



Banking on Health

The Banking on Health Project improves the ability of private sector health care businesses to access credit, thereby improving their capacity to deliver high-quality reproductive health and family planning products and services. Financing is an essential input that assists the private sector in expanding the range and types of services, entering underserved areas, and making quality improvements.

Activities

Banking on Health takes two approaches to promoting increased access to financing:

1. *Financial Institution Capacity Building*

This work includes bank training, loan product development, market assistance and structuring and monitoring USAID's Development Credit Authority (DCA) loan portfolio, bond, and loan guarantees in support of the private health sector. For more information on the DCA, see: http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/economic_growth_and_trade/development_credit/detailed_information.htm

2. *Providing Assistance to Health Care Sector Businesses*

This entails improving the credit-readiness of private health care businesses through training and technical assistance to improve business skills, packaging loans and providing post-financing technical assistance. USAID's DCA loan guarantees may also be leveraged to assist provider's access to finance.

Project Background

The Banking on Health Project is a core-funded component of USAID's Private Sector Program (PSP) Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC.) It is a five-year global contract, which commenced in October 2004. In addition to the activities listed above, Banking on Health manages the Summa Foundation, a not-for-profit investment fund, and its outstanding portfolio of health sector loans.

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