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PUBLIC SECTOR SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING (PS3) IN TANZANIA

Project Duration

August 2015 – July 2020

Budget

\$61,984,452

Focus Areas

All districts (89) in 13 target Mainland Tanzania regions:

Dodoma, Iringa, Kagera, Kigoma, Lindi, Mara, Mbeya, Morogoro, Mtwara, Mwanza, Njombe, Rukwa, and Shinyanga.

Implementer

Abt Associates

Partners

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Overview

The purpose of USAID's five-year Public Sector Strengthening (PS3) in Tanzania activity is to strengthen existing Government of Tanzania (GOT) systems at national and local levels to improve service delivery across sectors. PS3 will provide support at the national level for operationalization of key strategies, policies, and guidelines such as the National Health Care Financing Strategy, the Health Sector Strategic Plan IV, the Human Resources for Health Strategy, the Social Welfare Strategy, and the e-Health Strategy. At the Local Government Authority (LGA) level, PS3 will focus on translating national guidance into action, while informing the national dialogue based on LGA-level realities on the ground. PS3 will accommodate the multi-sectoral nature of LGAs to promote inclusive and evidenced-based planning, management, and implementation of services.

To reach the goal of improved government service delivery, PS3 will focus on four major systems components: governance and citizen engagement, human resources, financing, and information systems. Given both its health and multi-sectoral emphases, PS3 includes a strong operational research (OR) component. Project-supported OR will demonstrate relevance, causal links, and the effects of PS3 on USAID's health areas, in addition to cross-cutting results at the LGA level related to health, education, agriculture, rural roads, and water and sanitation.

Core Project Components and Expected Results

Component One: Governance and Citizen Engagement

Expected Result: PS3 interventions will result in strengthened governance at national, regional, and LGA levels. LGAs will be able to use resources transparently, engage citizens in planning and monitoring, and deliver services more effectively across all sectors. The project will strengthen the capacity of managers and administrators at national, regional, and LGA levels to deliver quality public services, encourage and respond to civic engagement in the monitoring of service delivery, and enhance government accountability.

Component Two: Human Resources

Expected Result: PS3 will support improved equity in the distribution of human resources for effective service delivery to the most vulnerable populations. The project will help to ensure that the required numbers of public sector service providers are being produced in the system, and promote reduction in vacancy rates at the LGA level by strengthening HR recruitment, distribution, and retention systems across sectors.

Component Three: Finance

Expected Result: PS3 will support the Tanzanian government to work toward increased mobilization and allocation of domestic resources for services that deliver public goods, as well as promote greater effectiveness, efficiency, and value for money in the use of public funds. The project will promote innovative mechanisms for domestic resource mobilization and payment for public services, particularly at the district level. This component will also strengthen routine finance data collection systems and their use for budgeting and planning.

Component Four: Information Systems

Expected Result: The project will strengthen information systems and data use among national, regional, and district level stakeholders. PS3 will support the GOT in facilitating access to quality data for all stakeholders and streamlining reporting. It will also strengthen the government's ability to engage in the Open Government Partnership Initiative, which aims to improve public service delivery, government responsiveness, and public trust. This component of the project will focus on transparency, accountability, citizen participation, technology, and innovation.