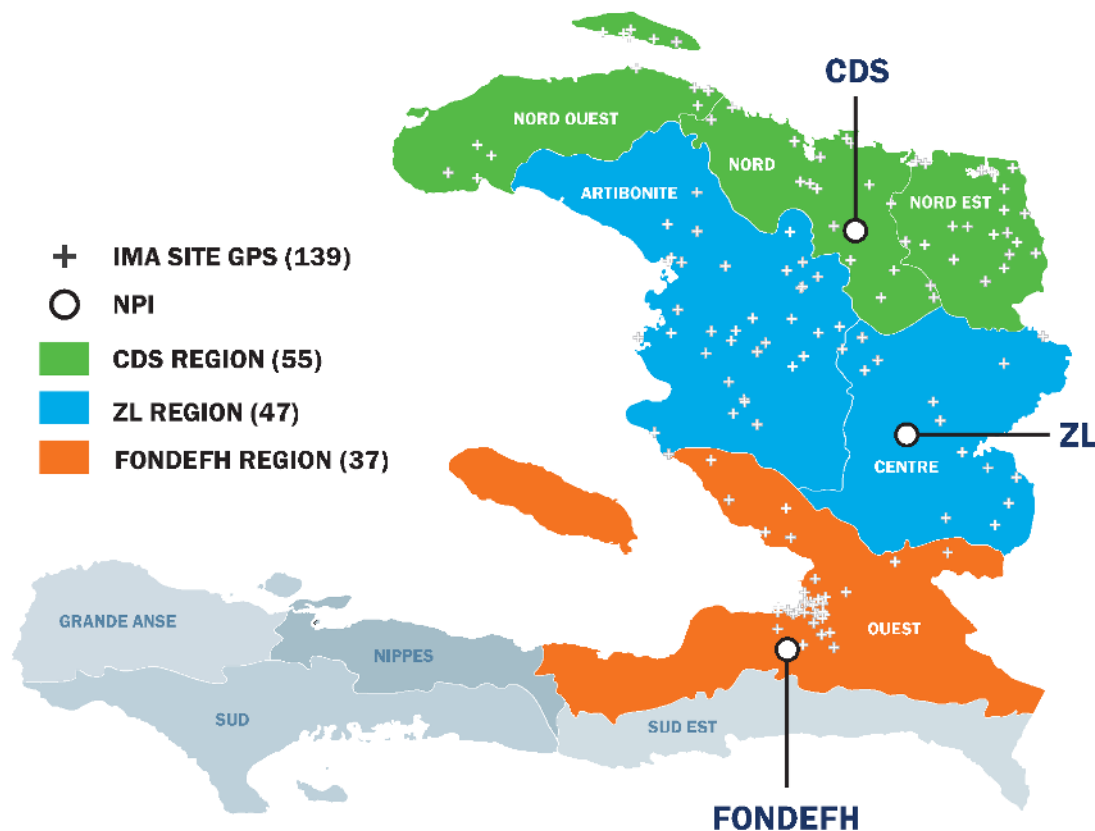


PROJECT OVERVIEW FOR QUARTER 1, YEAR 2

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



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, North-West and North-East. Under the Global 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.

RESULTS FROM OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2023

During the first quarter of year two of implementation, IHSD continued to face a challenging environment in Haiti marked by a complex and volatile security and socio-economic context. However, through strong partnerships with USAID, MSPP and local partners, IHSD strengthened 139 health facilities and community programs to increase availability, access and use of quality health services to target populations.

Improve FP/SRH, MNCAH, nutrition and WASH outcomes

- 8,294 pregnant women have reached ANC4 visits, which represents 20% of the annual target.
- 6,204 deliveries have been performed at IHSD-supported sites, which represents 30% of the annual target.
- More than 95% of women and newborns received a postnatal visit in the first 3 days after delivery.
- 17,997 children were fully vaccinated, which represents 23% of the annual target.
- Plans were elaborated in support of the Maternal Death Surveillance and Response strategy aiming to systematically conduct clinic audits and verbal autopsies in 4 maternity wards in the Northern and Central departments.

Increase the availability of comprehensive HIV prevention, care and treatment services

- 5 additional sites were activated to provide pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a critical component of the project's comprehensive strategy to reduce HIV transmission among high-risk populations.
- 85 people received post violence-related care, of whom 32 were survivors of sexual violence and 53 were survivors of physical and emotional violence.
- 569 HIV-positive patients were diagnosed, with an impressive linkage rate of 97%.
- Improvements in HIV testing and case finding resulted

in significant improvement in IHSD's HIV target yield, from 2.2% to an 2.8%.

- Comprehensive screening of all pregnant women resulted in a significant increase in HIV testing coverage among pregnant women at PEPFAR-funded sites; increasing to 99% from last year's 97%.

Strengthen community health systems and responsiveness to epidemic shocks

- 57 community-based organizations (CBOs), 56% of the target, were selected and trained as IHSD partners. Those CBOs held 40 community meetings with 419 leaders, which resulted in 447 people being referred to health facilities.
- Materials (including 53 thermometers, 46 blood pressure monitors, 36 portable scales and 45 fetoscopes) were distributed in support of community programs around 23 sites in the North-East department.
- IHSD continued to support the Direction Départementale de la Santé (DDS) in the implementation of their Community Health Action Plans. The North-East department held a 5-day training session for 30 Agents de Santé Communautaire Polyvalents (ASCPs). IHSD also provided financial support to the DDS of the Central department to train 60 ASCPs.

Strengthen selected local health partners' management and operational capacities

- In support of the U.S. Government's localization approach, IHSD assessed the capabilities of local partners using the Organizational Capacity Assessments (OCA) tool. Based on the results of the initial assessments, IMA World Health worked with the partners to develop action plans and provide targeted mentoring and coaching support.

