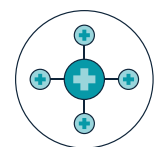




EXEMPLARS IN GLOBAL HEALTH

GHANA



Primary Health Care

Project Status: **Complete**

TOP-LINE FINDING

Ghana's primary health care (PHC) system outperforms peer countries at a similar level of spending on health.

- » Ghana has made substantial progress improving overall efficiency through improvements in service coverage alongside health outcomes while increasing total health expenditure (THE).
- » Ghana's government is the largest financier of current health expenditure, significantly improving financial risk protection. Despite this, out-of-pocket payments for health remain high.
- » Ghana has implemented many reforms since independence, with key themes across reform efforts of governance, financing, human resources for health, and care models.
- » Research also studied the district-level operations that contributed to efficient performance.



COVID-19 Response

Project Status: **Complete**

TOP-LINE FINDING

Ghana has been identified as a positive outlier for its COVID-19 response and ability to maintain essential health services throughout the pandemic.

- » Ghana quickly implemented the "3T" strategy – test, trace, treat – by employing targeted contact tracing and referring infected individuals for isolation and treatment.
- » Ghanaian health officials leveraged experience in public health risk communication from previous disease outbreaks to deliver consistent messaging via mass and social media.
- » Ghana worked to maintain essential health services by leveraging innovations such as drones to deliver medical supplies, appointments systems at health facilities, and other health service delivery adaptations.

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Stunting

Project Status: **Complete**

TOP-LINE FINDING

Ghana has been identified as an Exemplar in stunting, decreasing stunting rates in children under five from 35% in 2003 to 18% in 2017.

- » Findings suggest policy and programmatic efforts to improve maternal and newborn care, as well as scale up malaria prevention programs, may be promoting child growth.
- » Subnational variation in stunting burden remains. Reduction has been fastest in the higher burden northern regions.
- » Nutrition programming has been more intensive in the north, but additional non-health sector drivers of progress are also evident, with improvements in water, sanitation, and hygiene and maternal education accounting for almost 40% of the modeled change in child growth in northern regions.

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Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights

Project Status: **In Progress**

TOP-LINE FINDING

Ghana has been identified as an Exemplar country with a strong trajectory in reducing age-specific fertility rates (ASFR) for 15 to 19-year-olds. Research will explore drivers of this progress and adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights (ASRHR) more broadly, including prevention and management of unintended pregnancy. Research questions include:

- » The role of contextual factors and health system elements in reducing ASFR for ages 15 to 19.
- » How progress on ASRHR for vulnerable adolescents has been addressed.
- » Specific interventions contributing to progress and their scalability and sustainability.

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