

## Africa's Health in 2010 - Regional

### Background

Africa's Health in 2010 is a five-year project funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) that seeks to identify policy and implementation constraints and emerging issues around the health status of the African population. It also helps identify innovative approaches to address and overcome those challenges. Abt Associates serves as a subcontractor to the Africa's Health in 2010 project primed by the Academy for Educational Development.

### Objectives

The Africa's Health in 2010 project is designed to assist USAID in reaching objectives identified in the USAID white paper, *U.S. Foreign Aid: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-First Century*, and in the USAID fragile states strategy with regard to Africa.

The project provides strategic, analytical, communications, advocacy, and monitoring and evaluation support to USAID's Africa Bureau, missions, and regional programs, and to African institutions and networks to improve the health status of Africans. Africa's Health in 2010 participates in reviews and evaluations of regional and country programs to identify lessons learned and how USAID missions can apply those lessons to country situations. As many development challenges are cross-cutting in nature, the Africa's Health in 2010 team works across sectors – such as education, agriculture, and environment – to improve the health status of the African population. The team draws on experience gained under the predecessor project, Support for Analysis and Research in Africa (SARA) project, and builds upon those successes to address the health challenges of Africa over the next five years.



### Principal Activities

Abt Associates leads the health systems component of this project, which will focus on two key areas, health financing and human resources for health, to achieve the following:

- More equitable, evidence-based resource allocation and more efficient use of available resources
- Greater access to health services by scaling up health prepayment schemes
- Improved health workforce policies and management
- Greater commitment to health systems strengthening at the country level

### Progress to Date

The project is developing a workplan with the Africa Bureau and collaborating with other projects and donors in Africa to identify what health systems gaps need to be addressed. A discussion paper to stimulate discussion with African partners on what issues should be addressed in health financing and human resources for health is underway as is a health systems discussion paper in collaboration with the World Bank.

Client: USAID  
Duration: 2005-2010

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