



Development Practitioner at Work: Timothy Kachule Unifying the Private Health Sector in Malawi

Video Transcript

The private sector in Malawi has contributed a lot to the health care service delivery. As statistics show, about 40 percent of patients in a year are seen through the private sector, although 37 percent of that is through the Christian Health Association of Malawi, also known as CHAM. One another thing that has been observed is that the private sector has been very fragmented and not coordinated in their work, and their relationship with the public sector has not been very cordial.

One of the top-most achievements of SHOPS in Malawi that I can cite is the support to establish a public-private partnership unit within [the] Ministry of Health. This is a unit that has worked a lot in trying to put in place a structure or policy to coordinate public-private partnership.

In the coming five to ten years, I would really hope or love to see a health care delivery system that is well-coordinated that's between public and private sector, but as well as private and private sector, and that the non-health private sector is able to support health, and as we all work towards ensuring or increasing health care service delivery or access to health products, that the private sector takes a leading role.