



*Building resilient, inclusive,  
sustainable, and equitable health  
economies and ecosystems*



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# Overview: Chosen RISE Projects



## SUSTAINABLE HEALTH SYSTEMS

**Project:** Accelerating Innovative Financial Health Solutions

**Pillar Lead:** Dominican Republic

**Project Lead:** Americas Business Dialogue

## REGULATORY IMPROVEMENTS

**Project:** Develop a RISE Network for Regulatory Capacity Building

**Pillar Lead:** Panama

**Project Lead:** U.S. Food and Drug Administration

## TRADE AND INVESTMENT

**Project:** Capacity Building for Procurement Officials in the Americas + Strengthening Healthcare Systems through Value-Based Procurement (VBP)

**Pillar Lead:** Uruguay

**Project Lead:** Americas Business Dialogue

## ETHICS

**Project:** Increasing National Consensus Framework Agreements for Ethical Collaboration

**Additional Project:** Incentivizing Enterprise Integrity in Public Procurement

**Pillar Lead:** United States

**Project Lead:** U.S. Department of Commerce

## DIGITAL HEALTH

**Project:** RISE Digital Health Nomenclature Forum and Handbook

**Pillar Lead:** Uruguay

**Project Lead:** Americas Business Dialogue

# Sustainable Health Systems

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## Accelerating Innovative Financial Health Solutions in the Americas

**Pillar Government Lead:** Dominican Republic

**Project Lead:** Americas Business Dialogue

### Current Challenge:

- **Innovative Financing:** To ensure governments, private sector, and civil society understand the options for innovative health financing mechanisms and the enablers needed to encourage these mechanisms to be utilized in the Americas.

### Project Outcome:

- **Innovative Financing:** Partner with international development banks, like the IDB, to build awareness for and promote innovative health financing solutions, e.g., novel private insurance, blended finance, innovative government schemes.

### Next Step:

- **Innovative Financing:** Develop a resource/document of innovative health financing mechanisms to socialize with RISE stakeholders (government, private sector, civil society).

# Regulatory Improvements

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## RISE Network for Regulatory Capacity Building

**Pillar Government Lead:** Panama

**Project Lead:** U.S. Food and Drug  
Administration

### Current Challenge:

- Limited regulatory convergence and reliance inhibits the ability to free up public resources for pressing public health needs, enhance patient access to healthcare, and attract global health investment and manufacturing.

### Project Outcome:

- Build a RISE network for regulatory capacity building.

### Next Step:

- Promote regulatory convergence through implementation of internationally recognized standards and guidance by partnering with academia and other partners through capacity building workshops in the region.

### Topics to be incorporated in 2024 or at a later date:

- Promote the implementation of CTD/eCTD
- Promote the digitalization of regulatory processes
- Promote regulatory agility learned from by COVID-19
- Promote simplified and accelerated pathways for approval and surveillance of self-care products
- Analyze reliance practices
- Promote Good Regulatory Practices (GRPs)

# Trade and Investment



## Capacity Building for Procurement Officials in the Americas -

## Application of Value-Based Procurement / “Value for Money” for Health Products

**Pillar Government Lead:** Uruguay

**Project Lead:** Americas Business Dialogue

### Current Challenge:

- COVID-19 highlighted the need to ensure resilient, pandemic-prepared health systems and economies.
- Health systems face a growing demand for healthcare services, rising costs, and increasingly higher complexity of illnesses and care. The many inefficiencies in healthcare have been fueling a move towards value-based procurement as a model to improve returns from healthcare dollars, and which can also incentivize investments in research & clinical education, manufacturing, and supply.
- Capacity building and technical cooperation to support collective readiness on “Value for Money”- “Value in Procurement” can improve health systems resiliency, efficiency on expenditure of existing budgets, and incentivize trade and investment.

### Project Outcome:

- **Stage I:** Develop a health module for procurement officials with regional and/or international partners (e.g., USTDA, OAS) related to health medicines and medical supplies to train procurement officials how to “establish procurement practices and policies that integrate life-cycle cost analysis and best value determination in a fair, transparent manner”, as defined by the U.S. Trade and Development Agency.
  - Consider concepts of “Value Value-Based-Procurement (VBP) in Healthcare, Value for Money Framework (VfM), adopted by the World Bank, the Interamerican Development Bank, and the Organization of American States.

