



*Building resilient, inclusive,
sustainable, and equitable health
economies and ecosystems*



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Overview: Chosen RISE Projects



SUSTAINABLE HEALTH SYSTEMS

Project: Accelerating Innovative Financial Health Solutions

Pillar Lead: Dominican Republic

Project Lead: Americas Business Dialogue

REGULATORY IMPROVEMENTS

Project: Develop a RISE Network for Regulatory Capacity Building

Pillar Lead: Panama

Project Lead: U.S. Food and Drug Administration

TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Project: Capacity Building for Procurement Officials in the Americas + Strengthening Healthcare Systems through Value-Based Procurement (VBP)

Pillar Lead: Uruguay

Project Lead: Americas Business Dialogue

ETHICS

Project: Increasing National Consensus Framework Agreements for Ethical Collaboration

Additional Project: Incentivizing Enterprise Integrity in Public Procurement

Pillar Lead: United States

Project Lead: U.S. Department of Commerce

DIGITAL HEALTH

Project: RISE Digital Health Nomenclature Forum and Handbook

Pillar Lead: Uruguay

Project Lead: Americas Business Dialogue

Sustainable Health Systems



Accelerating Innovative Financial Health Solutions in the Americas

Pillar Government Lead: Dominican Republic

Project Lead: Americas Business Dialogue

Current Challenge:

- **Innovative Financing:** To ensure governments, private sector, and civil society understand the options for innovative health financing mechanisms and the enablers needed to encourage these mechanisms to be utilized in the Americas.

Project Outcome:

- **Innovative Financing:** Partner with international development banks, like the IDB, to build awareness for and promote innovative health financing solutions, e.g., novel private insurance, blended finance, innovative government schemes.

Next Step:

- **Innovative Financing:** Develop a resource/document of innovative health financing mechanisms to socialize with RISE stakeholders (government, private sector, civil society).

Regulatory Improvements



RISE Network for Regulatory Capacity Building

Pillar Government Lead: Panama

Project Lead: U.S. Food and Drug
Administration

Current Challenge:

- Limited regulatory convergence and reliance inhibits the ability to free up public resources for pressing public health needs, enhance patient access to healthcare, and attract global health investment and manufacturing.

Project Outcome:

- Build a RISE network for regulatory capacity building.

Next Step:

- Promote regulatory convergence through implementation of internationally recognized standards and guidance by partnering with academia and other partners through capacity building workshops in the region.

Topics to be incorporated in 2024 or at a later date:

- Promote the implementation of CTD/eCTD
- Promote the digitalization of regulatory processes
- Promote regulatory agility learned from by COVID-19
- Promote simplified and accelerated pathways for approval and surveillance of self-care products
- Analyze reliance practices
- Promote Good Regulatory Practices (GRPs)

Trade and Investment



Capacity Building for Procurement Officials in the Americas -

Application of Value-Based Procurement / “Value for Money” for Health Products

Pillar Government Lead: Uruguay

Project Lead: Americas Business Dialogue

Current Challenge:

- COVID-19 highlighted the need to ensure resilient, pandemic-prepared health systems and economies.
- Health systems face a growing demand for healthcare services, rising costs, and increasingly higher complexity of illnesses and care. The many inefficiencies in healthcare have been fueling a move towards value-based procurement as a model to improve returns from healthcare dollars, and which can also incentivize investments in research & clinical education, manufacturing, and supply.
- Capacity building and technical cooperation to support collective readiness on “Value for Money”- “Value in Procurement” can improve health systems resiliency, efficiency on expenditure of existing budgets, and incentivize trade and investment.

Project Outcome:

- **Stage I:** Develop a health module for procurement officials with regional and/or international partners (e.g., USTDA, OAS) related to health medicines and medical supplies to train procurement officials how to “establish procurement practices and policies that integrate life-cycle cost analysis and best value determination in a fair, transparent manner”, as defined by the U.S. Trade and Development Agency.
 - Consider concepts of “Value-Based-Procurement (VBP) in Healthcare, Value for Money Framework (VfM), adopted by the World Bank, the Interamerican Development Bank, and the Organization of American States.

Next Steps:

- Identify appropriate stakeholders and develop a health curriculum for procurement officials with regional and/or international partners (e.g., USTDA, OAS) related to medicines and medical supplies.

Trade and Investment



Capacity Building for Procurement Officials in the Americas -

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Project Outcome:

- **Stage II:** Building off of Stage I, deploy a larger-scale Value-Based Procurement (VBProc) capacity building resource in a phased approach (with separate modules for medical devices and medicines):
 - Phase 0: Conduct a landscape study of aid agency VBProc initiatives
 - Phase 1: Conduct a gap analysis of country VBProc deployment
 - Phase 2: Establish a VBProc Resource Center for training materials
 - Phase 3: Conduct training sessions based on Phase 1 results

Next Steps:

- Conduct Phase 0 in parallel with support for Stage I
- Coordinate with Stage II Partners including but not limited to OAS, INGP, IDB, USTDA, USAID, PAHO, ABD, WB, OECD

Ethics



Increasing National Consensus Framework Agreements for Ethical Collaboration

Additional Project: Incentivizing Enterprise Integrity in Public Procurement

Pillar Government Lead: United States

Project Lead: U.S. Department of Commerce

Current Challenge:

- **Consensus Framework:** Latin America has made great strides in developing national consensus framework. However, there is still opportunity for more countries in the region to adopt national consensus framework agreements.
- **Procurement:** Public procurement represents an average of 13% to 20% of GDP or nearly \$9.5 trillion. At the same time, the system is vulnerable to corruption and bribes. Globally over 7% of healthcare expenditure or approximately \$500 Billion (USD) is lost to corruption annually.

Project Outcome:

- **Consensus Framework:** Encourage more countries in the Americas to create national consensus frameworks for ethical collaboration by working with various stakeholders in the region.
- **Procurement:** Creation of best practices and associated toolkit for use by the region's economies to enhance public procurement processes to reduce corruption and incentivize enterprise integrity.

Next Steps:

- Identify the appropriate stakeholders to align on consensus framework and best practices in public procurement.
- Create framework and develop toolkit for use by public procurement officials to bolster enterprise integrity in the public procurement process.

Digital Health



RISE Digital Health Nomenclature Forum and Handbook

Pillar Government Lead: Uruguay

Project Lead: Americas Business Dialogue

Current Challenge:

- Diversity on definitions and nomenclature in the region creates impediments to advance and achieve a robust and complete regional digital health adoption.

Project Outcome:

- Create a regional handbook with harmonized definitions and nomenclature to enable digital health adoption.
- Develop a RISE Digital Health Project Roadmap.

Next Steps:

- Develop a draft of the handbook and circulate to digital health experts.
- Digital health experts review draft handbook and provide feedback and edits.
- Digital health experts meet virtually to make final comments.
- Host virtual/hybrid workshop to socialize handbook.



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