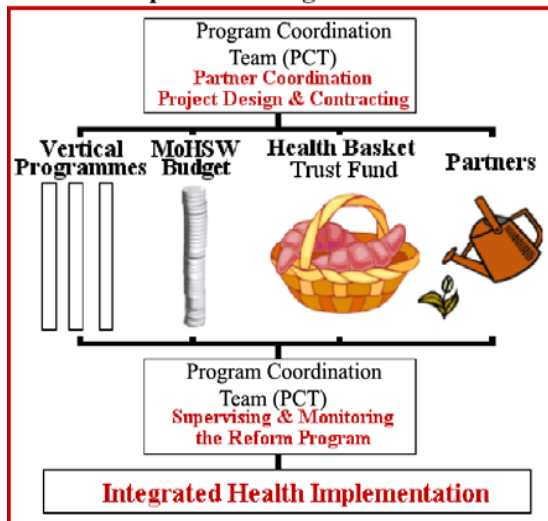


Health Financing and Partnerships

The Millennium Development Goals recommend health per capita expenditure of US\$34. The current expenditure for health by the Government of Liberia with the inputs of donors and NGO partners averages between US\$18 – 20 per capita.

The MOHSW envisions a multi-channel partner funding mechanism to include an integration of programs, bilateral and multi-lateral funding, NGO funding, and a Trust Fund.

Proposed Funding Mechanisms



The MOHSW has established a Program Coordination Team (PCT) to coordinate partners and resources for implementing the National Health and Social Welfare Policy and Plan. The PCT consists of the Assistant and Deputy Ministers supported by technical experts, and is headed by the Chief Medical Officer/Deputy Minister of Health Services. The PCT provides the best option for institutional capacity building, both at the management and organizational levels.

As Liberia moves from emergency assistance to recovery, reconstruction, and development, please join us in “Standing together for good health.”

We seek partners who are able and willing to work within the structure of the Ministry and to assist at all levels of the health system

If your organization is interested in contributing to health development in Liberia, please contact us.

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The National Health Plan of Liberia

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Standing together to support good health



The sun will shine on those who are standing before it shines on those who are sitting.

- Liberian proverb

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Background: The Department of National Public Health was renamed the Ministry of Health & Social Welfare (MOHSW) in 1972 for health policy formulation, regulation and coordination. It consists of four departments: Health Services; Social Welfare; Planning, Research & Development; and Administration.

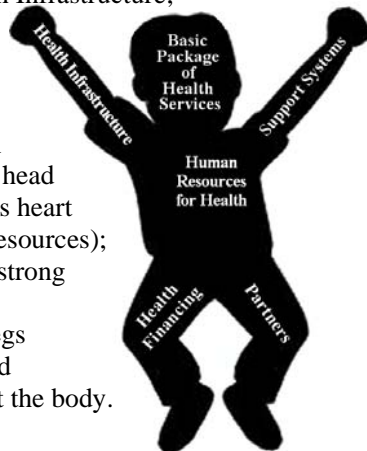
Vision: To improve health and social welfare status and equity in health for all Liberians and residents within its border. We wish to become a model of post-conflict recovery in the health field.

Mission: To reform the sector to effectively deliver quality health and social welfare services to the people of Liberia.

National Health Plan: The National Health Plan is a part of the Poverty Reduction Strategy. It will guide the transition process from emergency humanitarian relief to development assistance. The Plan is based firmly on Primary Health Care and has four key components:

- 1) Delivering a Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS);
- 2) Strengthening Human Resources for Health;
- 3) Developing Health Infrastructure;
- 4) Support Systems.

Our strategic National Health Plan is like a child whose head (the BPHS) guides its heart (its capable human resources); and whose arms (its strong support systems and infrastructure) and legs (health financing and partnerships) support the body.



The **Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS)** is an integrated minimum package of standardized prevention and treatment services, with six priority areas:

- Maternal and Newborn Health,
- Child Health,
- Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health,
- Communicable Disease Control,
- Mental Health, and
- Emergency Care

The BPHS will be implemented in at least 70% of health facilities by the end of 2010.



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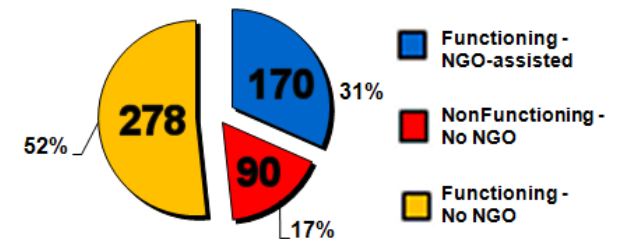
Human Resources for Health will ensure that the right number of health workers is in the right place, at the right time, and with the right skills to deliver the BPHS. This component will:

- 1) Coordinate human resource planning;
- 2) Rightsize the workforce;
- 3) Enhance workforce recruitment, deployment, performance, and retention;
- 4) Ensure gender equity in employment.

The **Infrastructure Development** component will improve geographic access to the BPHS. We are upgrading selected health facilities and planning longer-term major rehabilitation and new construction for those communities that need it.

The health system includes 538 health facilities. Of those, 448 are functioning, but at a minimal or sub-standard level, e.g., 79% of functioning facilities lack lighting, 57% have no portable water supply, and 36% lack refrigeration for EPI services.

Status of Liberia's 538 Health Facilities



Support Systems will decentralize planning and management to County Health Teams for:

- Policy implementation;
- Planning, Budgeting and Financing;
- Human Resources Management;
- Health Management Information Systems;
- Drugs and Medical Supplies;
- Facility and Equipment Maintenance;
- Logistics and Communication;
- Supervision, Monitoring & Evaluation; and
- Stakeholder/Partner Coordination.

Decentralization will be done incrementally by strategically training county authorities to gradually expand their responsibilities.