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SIAPS
Systems for Improved Access
to Pharmaceuticals and Services

Improved Access—Improved Services—Better Health Outcomes

Systems for Improved Access to Pharmaceuticals and Services (SIAPS) is a USAID-funded program with the aim to improve access to quality pharmaceutical products and effective pharmaceutical services through systems strengthening for lasting positive health outcomes.

At least one third of the world’s population lacks regular access to medicines according to the World Health Organization. Even when medicines are available, they are not always prescribed, dispensed or used appropriately.

To address this dire situation, SIAPS uses systems-strengthening approaches and tools to improve access to health products and services. Our technical experts work with local and national country representatives to develop and support adoption of sound pharmaceutical policies, effective management, strengthened regulatory systems, equitable financing, and assured product quality and safety practices in developing countries across Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East.



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A pharmacist in Chokwe, Mozambique dispenses Coartem, and explains to a mother how to administer the prescription to her child with malaria.

SIAPS works to create stronger health systems to better ensure health care for all.

The SIAPS Approach

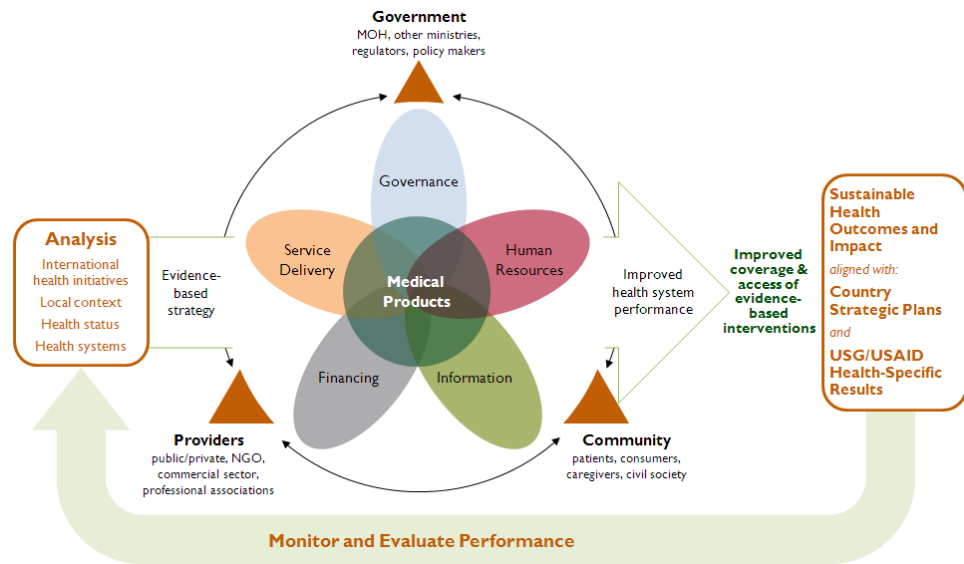
The program approach is aligned with US government’s global health initiative to strengthen health systems, and promote country ownership and sustainability. Specifically, it works to:

- Strengthen pharmaceutical sector **governance** toward accountable and transparent management and organizations
- Build **human resource and institutional capacity** for more sustainable organizations
- Address **information needs** related to products and patients to support decision-making
- Strengthen **financing strategies and mechanisms** to assure adequate funding and efficient use of resources
- Increase access to effective **pharmaceutical services** that meet the needs of the patient and achieve desired health outcomes

Led by Management Sciences for Health, the program is supported by a multi-disciplinary team of experienced technical staff and program managers consisting of physicians, pharmacists and public health experts. The program is implemented in collaboration with a number of core and resource partners each contributing a set of specialized expertise.



Pharmaceutical Systems Strengthening



The framework above depicts a comprehensive set of dynamic relationships among five health systems building blocks, with a medical product building block overlay representing SIAPS' technical focus on strengthening pharmaceutical systems and services within a health systems context, aligned with partner country strategic plans and USG/USAID health-related goals.

Technical Areas

SIAPS works to strengthen essential areas of the pharmaceutical sector, including pharmaceutical systems, supply chain management, pharmaceutical services, and pharmaceutical management information systems. Within this context, SIAPS addresses USG priority health elements including malaria, HIV/AIDS, family planning and reproductive health, tuberculosis, and maternal and child health. See below for a complete list of technical areas:

Pharmaceutical Systems	Pharmaceutical Services	Supply Chain Management	Pharmaceutical MIS
Laws and Regulations	Pharmaceutical Care	Quantification	LMIS
Medicines Policy	Case Management	Supply Planning	Service Data
Regulatory Affairs	Rational Use	Procurement	Patient Information
Quality Assurance	Adherence	Customs Clearance	Product Information
Product Selection	AMR and Infection Control	Transportation	Finance Data
Medication Safety/ Pharmacovigilance	STG/EML	Warehousing	HR Information
Pharmaceutical Financing	Diagnostic Services	Inventory Management	Organizational Information
		Distribution	Electronic Tools
		Waste Management	Decision Support Systems - Dashboards

Working with SIAPS

SIAPS is a five-year USAID-funded cooperative agreement with a total ceiling of \$198 million. The program accepts global, regional and field support funding from all accounts. For more information please visit www.siapsprogram.org. For technical assistance to strengthen access to medicines and pharmaceutical services on a short-term or multi-year basis please contact:

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