supply of products such as contraceptives and antimalarials. The assessment supports the country's vision to become a medical hub for francophone West Africa, which could present multiple opportunities for the private sector.

- ▶ In **Ghana**, the project worked with the Ghana Health Service to explore philanthropic and private business options to fill the funding gap for procuring contraceptives, lessening the burden on international government donors as the country aims to achieve development goals.
- ▶ In **Kenya**, PROPEL Health supported an analysis on the willingness and readiness of local private sector pharmacies to participate in delivery of antiretrovirals. Obtaining HIV drugs from private pharmacies enhances access to and convenience for those on treatment and reduces workload for health care workers addressing more acute needs.
- ▶ In **Zambia**, the project facilitated a review and discussion of supply chain efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and increased private sector engagement among government and other public sector stakeholders. Extending supply chain functions to the private sector is an important step in shifting from donor-led financing of supply chain logistics.

Improve Governance, Accountability, and Digital Solutions

PROPEL Health is working to strengthen governance, accountability, and digital solutions for health. For example, the project provides technical assistance to strengthen health data monitoring and tracking systems to promote accountability, drive informed decision-making, and respond to global health security threats, helping prevent their spread and global impact.

- ▶ In **Botswana**, PROPEL Health is supporting an updated integrated human resources information system, improving data accuracy and health professionals' access to system resources.
- ▶ In **Burkina Faso**, PROPEL Health is working with the government's e-health committee to review the health system's digital environment related to community health.
- ▶ In **Guatemala**, the project designed and applied an instrument in three municipalities to identify gaps in technology, facilities, personnel, and connectivity. The results informed a budget proposal guaranteeing the adequate and timely use of technological, human, and financial resources.
- ▶ In **Honduras**, the project supported 109 data review meetings across four national- and subnational-level situation room coordination mechanisms to provide real-time data for better outbreak detection and response, improving the region's ability to rapidly respond to global health security threats.



6 digital health methods, tools, or approaches developed and/or applied

4 digital health systems developed or harmonized

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