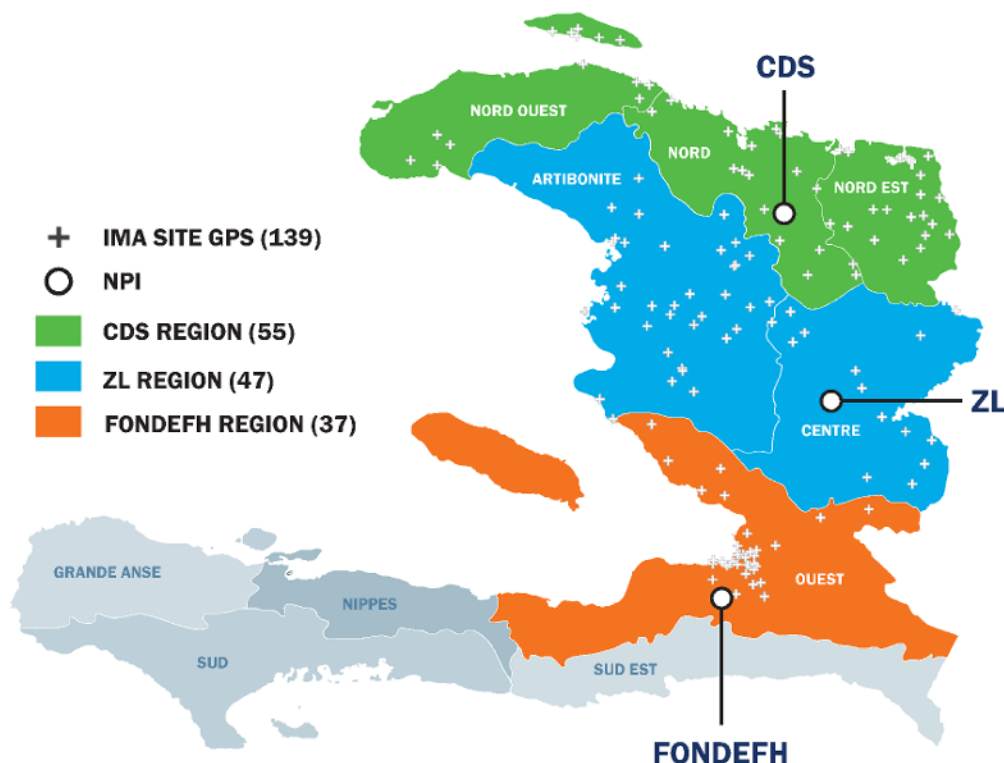


PROJECT OVERVIEW

Improved Health Service Delivery – Integrated Health Resilience Activity (IHSD)



According to the WHO, Haiti has the worst health indicators in the Americas – the highest rates of infant and maternal mortality, malnutrition and persons living with HIV/AIDS. Many Haitians living in poverty lack access to potable water and quality health care and are regularly exposed to serious waterborne illnesses as well as neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). The nation grapples with a long-standing political, security and humanitarian crisis, which has severely impacted its health system.

Funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), IMA World Health implements the Improved Health Service Delivery – Integrated Health Resilience Activity (IHSD) in collaboration with its consortium of local partners – Centres de Développement et de la Santé, Zanmi Lasanté, FONDEFH, FOSREF and Konesans Fanmi. IHSD increases access to integrated health care in Haiti with an emphasis on quality and patient-centric primary health care services to ensure a continuum of care and efficient use of resources. This includes technologies, best practices and innovation to support sustainable health service delivery through a decentralized approach in six departments: West, Central, Artibonite, North, Northwest and Northeast. Under the Global

IMA WORLD HEALTH'S LOCAL PARTNERS

Centres de Développement et de la Santé (CDS): An established local NGO that delivers health solutions in challenging settings.

Zanmi Lasanté (ZL): An innovative health care network and source of innovative technical assistance to the Government of Haiti.

FONDEFH: A strong network of health facilities, extending health services to remote and underserved areas.

FOSREF: A leading organization working with marginalized communities and underserved areas.

Konesans Fanmi: An organization valued for its successes in community mobilization.

Health New Partnerships Initiative (NPI), the activity harnesses the potential of new and underutilized partners at all levels of the health system to accelerate the equitable availability of quality essential health services, to strengthen the capacity of local partners and to prepare local partners to transition to direct funding in the third and fourth years of implementation.

Building on the achievements of past USAID investments in Haiti, IHSD is improving services and outcomes for family planning, sexual and reproductive health (FP/SRH), maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (MNCAH), nutrition, HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Working closely with Haiti's Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population (MSPP), IHSD is scaling-up high-impact interventions and implementing MSPP's Community Health Strategy. Additionally, to strengthen community health systems and their responsiveness to epidemic shocks, IHSD is engaging community-based organizations through a competitive small grants program to work in partnership with communities, community health workers, and care groups to increase healthy behaviors, drive demand of health services and strengthen platforms to hold the health system accountable. IHSD is also engaging PEPFAR partners to increase availability of comprehensive HIV prevention, care and treatment services to achieve 95-95-95 targets.

IMA WORLD HEALTH IN HAITI

IMA World Health began its work in Haiti in 1998, partnering with the Haitian Ministry of Health and others to open a clinic to treat lymphedema, one of the debilitating symptoms of lymphatic filariasis, or LF. Since then, IMA World Health has been successfully partnering with national and local government and civil society organizations (CSOs) in Haiti to support local capacity strengthening among service authorities and providers across health, WASH, and emergency response with a particular focus on NTD elimination and mitigation and health system strengthening.

RESULTS TO DATE

During the first year of implementation, IHSD faced a challenging environment in Haiti marked by unforeseen circumstances due to a complex and volatile security and socio-economic context. However, through strong partnerships with USAID, MSPP and local partners, IHSD ensured uninterrupted health services at sites previously supported by USAID, addressed issues related to HIV data collection, quality and reporting, and increased COVID-19 vaccination coverage.

- With IHSD's technical and financial support, **55 NGO and 84 public sector service delivery sites** were able to provide, **without interruption**, essential primary health services to targeted populations in the six geographic departments served by IHSD. The full package of HIV prevention, care and treatment services were provided at **32 of these sites**.
- In support of the national cholera epidemic response, with IHSD assistance, **29 Cholera Treatment Centers (CTC)** were opened and operational, providing cholera care to **5,731 cholera patients**. In less than a year, as per MSPP guidelines, COVID-19 vaccination was integrated into the routine immunization program in **54% of IHSD-supported sites** with **420 health workers** trained on COVID-19 case management and **25,663 people** vaccinated against COVID-19 in IHSD-supported sites.

