

Health Partners

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'Sustainable health care in
low-income countries'

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HPI's aims, values and mission

Health Partners International (HPI) brings practical experience and international expertise to health systems development and associated health sector transformation, particularly in low-income countries. We believe that the capacity of health systems to deliver effective care is vital for reducing poverty and achieving the Millennium Development Goals. As part of a growing partnership of independent organisations, we are committed to developing effective, accessible and affordable health care.

HPI's technical team has a wealth of experience working within health services, particularly in challenging environments, and we bring a distinctive, pragmatic approach to health systems development. We work in a network that enables partners to access a broad pool of skills and knowledge, and supports the development of sustainable institutional capacity in low-income countries. Our work covers Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Middle East.

HPI's mission is to build effective and appropriate health systems and capacity to deliver high quality, sustainable and accessible health care for all, especially the poor. We achieve this by:

- Working in genuine partnership with clients, consultants and communities
- Fostering change that is locally appropriate
- Developing strong and sustainable in-country capacity
- Promoting networks of health expertise
- Ensuring value for money and an ethical approach in all our work.

HPI's technical expertise

HPI provides expertise in health systems to develop and implement realistic solutions to health systems challenges with local stakeholders.

We offer proven, adaptable approaches and methodologies for health service management, human resource planning, and health care technology management. We also offer strategic support at district, state and national levels to plan, allocate and manage resources. We provide social development and gender expertise to ensure health services meet the needs of the communities they are designed to serve, and are responsive and accountable to them. Building local capacity to analyse and address barriers that prevent people accessing services is an integral part of our approach to health systems development.

Our expertise in health systems strengthening includes:

- Health service planning and management
- District health system strengthening
- Human resources planning and management
- Health care technology management
- Hospital transformation and management
- Financial management and accounting
- Institutional development
- Addressing demand-side barriers to service utilisation
- Improving accountability of services providers to users
- Increasing community participation and voice

Our expertise in health sector transformation includes:

- Strengthening health sector governance at district, regional, state and national level
- Health policy analysis, review and development – informed by reality on the ground
- National health sector planning
- Monitoring and evaluation of health sector priorities in the context of sector-wide approaches (SWAPs) and direct budget support
- Economic analysis and health sector financing
- Developing policies to address the needs of the very poor
- Addressing issues of gender and health equity.

HPI's services

- Technical support and advisory services
- Programme planning, design, management and appraisal
- Monitoring and evaluation



- Policy analysis and development
- Sector reviews
- Strategic planning
- Institutional analysis
- Training and capacity building
- Workshop design and facilitation
- A range of methodologies and approaches including:
 - IMPACT and PPRHAA (Peer and Participatory Rapid Health Appraisal for Action), for facility assessments
 - PLAMAHS software for the Planning and Management of Assets in Health Services
 - Human Resources Database to improve management and planning of Human Resources within health systems and health facilities.

HPI's experts

Our core consultants are highly experienced senior health professionals who share a strong commitment to health sector reform.

Working with a small group of trusted experts enables us to provide consistent technical assistance. We draw on the organisations in the Health Partners Network to offer an effective combination of international and local expertise, and we ensure full integration of national consultants as equal partners in our teams.

Key consultants include:

- **Bryan Haddon:** health systems strengthening, health sector reform, health management, hospital reform and transformation
- **Garth Singleton:** health sector planning, health financing, financial and management systems, sector wide monitoring and evaluation
- **Cathy Green:** social development in health systems, including access to services, voice and accountability, gender and health equity issues, safety nets for the very poor
- **Rodion Kraus:** health sector reform, health policy, hospital reform and transformation, district health services planning and management
- **Ike Osakwe:** financial and strategic planning, accounting, financial management systems
- **Diarmuid McClean:** planning and management of public health service delivery
- **Kwame Adogboba:** policy, planning and management of district, regional and national health services
- **Michael Siebert:** organisational development, human resources and information systems
- **Nana Enyimayew:** health economics, health systems reforms, organisation and management of health systems, development of district health and primary health care systems
- **John Malmberg:** health facilities planning, low-cost design and construction technology, health sector capital

investment planning

- **Andrew McKenzie:** health planning and management, hospital and facility management, financial and management systems development
- **Jürgen Schmidt:** public health, programme management, monitoring and evaluation
- **Pieter de Ruijter:** healthcare technology management, equipment appraisal, procurement management and maintenance system development
- **Jan Huijs:** healthcare technology management, information systems, sterilization of medical supplies and energy management in health facilities.



HPI's experience

Since 1995 we have contributed to lasting health initiatives in more than 30 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and Middle East.

Our clients include the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the World Bank, the European Commission, the African and Asian Development Banks, the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Danida), national ministries of health, and a wide range of civil society and private sector organisations.

