

Fortalecimiento de la Salud Project in El Salvador

Objectives

Fortalecimiento de la Salud (Strengthening Health) is a four-year project funded by USAID in El Salvador that ensures the Ministry of Health (MOH) has the necessary resources available on a continuous basis to deliver quality health services that meet the needs of the Salvadoran population. The project builds on the achievements of a predecessor project also led by Abt Associates – Partners for Health Reform*plus*.

Principal Activities

Fortalecimiento de la Salud implements activities to secure increased funding for health from the Government of El Salvador. *Fortamecimiento* activities, developed in close collaboration with the MOH, improve MOH capacity, procedures, and systems in the following areas:

- Financial analysis and planning
- Financial administration
- Logistics and supply management
- Human resource management

The Abt team closely collaborates with other international organizations in El Salvador that are working directly to improve Salvadoran health outcomes. In order to fully utilize the technical assistance provided by these organizations, the MOH must have the financial and human resources, as well as medicines and supplies required. The project's objective is to guarantee that these resources are of high quality and available on a continuous basis.



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Progress to Date

Increased MOH capacity to implement improved procedures and systems will contribute to increased efficiency and better use of scarce resources on the part of the MOH. Project activities will increase use of accurate financial data by the MOH to develop health policies, advocate for increased resources, and promote greater financial transparency and improve justification of the MOH budget to other government stakeholders and ministries. Over time, this will lead to improved resource allocation and improved efficiency in the use of resources at central and regional levels of the health system. Human resources activities will help the MOH to more rationally distribute human resources at central, regional, and facility levels and to increase personnel dedicated to primary care in up to 69 USAID-supported communities. A well-functioning MOH logistics system will ensure that needed medicines, medical supplies, and equipment complement these personnel.

Client: USAID

Duration: 2006-2009

Project Team:

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