WHAT WE DO

The African Collaborative for Health Financing Solutions (ACS) is a five-year, USAID-funded project that supports countries to advance toward universal health coverage (UHC) in sub-Saharan Africa.

ACS does this by:

1. Identifying the operational challenges around health financing policies.
2. Bringing the essential people to the table, then collaborating to create the best processes and solutions.
3. Creating communication pathways to strengthen and support learning, advocacy and accountability.

HOW WE DO IT

ACS knows that the pathway towards universal health coverage is not one size fits all. ACS incorporates all of the key in-country stakeholders’ voices to ensure that UHC policies and strategies are grounded in the diverse needs of the population.

Country by country, region by region, ACS examines existing UHC efforts and learns what the obstacles are. Whether the focus is on HIV/AIDS or expanding coverage to the most vulnerable – ACS advances these efforts by sharing the knowledge of experts in health financing, policy, technical processes and communications.

OUR RESULTS

Moving toward sustainable UHC involves an incremental, complex process. Most importantly, ACS knows that the long road to success can only be achieved by being Africa-led and working with Africa-based experts who are deeply knowledgeable about countries’ specific health system and financing needs. ACS’ team of experts from Benin, Botswana, Namibia, Uganda, Kenya, Burkina Faso and Senegal have worked hand-in-hand with national counterparts to:

- Develop systems and services to manage and track HIV/AIDS resources for epidemic control.

- Engage diverse stakeholders from all levels to guide a health insurance pilot program.

- Facilitate collective development of a roadmap to UHC while also creating a layman’s version for popular accessibility.

- Provide continuous support to government leadership to better understand what helps (or hampers) progress towards UHC and to make necessary adjustments.