

# In summary

## Health

**About Oxford  
Policy Management's  
*In summary* series**

Our *In summary* publications aim to give an introduction to a key area of our expertise and the capabilities we offer in supporting governments, funders, practitioners, and partners in achieving lasting, positive change through policy reform.

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# Health

We contribute to the transformation of health systems in low- and middle-income countries to the benefit of the populations of those countries. We focus on working with governments and international development institutions in improving access to good-quality, affordable, and effective healthcare.

For every project, we combine exceptional technical expertise rooted in the economic, political, and social context of the country.

We choose projects for their potential for impact, implementing them in a way to achieve it, and preparing our departures to ensure reforms or analysis are fully owned at country level.

We consider the governments, and mostly the Ministries of Health, as our clients, and receive funding from all large international donors (among others DFID, World Bank, AfDB, UNAIDS, UNICEF, KfW, GIZ), as well as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Mastercard Foundation.

# We work globally across the policy cycle





The map above highlights some examples of our work, and is based on a Gall-Peters projection



# Our thematic areas

We work on health systems reforms, bringing together health consultants and policy experts from around the world, as well as independent associates and academics from renowned institutions.

## **Health governance and service delivery**

We provide technical assistance on issues such as primary healthcare and hospital reforms, public/private partnerships, performance assessments at institutional and system levels, and health management capability building.

## **Health financing**

We work with governments on all aspects of health financing, from developing health financing strategies to more discreet analysis such as fiscal space for universal health coverage (UHC), defining benefit packages, or implementing strategic purchasing reforms.

### **Human resources for health**

We provide diagnostic analysis – such as discrete choice experiments, reform implementation, and evaluation to ensure governments have the right person for the right job in the right place.

### **Supply chain management**

We support the definition, analysis, and implementation of reforms focused on improving the supply of drugs and commodities in low-income countries and specialise on setting up drug revolving funds.

### **Health systems learning and monitoring and evaluation**

We provide applied solutions that use pragmatic and innovative study designs to deliver results at the right time in a user-friendly format. Our work includes: programme evaluations at scale, technical assistance and strategic reviews, concurrent learning and adaptive management, summative and impact evaluations, as well as third party monitoring, verification, and operational research.



# Examples of our work

## **Improving access to quality healthcare in Swaziland**

We assisted the Ministry of Health in Swaziland to identify key bottlenecks that affected the sustainability of health financing and initiated the implementation of key reforms to improve access to quality health services such as social health insurance or the establishment and capacity building of a health financing unit.

## **Improving information sharing to strengthen health systems**

We worked with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to identify ways in which African research institutions could not only thrive but further strengthen the link with policymakers, hence providing all knowledge brokerage needed to transform learning into action (see [www.learningforaction.org](http://www.learningforaction.org)).



### **Exploring performance-based financing initiatives and building capacity in Nigeria**

In partnership with the World Bank, we provided technical and management assistance to the federal ministry and primary healthcare development agencies in Nigeria, supporting the implementation of results-based financing (RBF). Our work helped improve healthcare services for over eight million people across 1,500 health facilities. To ensure the work RBF provided was sustainable, we designed and implemented the Nigeria OPM Results-Based Financing Fellowship, an innovative nine-month learning and mentoring programme, which prepared 14 government staff to become the future RBF Technical Assistants in Nigeria.

### **Technical Support Mechanism for UNAIDS**

We are working with UNAIDS to provide fast response technical assistance across all areas of HIV and AIDS, including transition funding, accessing key populations through community responses, and ensuring the rights of HIV patients are protected across Africa, Asia, and the Pacific.



## About Oxford Policy Management

Oxford Policy Management is committed to helping low- and middle-income countries achieve growth and reduce poverty and disadvantage through public policy reform. We seek to bring about lasting positive change using analytical and practical policy expertise. Through our global network of offices, we work in partnership with national decision makers to research, design, implement, and evaluate impactful public policy. We work in all areas of social and economic policy and governance, including health, finance, education, climate change, and public sector management. We draw on our local and international sector experts to provide the very best evidence-based support.

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