



# USAID/Senegal Building a Resilient Health System Project Fact Sheet

The United States Agency of International Development (USAID) Senegal Building a Resilient Health System (BRHS) activity supports the Government of Senegal (GOS) and its Ministry of Health and Social Action (MSAS) to make meaningful and sustainable improvements to its country's health system. The first of three components under USAID's "Improving Health Status and Human Capital in Senegal" program, BRHS engages stakeholders from the MSAS, civil society, and the private sector to improve system-wide performance, accountability, access to resources, and resilience

## About BRHS

The USAID-funded BRHS is a \$19.9 million, five-year cooperative agreement that works to make the Senegalese MSAS more accountable, efficient, and resilient to achieve its vision of Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Through targeted technical assistance, training, and capacity building, the activity will strengthen systems in the areas of leadership and governance, human resources for health (HRH), supply chain management, health information systems, public financial management, and private sector engagement. With a strong focus on coordination, collaboration, and self-reliance, BRHS emphasizes MSAS ownership of co-created solutions and builds on existing political will and initiatives within the Senegalese government. Chemonics International will lead activities under BRHS's nine outcomes, described below, and its consortium of partners will provide technical and managerial guidance to Outcomes 2, 5, 6, and 7.

## Activity Outcomes

**I. Improved Supply Chain Management.** Building on previous assessments of supply chain departments and the identification of systemic barriers, BRHS will develop and implement targeted activities to strengthen central-level capacity to support, oversee, manage, and optimize the supply chain system.



## ACTIVITY DETAILS

### CLIENT:

USAID Bureau for Global Health, Office of Health, Population and Nutrition (HPNO), Senegal

### VALUE OF SERVICES:

\$19.9 million

### DURATION:

October 2021 to October 2026

### PRIME CONTRACTOR:

Chemonics International Inc.

### SUBCONTRACTORS:

Open Development, LLC

BAO Systems

Association Conseil pour l'Action (ACA)

**2. Strengthened Information Systems Data for Decision-Making.** BRHS will inculcate a culture of data transparency and use for decision-making by supporting the MSAS to reduce redundancies in existing information systems, increase the optimization and functionality of the health information system (HIS), and ensure the interoperability of health systems databases.

**3. Improved Leadership, Management and Governance.** The activity will support capacity building for central level personnel to translate plans and goals into actions, staff motivation, use of data for decision-making, and coordination with the private sector. Interventions under this outcome will also aim to increase the number of women in leadership and management roles in the health sector.

**4. Improved Systems and Resource Allocation for Human Resources for Health (HRH).** By engaging actors across sectors, and through direct support to the Directorate of Human Resources (DRH), BRHS will enable better development, deployment, management, and retention of a skilled health care workforce.

**5. Increased Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM).** BRHS will build the capacity of central-level departments to estimate their budgetary needs and allocate existing resources in alignment with national health strategies. BRHS will advocate for increased resources and investment in the health sector while facilitating partnerships with the private sector.

**6. Improved Financial Management and Budget Capacities.** BRHS will build the capacity of financial managers at the central level to align work plans with available financial resources, meet public financial management standards, and integrate gender-responsive budgeting into its systems and tools to improve equitable resource allocation.

**7. Improved Insurance Systems.** The BRHS will strengthen the organizational capacity of the Agence Nationale de la Couverture Maladie Universelle, enabling it to coordinate, plan for, and allocate sufficient resources to fund and improve community health mutuelles and increase the percentage of the population that is insured.

**8. Improved Implementation of Existing National Policies, Guidelines, and Tools.** BRHS will apply a barrier-driven, iterative technical approach to support

MOH departments to better align central-level and regional-level work plans, strengthen mechanisms to monitor policy implementation, and learn from previous organizational assessments to evaluate and improve the capacities of the MSAS.

**9. Improved Coordination.** The activity will improve coordination across USAID activities, donors, and other government entities, including other components under the Improving Health Status and Human Capital in Senegal program, to build on opportunities for synergy, cost sharing, and joint implementation.

## Activity Consortium

Chemonics' consortium brings sectoral and technical expertise and familiarity with the Senegalese context and health system to support the achievement of BRHS's expected results as described above.

- **Open Development, LLC** is a global health firm that advises USAID programs on agreements between missions and partner governments in the areas of health policy reforms, public-private cooperation, and health financing mechanisms. Open Development will support activities contributing to Outcomes 5 and 7, improved DRM and insurance systems.
- **BAO Systems** is a digital data solutions firm bringing expertise in developing custom health information software systems and supporting HIS software integration and interoperability. BAO Systems will support activities contributing to Outcome 2, and the use of information systems and data for decision making across all outcomes.
- **Association Conseil pour l'Action (ACA)** is a Dakar-based firm with broad experience supporting USAID and other donors to build public accounting and financial management capacities and systems in Senegal. ACA will support activities contributing to Outcomes 5 and 6, improved DRM, financial management and budget capacities.

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