

Motivation

The Ministry of Health adopted in September 2001 the "health and population component" which is part of the strategy against poverty (PRSP) in Republic of Mali. In the context of public management reforms underway to improve health outcomes, the Ministry of Health has developed in 2003 the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (Cadre de dépenses à moyen terme) of the health sector.

Objectives

- Provide a quantitative assessment of the budget execution with a focus on non-salary expenditures.
- Assess the delays in receiving health services and assessment of resource losses.
- Analyze the impact of constraints and anomalies in the flow spending on the efficiency and performance of health facilities.

Main findings

Concerning the policy of free distribution of mosquito nets to pregnant women and children under 5 years and in health services, only 35% of the nets reached their destination to mothers and their children. Expenditure of "essential medicines, vaccines and medical consumables" represented only 10% of drugs public expenditure in 2005. Community facilities and benchmark facilities surveyed said they did not receive "essential drugs" in 2005. Facilities operate with the resources generated by medical services and sales of pharmaceuticals (cost recovery).

Other findings

Significant delays in salaries are observed: doctors paid by the HIPC fund receive salaries with up to 2 or 3 month delays. Salaries for doctors paid by the City are often delayed by 12 to 20 months.

Sample

7 rural community facilities, 3 urban ones and 2 benchmark facilities out of a total of 504 institutions

Sample design

A one-stage sampling for urban health facilities. For benchmark health facilities, random selection of 2 districts, selection of 3 districts for community ones.

A two-stage sampling for rural health facilities: selection of 7 out of 35 districts and then selection of a facility within this district.

Resources monitored

Selected government expenditures in health (mosquito nets, medicines, medical supplies, salaries in community health facilities, operating costs)

Main report

World Bank (2007) "Enquête sur le système de suivi des dépenses publiques jusqu'à destination dans le secteur de la santé au Mali," Juillet.