



# HEALTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT/ HEALTH FINANCING

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To achieve Universal Health Coverage, the Government of Haiti needs to reinforce its capacity to lead and finance the health sector through strategic initiatives aiming at improving citizens' access to health services, ensuring a better life for all Haitians.

## BACKGROUND

Over the last decade, Haiti has made strides in improving key health indicators and the Government of Haiti (GOH) has prioritized the goal of reaching Universal Health Coverage in its Health Master Plan 2021-2031. Despite areas of progress, Haiti was unable to meet its United Nations Millennium Development Goals for the health sector. After the COVID-19 pandemic, and in addition to the traditional difficulties such as geographical and financial disparities, Haiti's health system constantly faces tremendous challenges including socio-political instability, several country lockdowns (Peyi lock), the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, fuel shortages, and gang violence.

## GOAL

The Health Leadership Project aims to enhance the strategic vision of the Ministry of Public Health and Population (in French: Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population's (MSPP). USAID's Health Leadership Project/Health

Financing (HLP/HF) assists the MSPP to progressively increase the budget percentage allocated to health through interventions based on experience, cost effectiveness, and replicability. HLP/HF aligns all its activities to the Plan Directeur de Santé (Master Health Plan) 2021-2031 pillars. This approach will contribute to the project's expected results: increased sustainable health financing; improved public financial management; and enhanced governance and accountability. HLP/HF works nationwide with the lead implementing partner, Group Croissance, a Haitian consulting firm working in economics, finance, management, and technology with twenty-nine years of experience. Stakeholders include the MSPP, civil society organizations, health associations, private hospitals, and medical associations.

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Through the HLP/HF project, USAID provided targeted technical assistance to the MSPP, fostered collaboration among key stakeholders for health financing, and supported best practices for Public Finance Management, accountability, and transparency leading to the key achievements listed below:

### **HLP/ HF supported the drafting of the preface and financed the reproduction of the MSPP Triennial Budget Plan (Plan Operationnel Triennial), 2021-2024**

- HLP/HF plans to disseminate 150 copies with the Administrative and Budget Direction of the MSPP.

### **HLP/ HF evaluated the MSPP Public Investment Project which led to an increased MSPP budget allocation**

- The evaluation highlighted new technical specifications and the need to adjust and/or finalize the works. This allowed the National Commission for Public Procurement (Commission Nationale des Marches Publics – CNMP) to set up new contracts which contributed to updating the MSPP budget: of 54 assessed projects, 26 were integrated as the primary source to draft the Public Investments Programs component of the 2023-2024 GOH national budget
- For FY 2023-2024, MSPP received 5.7 percent of the national budget, which represents a 1.8 percent increase compared to the FY 2022-2023 national budget.

### **HLP/ HF brought together actors from the health sector, civil protection, energy, civil aviation, United Nations, national and international organizations, civil society, and the private sector to develop the national health contingency plan.**

- Organization of three departmental workshops (North, South, and West) with the National Unit Managing Health Emergencies (Unité Nationale de Gestion des Urgences Sanitaires) to promote intra- and intersectoral coordination, forecasting needs, prioritizing frequent contingencies, and sharing experiences.

### **HLP/ HF improved the technical, logistical, and financial management of public hospital revenues.**

- Installed 18 cash registers in six community hospitals in the northern region (Bassin Bleu and Jean Rabel in North-West, Trou du Nord in North-East, Fort Saint Michel and Grande Rivière du Nord in North, and Belladère in Plateau Central).
- Installed one solar energy system, an internet kit, three cash registers, and six copies of QuickBooks at each HLP/HF site.

### **HLP/ HF supports better coordination of the GOH's health national plan implementation**

- HLP/HF developed a budget template allowing the MSPP Unit for Health Decentralization Support to accurately develop one District Health Unit's operating and investment budget needs for the first year.

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