

Decentralized Health System Development Project, Sudan

Assignment	Technical assistance in a project to improve decentralized health care in Sudan, including: improving the capacities of the State Ministry of Health and local health authorities; strengthening human resource strategies and programmes; and improving the monitoring and evaluation of health system performance.
Client	Government of Sudan
Financing Agency	World Bank
Partners	HLSP (UK)
Composition of Team	<i>BMB Mott MacDonald</i> : Team Leader, Deputy Team Leader, Health Finance Specialist, Human Resource Planning Specialist, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist <i>Partner(s)</i> : Training Specialist
Period of Assignment	From July 2008 to February 2010 Staff months: <i>BMB Mott MacDonald</i> : 26; <i>Partner(s)</i> : 0
Contract value	<i>BMB Mott MacDonald</i> : € 590,000 <i>Partner(s)</i> : € 0
Background	As a result of decades of conflict, causing massive displacement of the population, and lack of public funding, the health care system in Sudan is fragmented and in several regions very weak, and it needs to be rebuilt from scratch. The infrastructure remains weak, and there are severe shortages in human resources. In response to this, the Multi-donor Trust Fund supports the Decentralized Health System Development Project to improve health service provision in conflict-affected areas while laying the foundation for sustainable financing and development in the medium term. This technical assistance supports the first phase of this effort.
Description of project	The Decentralized Health System Development Project has two components. Component 1 provides resources to the existing primary health care system and will expand basic services to improve coverage and the delivery of health care. Component 2 aims to increase the capacity of the decentralized health system to establish the basis for sustainable financing, reform and development. In particular, it will: (i) Improve the information base for health care financing (ii) Improve the availability of affordable medication (iii) Develop the capacity of health planning, budgeting and management (iv) Develop the HMIS and capacity in Monitoring and Evaluation (v) Provide support to implementing the human resources for health strategy

Services provided

The consultants will provide technical assistance to support the following:

- (i) Improving the capacities of the State Ministry of Health and local health authorities to plan and manage health services, including the planning of infrastructure development
- (ii) Strengthening human resource strategies and programmes
- (iii) Improving the monitoring and evaluation of health system performance