

USAID Health Systems Strengthening Case Competition

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The Case Competition is an opportunity for USAID staff and partners working on health system strengthening (HSS) activities to showcase the work they are doing and the impact that their activities are having on health systems and health outcomes. Using real-life examples, the Case Competition allows us to learn what does and does not work when implementing, institutionalizing, and scaling up health system programs and approaches. These case submissions help inform USAID and its partners' ongoing work. They also contribute to learning syntheses and dissemination under the USAID HSS Learning Agenda to strengthen the global HSS evidence base.

102
CASES
SUBMITTED

30
ORGANIZATIONS
PARTICIPATED

31
COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED

LEARNING QUESTIONS

- 1 How have systems thinking approaches and tools been incorporated in activities to improve health equity? Were these approaches useful in achieving health equity goals? If so, what are the pathways by which these approaches helped to address the root causes of inequity?
- 2 What are effective and sustainable mechanisms or processes to integrate local, community, sub-national, national, and regional voices, priorities, and contributions into health system strengthening efforts?
- 3 What types of social and behavioral (SBC) changes or outcomes are commonly sought within health system-strengthening projects or interventions? How are SBC methods useful in creating behavior or norm change among government, private sector, and community health system actors? What are lessons learned regarding explicitly incorporating SBC approaches within HSS programs?

4 JUDGES

The following four judges reviewed and scored the submissions.

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Integrating Community Structures for Effective WASH Behavior Change: A Cross-Sectoral Approach

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SAFEMed and the Affordable Medicines Program in Ukraine: Reducing Inequities in Medicine Access

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Institutionalizing Community-Based Drug Rehabilitation in Inter-local Health Zones in Leyte Province

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