

UNICEF Mali Estimating Costs and Impacts of Essential Health Services P1896



With the World Bank and UNICEF Mali, the Ministry of Health underwent a modelling exercise to understand the cost and impact of the proposed Free Healthcare Initiative.

Utilizing the Equitable Impact Sensitive Tool (EQUIST), Avalon along with Community Systems Foundation supported the government of Mali by conducting an analysis of the new health plan for mothers under the Free Healthcare Initiative. This analysis helped the government understand any bottlenecks that existed that would prevent the roll-out of interventions in the country and to understand what it would cost if the government made the health services free. Additionally, the analysis supported the government in understanding how many deaths could be averted if the program was implemented.

Specific activities included: adapting the EQUIST tool to the context of Mali to develop a national version and one for each of the regions considering the specific context of each region of Mali; producing training modules in French; and modeling the unit costs for the expansion of the coverage boundaries expected from Free Health Care strategies.

Features

- EQUIST analysis to understand the bottlenecks that would prevent the rollout of the the Free Healthcare Initiative.
- Utilizing the Lives Saved Tool (LiST) to understand the cost of deaths averting in relation to the Free Healthcare Initiative

Benefits

- The government is able to more comprehensively plan for healthcare initiatives by utilizing EQUIST to run bottleneck analysis
- Financial cost was calculated to drive an evidence-based decision on whether or not to implement the initiative

Facts

Stakeholder	Ministry of Health
Area	Mali
Time Period	2020-2021
Topics	Health

Link

Reference

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Budget

.149 million