



## **Development Practitioner at Work: Mbogo Bunyi Video Transcript**

### **Slide 1: What is the state of the private health sector in Kenya?**

So there's a strong private sector contribution to health services. Depending on the health service that you're looking at, some estimates have it between 40 to 50 percent of health services are accessed through the private sector. However, it is also fragmented as a private sector, so we have different people doing different things and in some cases, similar things but not aware of what the other is doing and how they can possibly work together.

### **Slide 2: What are some of Kenya's challenges to increasing the role of the private sector?**

One is the policy—so, ensuring that you have proper policies in place to encourage the private sector to deliver and to be part of a whole health system.

Another challenge is financing, and by financing I mean both from the demand side, which is me the client, or you the client, or the consumer, or the customer being able to pay for the services and products being produced. And on the other side, the financing for these private sector players to be able to produce what they're producing to scale and to the right quality. So, those are two areas I see as a big challenge for the private sector to increase health coverage.

The last of course is coordination. To be able to achieve the first two issues I've talked about in health policy and financing you need a coordinated private sector.

### **Slide 3: How do you see SHOPS contributing to the increase in health care coverage through the private sector?**

One is policy and from policy then what SHOPS will do, and has done, and will continue doing is ensure the private sector is involved in policy development and policy review.

The second is in providing information as far as health financing is concerned. So, information and linkages to address the gaps in access to finance.

And finally, the role of coordination, to be able to do these two things. And SHOPS Kenya can do that and is doing that through bodies like the—working with the PPP-Health Kenya, which is a public-private partnership for health in Kenya.

Increased health coverage is not only a private sector interest or a public sector interest. It's a Kenya interest.