

Project idea: Improving Equity and Quality of Care

Basic concepts:

Improving Equity and Quality of Care, Project will improve health outcomes by giving states and localities health officials greater responsibility, authority, resources, and skills to enhance health care quality and equity.

This project should relay on developing more flexible and smart health care standards to ensure the equity among the population served rather than just relying on fixed national averages or standards. The major driven factors for the provision of health care services should be responsive to the actual needs and the local priorities and variations.

The project will specifically aim to:

- (i) increase the authority and capacity of states and localities health offices and health centers to plan and implement health programs as they deem appropriate to local conditions;
- (ii) to ensure that the provision and consumption of key health services conform to affordable, cost-effective standards of care;
- (iii) to improve access to utilization of these health services by the poor; and
- (iv) to improve efficiency in the delivery of basic health services (BHS).

The project will be more focusing of the population needs as basis for future planning.



The project may/will consider the following aspects:

1. Variations among and between the states in terms of capacities and available recourses;
2. The variations in the local priorities and demand for health care;
3. Availability of different routes of health care provision and alternative forms of health care available within the state; and
4. The responsiveness of the community and it support.

These issues should be emphasized in the due course in the project development and implementation phases as major influencing factors for planning for health care services for certain population at the state level. The concepts behind this idea will be part of the components of this project.

The project should consider also different dimensions for equity:

1. Equal access for health care for equal needs; and
2. Priority given for those with the greatest needs.