

# CHISU Results in Action

## Haiti Launches Annual Reports On Health System Performance

### **CHISU Supports The Publication Of The Ministère De La Santé Publique Et De La Population Annual Statistical Reports, Overcoming A Two-Year Delay.**

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Haiti's Ministry of Health (Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population or MSPP) publishes the National Health Statistical Report on an annual basis to showcase the country's health sector performance for transparency and accountability purposes. This report provides information on the capacity of the health system, coverage of essential services, impact of the disease burden of main pathologies, and other public health issues affecting the population. After a two-year hiatus, the National Health Statistical Reports for 2020 and 2021 were formally launched by the MSPP Evaluation and Planning Unit (UEP) with the support of CHISU on August 10, 2022, at the Hotel Kinam in Port-au-Prince.

## Background

The annual report work is coordinated by UEP and compiled in a participatory process with the Department of Epidemiology, Laboratories and Research (DELR) and Program Coordination Unit (UCMIT), with financial support of USAID through the CHISU program. The production of this report is aligned with the vision of the National Unified Health Information System (SISNU), which advocates for the “existence of a coherent framework to operationalize a coordinated and integrated National Health Information System, to ensure the availability of quality health information and its effective use in decision-making.”



Launch of the annual statistics report. Photo: CHISU Haiti.

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Country Health Information Systems and Data Use (CHISU) is USAID's flagship data and information system program to strengthen host country capacity and leadership to manage and use health information systems to improve evidence-based decision-making. [www.chisuprogram.org](http://www.chisuprogram.org)

The information generated comes from the following SISNU components: the monthly statistical report of health services (service statistics); the notification form for diseases and conditions under surveillance (epidemiological surveillance); databases for priority programs; coverage of essential services; and the burden of disease for priority pathogens affecting the health of the Haitian population.

## Challenge

The National Health Statistical Report is the main report generated from SISNU data. However, due to the pandemic and lack of resources, the UEP did not disseminate it to health districts for two consecutive years. The UEP also recognized that they were not drawing on the full capabilities of DHIS2 to encourage deeper analysis of SISNU data that could be included in the Statistical Report.

## Solution

To address these technical and logistical gaps in key health information sharing in the country, the UEP called on CHISU for support for the Annual Report. In the first half of 2021, CHISU provided technical assistance with data analysis (including analysis of COVID-19-related services and mortality data), validation of data used to generate indicators for reports, and report writing. The final report includes two years of reliable health data to inform decision making in the country, and presents gaps and discusses opportunities for program implementation. CHISU assisted the MSPP in organizing the 2021 Annual Statistics Report Launch event in Port-au-Prince on August 10, 2022. The UEP presented statistics that highlighted the state of health of the Haitian population, as well as the results of many of the MSPP health programs for the year 2021. The dissemination event welcomed 66 people from government agencies, NGOs, media, and the broader business community. Other attendees included the general director of the MSPP, other MSPP units, representatives from health districts, the director of the USAID Health Office, UNICEF, CDC, UNESCO, the Office of the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Education, and more than 15 NGOs. CHISU printed and disseminated copies of the report, ensuring that key stakeholders would be able to access the information in the future. There has also been a national distribution campaign organized by the UEP.

## Impact

The 2021 Annual Statistical Report will provide critical data from the past two years generated by the SISNU to the MSPP (and other health system stakeholders) for improvements in health system performance. Notably, the report highlighted the precarious operating conditions at health facilities that led to limited access to, and low utilization of, health services. In addition, while significant efforts were made to guarantee the availability of a package of essential services to the population in 2021,

results from the report show shortcomings in the implementation of reforms in terms of equity of access and the results of interventions. CHISU is working with the government of Haiti to address limitations for future reports, including issues related to completeness, timeliness, and accuracy of data reported by health institutions, as well as the inclusion of data from medical practices and certain institutions, which have not been considered for this edition.

This Annual Statistical Report and its reception demonstrates the importance of sharing health data with stakeholders for better understanding and decision-making. Ensuring sustainability of this annual process will help ensure data completeness, consolidate HIS achievements, and in turn ensure SISNU's sustainability, creating a lasting exchange of reliable health information to citizens and policymakers in Haiti.



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