Highlights since 2002 include:

- **Partnership for Reviving Routine Immunization in Northern Nigeria.**
HPI, in joint venture with GRID Consulting in Nigeria, and Save the Children, UK, is leading this five-year £19 million, DFID-funded programme to help Government, communities and other stakeholders to establish sustainable routine immunization across four northern states with a population of 18 million people.
- **Transforming health systems in Nigeria.**
HPI is a main partner in the consortium managing the 6-year, £52 million DFID-funded programme, Partnership for Transforming Health Systems (PATHS). PATHS has helped introduce wide-ranging reforms and improvements

in service delivery in 6 states and at federal level. HPI provides technical oversight and assistance on health management and systems and social development aspects of the programme

- **Setting up a health management information system in Zambia.**

HPI is setting up a modern integrated health management information system with the Government of Zambia through a European Union Health Framework agreement.

- **Addressing the challenge of HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa.**

HPI is a member of the UNAIDS Technical Support Facility to support the acceleration and expansion of national HIV/AIDS programmes in 13 Southern African countries.

- **Strategic review of the health sector in Palestine.**

HPI provided a health-planning expert on a multi-donor team that worked with national partners to review key choices for the future development of health services in Palestine.

- **Development of a National Strategic Health Plan for St Lucia.**

HPI provided technical expertise as part of an EC-funded programme to facilitate the preparation of a National Strategic Health Sector Plan.

- **Reforming hospital management in Ghana.**

In Ghana, HPI supported the development of a locally driven programme to strengthen district and regional hospital management, achieving vast improvements in patient care, coverage and accessibility.

- **Strengthening the management of Vietnam's Hung Yen Provincial Hospital.**

As part of a five-year programme of health sector support from Lux Development, HPI provided expertise to assess hospital performance, strengthen organisation, planning and management, and improve workforce performance.

- **Supporting pro-poor health policy development in Ghana.**

HPI reviewed the health-sector component of the Ghana Poverty Reduction Strategy, making recommendations on improving systems for identifying the poor, a framework for allocating resources, and strengthening multi-sectoral responses towards pro-poor action.

- **Institutional strengthening of the Christian Health Association of Nigeria (CHAN).**

In Nigeria, faith-based organisations provide up to 40 per cent of primary and secondary health services. Over a three-year period, HPI worked to strengthen CHAN's management systems, introducing organisational and management reforms, improving financial management systems and communications, and developing support services for members such as provision of drugs and other medical supplies.



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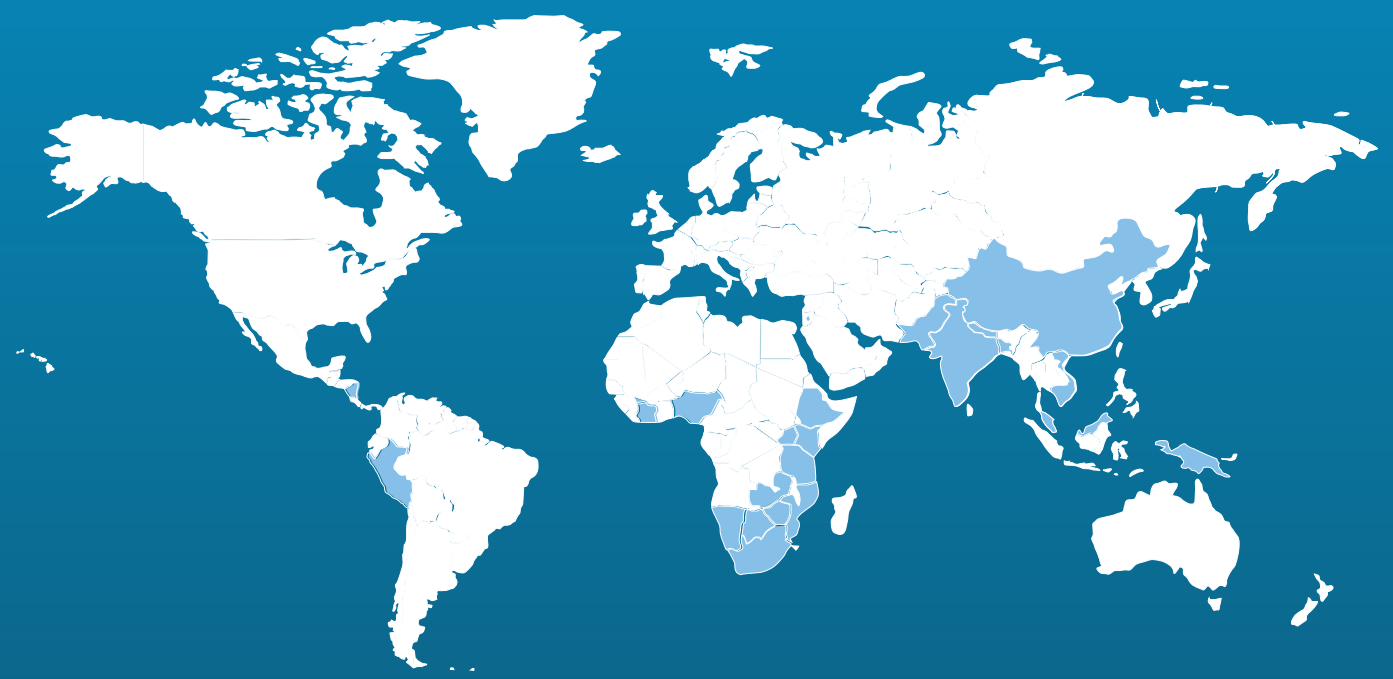
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