

# Technical Assistance to Health Sector Reform, Yemen

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<b>Assignment</b>	Supporting the Ministry of Public Health in the design and the implementation of the EC-supported Health Sector Reform Programme.
<b>Client</b>	European Commission
<b>Partner</b>	EPOS Health Consultants, Germany (lead company)
<b>Composition of Team</b>	<i>BMB Mott MacDonald</i> : A District Health System Implementation Specialist; short-term experts <i>Partners</i> : Management Specialist/TL of the PCU; short-term experts
<b>Period of Assignment</b>	December 2000 - November 2005 Staff-months: BMB Mott MacDonald: 55; partner: 65
<b>Contract Value</b>	BMB Mott MacDonald: USD 1.25 million Partners: USD 1.55 million
<b>Background</b>	The Government of Yemen has committed itself to a major reform of the health sector. Apart from the EC, several other major donors and development agencies (GTZ, NEDA, WB, WHO, UNICEF, etc.) provide technical and financial support to the health sector in Yemen.
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>The project's overall purpose was to support the Ministry of Public Health in the design and the implementation of the Health Sector Reform Programme. It had two specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To strengthen the Ministry's role in policy-making, planning, monitoring and regulation with regard to the health sector reform.</li><li>• To improve the health status of the population in a number of target areas by improving health services effectiveness, quality and coverage, and the efficiency of service provision through the implementation of comprehensive District Health Systems.</li></ul> <p>The EC support lasted for a period of five years, in two stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a Programme Preparatory Stage (PPS) of approximately 12 months;</li><li>• a Programme Support Stage (PSS) for approximately 48 months.</li></ul> <p>The main parties involved were the Yemeni Ministry of Public Health, its Health Sector Reform Support Unit, and the TA team on behalf of the European Commission.</p>
<b>Services Provided</b>	<p>The EC Technical Assistance team was located in the MoPH as a Programme Coordination Unit (PCU). It supported the Ministry of Public Health in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• further strengthening of the process of health sector reform at central level as well as throughout the system,</li><li>• developing District Health Plans in the target districts, and</li></ul>

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- implementing a sustainable District Health System for preventive, curative and public health services.