The Role of Decentralization with RBF in improving Maternal and Child Health in Honduras

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Coverage Expansion Program / Health Sector Reform

- Poor, neglected areas
- Inadequate access to health services
- High Maternal and child mortality rates

Introduction of Decentralized Management Agreements
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**MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

- Stewardship

**CAPITATION PAYMENTS**

- Health care Facilities

- Management of Human resources

- Procurement of medicines and medical supplies

**RESULT-BASED FINANCING**

**HEALTH SERVICE MANAGERS**

- Commonwealths, NGOs and community-based organizations

**PROVIDER**
Monitoring Results

Performance Indicators

- Coverage Indicators
- Quality of care Indicators
- Health Promotion and Community Work Indicators
Results Achieved

✓ Expansion of **coverage** of health service
✓ Improvement of the **quality** of healthcare services
✓ Model of Care **focused on prevention** and **promotion**
✓ Local levels making decisions and managing finances
✓ **Social** participation & **auditing**
✓ **IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH INDICATORS**
NEONATAL MORTALITY / CHILD MORTALITY RATES
DEPARTAMENTO PAZ
HONDURAS

CHILD MORTALITY

INTIBUCA
LEMPIRA

GLOBAL FERTILITY RATES
INTIBUCA/LEMPIRA
HONDURAS

INTIBUCA
LEMPIRA

DELIVERY IN A HEALTH FACILITY
4 DEPARTMENTS INTERVENTION, HONDURAS

COPAN
INTIBUCA
LA PAZ
LEMPIRA

CODES

2006
2012

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Salud Mesoamerica Initiative
HONDURAS

✓ Focus in improving access, coverage and quality of health services and mother-child nutrition

✓ Targeting Women and children under age 5 in the poorest 20% of population in 19 municipalities

Under the Decentralized Health Services Management modality
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- 6 of every 10 women delivered at a health facility
- 4 of every 10 women received postpartum care within 7 days
- 1 of every 10 of neonatal emergencies were managed according to the norms
- 35% children aged 6-23 months anemia
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Strengthening the guaranteed package of primary health services

Strengthening care for obstetric and neonatal complications at the second level of care

Essential Obstetric and Neonatal Care Strategy (CONE)

Permanent availability of Family planning methods and services

Comprehensive Child Care in the Community (AIN-C)

Voluntary Surgical Contraception
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Demand-side Incentives

✓ Payment of a stipend for the midwife
✓ Payment for transportation to pregnant women for institutional birth

Supply-Side Incentives

✓ Per-capita and per-service (birth) payments
✓ For care of obstetric and neonatal complications in accordance with quality standards
✓ Voluntary Surgical Contraception (VSC)
Promising advances

Obstetric complications managed according to the norms

Newborn Complications managed according to the norms
Women (15-49) who delivered in a health facility during last pregnancy

Children (0-59 months) with Pneumonia diagnosis that assisted to their follow-up within 2 days

Women who received postpartum care within 7 days of her delivery
Key Results

RBF has been a catalyst that has challenged different actors to work towards the same goal.

- Coverage for primary care services increased 24%
- Improved application of the Standards in CONE and Referral System for obstetric and neonatal complications
- Quick and transparent procedures for the purchase of drugs and inputs
- Strengthened the Commitment of health workers
- Strengthened governance and stewardship role of sub-national and national levels
Challenges

• Overcome the resistance of the health workers to the incorporation of other actors in the delivery of services
• Strengthen the Role of the **Sub-National Levels** (Departmental Health Regions)
• Strengthen the **Primary Healthcare** Focus
• Improve the operation of the **Primary Care Teams**
• Improve the **Design of the Agreements** to further link payment to **Quality Indicators**
• Strengthen the **results-based management focus** at the second level of care
• Ensure the sustainability of demand-side incentives
Muchas Gracias