

Program to Strengthen Health Services

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SECTOR: Health

NAME OF PROJECT: Program to Strengthen Health Services
(741/OC-PE)

TOTAL COST: \$98.0 million

FINANCING:

IDB \$68.0 million

LOCAL \$10.0 million

OTHER \$20.0 million cofinanced with the Overseas Economic
Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan

DATE OF APPROVAL: March 4, 1993

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The main objectives of the program are to conduct studies and carry out concrete actions to prepare sector reform programs, to strengthen the Ministry of Health in its role as regulatory entity for the sector and to create the minimum conditions to satisfy the most urgent public health care requirements in the poorest areas. The program contains the following components:

- (a) institutional and preinvestment studies, which include preparing sector studies to serve as the basis for reorganizing the sector and adjusting sector policies, laying the groundwork for structural reform of the sector, and preparing an investment program for short- and medium-term priorities to obtain wider coverage;
- (b) institutional strengthening of the Ministry of Health with regard to its new responsibilities in a regionalized national context, and strengthening of the regional health directorates; and (c) support for the network of health care establishments in the form of a Ministry fund to permit general hospitals, health posts and centers to obtain basic equipment and strengthen their management capacity in the most depressed areas of the country.

EQUIPMENT: Basic equipment and instruments will be procured for health-service establishment operations. General hospitals will be provided with essential items

(including furniture) for surgical centers, intensive care units, obstetrical and neonatology centers, emergency services, outpatient services, inpatient units, radiology centers, laboratories, and equipment sterilization.

SERVICES: Consultants will be hired for the management and training subcomponents, whose purpose is to upgrade the skills of local professionals and technicians. Consulting firms will also be engaged for preinvestment studies; sectoral studies; feasibility studies; experiment of integration with the private sector; experiment of water disinfestation and the institutional-strengthening component, to develop the following systems: supervision and monitoring, procurement of key inputs, maintenance, communications, hospital waste management, health information, and human health resources.

CONSTRUCTION: Not applicable.

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