

Project Outline

Country: BAHAMAS
Project Number: BH0016
Project Name: HEALTH SECTOR STRENGTHENING PROGRAM
As of 06-Jan-2004

GENERAL INFORMATION

Country: BAHAMAS
Project: HEALTH SECTOR STRENGTHENING PROGRAM
Borrower: THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
Total Cost: \$25,000,000.00
Responsible Division: SO3 - SOCIAL PROGRAMS DIVISION 3
Executing Agencies: MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT POST;

Number: BH0016
Type of Operation: Multi-Phase Lending Project
Approval Date: 20-Oct-2004

DESCRIPTION

The program is formulated as a multi-phase program: (i) the first phase would finance the strengthening and improvement of the institutional capacity of the entire health system, including the Ministry of Health and Environmental Services, the Department of Public Health and the Public Hospital Authority; and (ii) the second phase would finance the general re-development of the Princess Margaret Hospital.

The first phase of the project will develop a set of coordinated actions that include studies and technical assistance, training, and limited infrastructure and operational redevelopment.

Team

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Consultants:

CLASSIFICATIONS

Poverty Target Investment x Social Equity Poverty Reduction
Head Count
Sector
Geographic

FINANCING PLAN

	Currency	Amount
INVESTMENT LOAN	USD	20,000,000.00
COUNTERPART:		5,000,000.00
		Total: 25,000,000.00

BANKS COUNTRY STRATEGY

The proposed project is in accordance with the Bank's strategy for the Bahamas of sustainable economic growth. As stated in the Bank's Country Paper: "promoting social development and equity enhancement" is not only along the lines of the Bank's Eighth Replenishment Mandate, but also an area of emphasis by the government.

OBJECTIVES

The general objective of the project is to strengthen the health sector of the Bahamas to enable effective responses to the health needs of the population.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The program is designed to increase the efficiency of the health system, and to improve the quality of the health services delivery. The project will strengthen public health services that are fully subsidized to the low-income population. Thus, it is expected that the overall social impact will be positive.

The specific expected results of the program are: (i) improved healthcare as reflected in high satisfaction rates among system's users; (ii) reduction in the average length of stay at Princess Margaret Hospital; and (iii) average outpatient waiting time for elective surgery reduced.

Approved By :

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