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HEALTH SECTOR RESILIENCY (HSR)

DURATION: SEPTEMBER 2015 – SEPTEMBER 2020

VALUE: \$37 MILLION

OVERVIEW

The United States Agency for International (USAID) Health Sector Resiliency (HSR) Project supports the Afghan government to foster a strengthened, reformed, and increasingly self-reliant Afghan health system.

HSR's technical objectives are improved health sector governance and accountability, increased domestic financing for priority health services, and strengthened human resources systems and operations at the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH).

Building on the accomplishments of other USAID projects – specifically the Communication for Behavior Change: Expanding Access to Private Sector Health Products and Service Afghanistan COMPRI-A project and the Health Policy Project – HSR will engage both the public and private components of the health sector as it focuses on governance, finance, and human resources. Palladium is the prime implementer partnering with Intra-Health, Panagora, Thinkwell, Tadbeer, The Liaison Office, and South Asia Development Excellence Consultants (SADEC). HSR will stimulate and assist the MoPH to conceptualize and operationalize the more difficult, longer-term decisions and policies to strengthen

the Ministry. These could include decisions on staff rationalization, financial compensation, and hiring modalities; organizational restructuring; the contents and cost of the basic package of health services and essential package of hospital services; strengthening engagement with the private sector; and health facility rationalization. In addition, HSR will play a catalytic role within the MOPH to successfully implement the System Enhancement for Health Action in Transition (SEHAT) (Component II) proposals.

ACTIVITIES

- Increase MoPH ability to effectively plan, manage and oversee health systems.
- Strengthen MoPH capacity to effectively partner with the private sector.
- Increase Afghan government funding availability for the health sector.
- Improve transparency and accountability of MoPH financial management systems.
- Support and advance Human Resources for Health reform processes.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Institutionalized High-functioning In-Service Training (IST) systems with the MoPH
- Supported and advanced Human Resources for Health (HRH) reform processes. Identified at least two innovative financing processes to increase revenues to support the health sector.
- Expanded the reach of HSR support to the health sector, namely through improving governance, planning, budgeting, monitoring, and use of data for decision-making for five provinces by about 2017, and 15 by 2020.

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