

## UNOPS and health

UNOPS provides health infrastructure, procurement and fund management services in some of the world's most challenging environments. We contribute to achieving Millennium Development Goals on child and maternal health and combating disease by helping our partners improve access to health care services and strengthen health systems. UNOPS approach to project management reduces risks, improves speed of implementation, and ensures quality and cost-effectiveness.

### Services to health partners

UNOPS helps partners manage their supply chains to procure pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and ambulances. In partnership with the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply, we also work directly with governments to boost public sector procurement capacity.

On behalf of our partners UNOPS improves health infrastructure by building and rehabilitating hospitals, clinics, blood banks, laboratories and medical warehousing facilities.

We also provide fiscal and grant oversight services, working with some of the world's largest sources of health funding.

UNOPS health sector partners include:

- Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria
- United Nations Development Programme
- United Nations Children's Fund
- United Nations Population Fund
- World Bank
- World Health Organization
- European Union
- United States Agency for International Development
- the United Kingdom's Department for International Development

### Supply chain management

With extensive experience in health product procurement, Long-term Agreements (LTAs) with suppliers and significant buying power, UNOPS can ensure maximum cost-effectiveness and speed when buying medical supplies for partners.

UNOPS works with governments and global health agencies to define technical specifications and implement

comprehensive quality control measures. By adhering to internationally recognized procurement standards UNOPS guarantees transparency and integrity in all transactions.

Examples of UNOPS work in supply chain management:

- With funding from the Global Fund, the Governments of India, the United Kingdom and the World Bank, UNOPS supplied millions of diagnostic kits and drugs to Indian health programmes.
- UNOPS assisted the Government of Peru in the procurement of medical equipment and vehicles for the national health insurer EsSalud.
- On behalf of WHO, UNOPS delivered H1N1 vaccines and ancillary products to developing countries in need



Medical scanning equipment procured for Peru

### Health infrastructure

UNOPS is the lead United Nations entity for complex infrastructure projects in post-conflict settings, and supports projects in Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, South Sudan and more. As a "central resource" in the UN system for infrastructure in all environments we can support health sector partners on a wide variety of construction projects. This mandate is reflected in decades of experience in construction, from maternity clinics in post-earthquake Haiti to an award-winning hospital in Peru.

In 2010, we helped partners construct or rehabilitate 43 health clinics, 20 medical facilities such as newborn care units, and 9 hospitals.

Examples of UNOPS support to health infrastructure projects:

- On behalf of UNICEF, World Vision and national governments, UNOPS designed, constructed and rehabilitated more than 100 health centres in countries affected by the Indian Ocean tsunami of December 2004.
- On behalf of the World Bank, UNOPS assisted the Kurdistan Regional Government in Iraq in the design and construction of emergency coordination centres and blood banks in 2010.
- On behalf of UNFPA, rehabilitated hospitals and constructed maternity clinics in Haiti.



Maternity hospital in Matara, Sri Lanka

## Managing health funds

As the Local Fund Agent for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in 14 countries UNOPS provides independent oversight of grant implementation.

UNOPS is the Local Fund Agent for the Global Fund in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bosnia & Herzegovina, China, Ethiopia, Kosovo, Maldives, North Korea, Pakistan, Serbia, the FYR Macedonia and Turkmenistan. UNOPS is also Global Fund Principal Recipient in Myanmar.

UNOPS acts as fund manager for the Three Diseases Fund (3DF) in Myanmar, where it has administered \$138 million over five years. The European Commission and the Governments of Australia, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom contributed to this pooled fund.

This programme provides a simple and transparent instrument to finance nationwide efforts to reduce the transmission of HIV and AIDS, TB and malaria, and enhance care and treatment through access to essential drugs and related services.

## Training and capacity development

In 2010, UNOPS helped train more than 80,000 people in various fields, including more than 14,000 in health-related fields.

Examples of UNOPS support to health training initiatives.

- Thousands of health personnel were trained in tuberculosis management and malaria control as part of the Three Diseases Fund in Myanmar.
- In India, child health managers were trained as part of the Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI), a project which seeks a two-thirds reduction in the mortality rate of children under five.

## How UNOPS adds value

- UNOPS is a not-for-profit United Nations organization. We are fully self-financed, which prompts efficiency and financial discipline.
- This unique status allows UNOPS to partner with, and receive funding from, the full range of public, private and NGO organizations.
- During periods of crisis, UNOPS position within the UN enables it to maintain a physical presence on the ground, working closely with other UN bodies to ensure the continuity of vital health projects.
- In 2010, UNOPS delivered \$1.27 billion through project implementation. With five regional offices, over twenty country offices and around 5,000 staff members, UNOPS size, scope and track record allows partners to benefit from economies of scale and specialized expertise.
- UNOPS is ISO 9001 certified