



Pharmacy manager in Rwanda. Photo by Martin Tindiwensi for USAID Rwanda.

USAID IREME

HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING NEXT – HSS NEXT

Rwanda's improvements in health and wellbeing towards achieving the health Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including covering 90.4 percent of the population with health insurance and rapidly reducing both maternal and under-5 mortality rates, have been nothing short of extraordinary, making it a model for development in Africa.

These successes are attributed to strong governance. However, structural, financial, and behavioral barriers have slowed momentum in achieving the health-related SDGs and Rwanda's ambitious Vision 2050 goals.

Through the Health System Strengthening Next (HSS NEXT) activity, locally known as USAID Ireme (meaning "quality" in Kinyarwanda), USAID works in partnership with the Government of Rwanda to strengthen the leadership, resilience, and capacity of the health system, sustain quality services, and improve equitable health outcomes for all Rwandans.

USAID Ireme is led by Management Sciences for Health, in collaboration with local consortium partners Centre for Impact, Innovation, & Capacity Building for Health Information System & Nutrition and Health Information Systems Program Rwanda, along with PharmAccess Foundation.

OBJECTIVES

USAID Ireme supports the Government of Rwanda to:

- Optimize health financing to enable equitable access to high-quality health services without financial hardship,
- Strengthen leadership, management, and governance at all levels of the health system to improve quality and efficiency, and
- Strengthen management of the health workforce to improve the quality of health services.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Increased sustainable public and private sector financing,
- Increased efficiency and effectiveness of resource allocation and use at all levels,
- Expanded use and sustainability of strategic purchasing,
- Improved community-based health insurance claims management,
- Strengthened district and provincial-level leadership, planning, and management of health services and resources,
- Strengthened Government of Rwanda digital health leadership to increase standardization and interoperability of data,
- Addressed barriers to health workforce motivation and retention,
- Increased accountability and transparency of disciplinary processes,
- Improved continuous professional learning, and
- Increased health workforce preparedness to respond to health emergencies.

BUDGET: US \$25 million

DURATION

June 2023 - May 2028

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Kicukiro (Kigali City)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Management Sciences for Health, Inc (MSH)

KEY COUNTERPARTS

Pharm Access Foundation, local consortium partners Centre for Impact, Innovation, & Capacity Building for Health Information System & Nutrition and Health Information Systems Program Rwanda

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