

About PPD-ARO

Partners in Population and Development Africa Regional Office (PPD ARO) is part of a global South-South alliance of 27 developing countries. The Africa Regional Office is located in Kampala, Uganda, and the Secretariat for PPD is in Dhaka, Bangladesh. PPD receives funding from all member countries, as well as donors.

The 16 current PPD member countries in Africa are: Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

Partners in Population and Development (PPD):

- Is a Southern-led, Southern-run inter-governmental organisation;
- Works through the modality of South-South Cooperation in the areas of reproductive health and population and development;
- Was founded based on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), Cairo, 1994;
- Currently has 25 member countries (more than half of the world's population), who exhibit their commitment through Ministerial-level Board representation and paying annual membership contributions;
- Is a Permanent Observer at the UN and has diplomatic status in Bangladesh and Uganda.

The Africa Regional Office (PPD ARO) links 16 African countries who are members of PPD.

The organisation works through three strategies:

1. Policy dialogue;
2. Networking and building strategic partnerships in the region; and
3. Sharing of experiences and good practices.

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About AFIDEP

AFIDEP is an African-led, non-profit research and policy institute, established in 2010 to institutionalise a culture of evidence use in the public sector and to bridge the gaps between research, policy and practice in development efforts in Africa. AFIDEP is registered as a non-governmental organisation in Kenya and Malawi and as a non-profit institution in the USA, with 501(c)3 status.

AFIDEP contributes to the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other development strategies by enabling the use of evidence in the formulation and implementation of development policies and programmes. To do this, we undertake activities that fall in two broad categories:

1. Research generation, synthesis and translation for decision-making
2. Capacity development for increased research use and evidence-informed decision-making (EIDM), including strengthening individual and institutional capacity for research synthesis, analysis, translation, packaging, communications and policy engagement.

AFIDEP implements work in five thematic areas:

- Population dynamics and demographic dividend;
- Health and well-being;
- Transformative education and skills development;
- Environment and climate change; and
- Governance and accountability.

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ADVANCE DOMESTIC HEALTH FINANCING

Promoting increased and efficient use of domestic health finance with a focus on primary health care and women's and girls' health



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● Overview

The Advance Domestic Health Financing project seeks to contribute to increasing domestic investments in health and promoting efficient utilisation of health budgets, with a focus on primary healthcare (PHC), girls' and women's health.

The project builds on African governments' commitments to increasing domestic financing for health and improving efficiency in budget expenditure through declarations like the 2001 Abuja Declaration, the 2019 African Union (AU)'s Africa Leadership Meeting (ALM) declaration, and other domestic, regional, and global commitments related to PHC, girls' and women's health including the ICPD+25, FP2030, the 2021 generation equality forum, and SDGs.

The project is implemented at both regional level in Africa and country level in Kenya and Zambia.



“The Advance Domestic Health Financing project is a three-year project that aims to contribute to enhancing domestic political will, resource investments, adaptation and implementation of evidence-informed policies, and effective utilisation of available health resources in Africa.”

● Project Outcomes

The project's primary outcome is: **Enhanced financing for PHC, girls' and women's health in Kenya and Zambia.** This outcome will be realised through three intermediate outcomes as follows:

1 Increased use of evidence by decision makers when allocating and utilising domestic health financing with a focus on PHC, and women's and girls' health in Kenya, Zambia and the African region.

This outcome will be realised through; (i) the provision of practical evidence and technical assistance to ministries of health and finance, parliamentary committees on health and budget, among other government agencies; and (ii) intensified advocacy for increased domestic finance for health at national, sub-national and regional levels.

2 Strengthened champions for PHC, girls' and women's health from the private sector and civil society organisations in Kenya and Zambia.

This outcome will be realised through intensified advocacy for domestic health financing by MoH, parliamentarians, CSOs, media, and the private sector.

3 Strengthened south-to-south cooperation and political will for early adoption of effective health policies and programs.

This outcome leverages the existing capacities and extensive partnerships of AFIDEP and PPD-ARO in evidence synthesis and translation and convening high-level African decision-makers to galvanise commitments for population and health issues and follow-up for accountability.

Interventions



Intervention 1

Evidence generation and translation

- Rapid systematic reviews
- Modelling, forecasting and scenario building
- Monitoring investment versus needs and use of health budgets



Intervention 2

Intensified Advocacy for domestic health finance

- Strengthening champions
- Engaging the private sector, CSOs, and media
- Strengthening the capacity of national and sub-national CSOs



Intervention 3

Technical assistance

The project will provide technical assistance to support countries to implement their domestic health finance commitments, and design and implement best practice interventions identified through the evidence generation.



Intervention 4

Capacity development

- Strengthen Ministry of Health's capacity to synthesize health financing data.
- Train MoH staff in skills needed in driving domestic health financing
- Support strengthening of decision-making systems.

● Implementation Approach

The project is implemented by the African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP) in partnership with the Partners in Population and Development Africa Regional Office (PPD-ARO), an intergovernmental platform that advances south-south cooperation for reproductive health (RH), population, and development.