### Next Steps:

- Identify appropriate stakeholders and develop a health curriculum for procurement officials with regional and/or international partners (e.g., USTDA, OAS) related to medicines and medical supplies.

# Trade and Investment



**Capacity Building for Procurement Officials in the Americas -**

**Application of Value-Based Procurement / “Value for Money” for Health Products**

## **Project Outcome:**

- **Stage II:** Building off of Stage I, deploy a larger-scale Value-Based Procurement (VBProc) capacity building resource in a phased approach (with separate modules for medical devices and medicines):
  - Phase 0: Conduct a landscape study of aid agency VBProc initiatives
  - Phase 1: Conduct a gap analysis of country VBProc deployment
  - Phase 2: Establish a VBProc Resource Center for training materials
  - Phase 3: Conduct training sessions based on Phase 1 results

## **Next Steps:**

- Conduct Phase 0 in parallel with support for Stage I
- Coordinate with Stage II Partners including but not limited to OAS, INGP, IDB, USTDA, USAID, PAHO, ABD, WB, OECD

# Ethics



## Increasing National Consensus Framework Agreements for Ethical Collaboration

**Additional Project:** Incentivizing Enterprise Integrity in Public Procurement

**Pillar Government Lead:** United States

**Project Lead:** U.S. Department of Commerce

### Current Challenge:

- **Consensus Framework:** Latin America has made great strides in developing national consensus framework. However, there is still opportunity for more countries in the region to adopt national consensus framework agreements.
- **Procurement:** Public procurement represents an average of 13% to 20% of GDP or nearly \$9.5 trillion. At the same time, the system is vulnerable to corruption and bribes. Globally over 7% of healthcare expenditure or approximately \$500 Billion (USD) is lost to corruption annually.

### Project Outcome:

- **Consensus Framework:** Encourage more countries in the Americas to create national consensus frameworks for ethical collaboration by working with various stakeholders in the region.
- **Procurement:** Creation of best practices and associated toolkit for use by the region's economies to enhance public procurement processes to reduce corruption and incentivize enterprise integrity.

### Next Steps:

- Identify the appropriate stakeholders to align on consensus framework and best practices in public procurement.
- Create framework and develop toolkit for use by public procurement officials to bolster enterprise integrity in the public procurement process.

# Digital Health

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## RISE Digital Health Nomenclature Forum and Handbook

**Pillar Government Lead:** Uruguay

**Project Lead:** Americas Business Dialogue

### Current Challenge:

- Diversity on definitions and nomenclature in the region creates impediments to advance and achieve a robust and complete regional digital health adoption.

### Project Outcome:

- Create a regional handbook with harmonized definitions and nomenclature to enable digital health adoption.
- Develop a RISE Digital Health Project Roadmap.

### Next Steps:

- Develop a draft of the handbook and circulate to digital health experts.
- Digital health experts review draft handbook and provide feedback and edits.
- Digital health experts meet virtually to make final comments.
- Host virtual/hybrid workshop to socialize handbook.



# RISE Project Timelines

Date	Trade & Investment	Regulatory Improvements	Sustainable Health Systems	Ethics	Digital Health
<b>Q2 (April – June)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partner with relevant partners to identify existing and new resources for capacity building workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build capacity building curriculum with Northeastern University and other partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify experts to review innovative health financing mechanisms</li> <li>Convene experts to review mechanisms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify key stakeholders to align on framework and toolkit</li> <li>Convene experts to begin drafting framework and toolkit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convene RISE digital health experts to review draft nomenclature document</li> <li>Circulate draft nomenclature handbook with RISE digital health pillar workstream for feedback</li> </ul>
<b>Q3 (July – Sept)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build curriculum with relevant partners</li> <li>Identify trainers, participants, materials etc. for workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify trainers, participants, materials etc. for workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Circulate mechanisms with pillar workstream for feedback</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Circulate toolkit for review and comment.</li> <li>Identify trainers, participants and materials for workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convene RISE stakeholders virtually to socialize nomenclature document</li> </ul>
<b>Pillar Workstream Meetings - Status update on projects &amp; preparation for RISE III [August – September]</b>					
<b>Q4 (Oct – Dec)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Host Capacity Building Workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Host Capacity Building Workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convene RISE stakeholders virtually to socialize innovative health financing mechanisms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convene Capacity building workshop/Train the trainers</li> </ul>	
<b>Q1 (Jan – March) – RISE III</b>					



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