

### Governance research theme | Kenya

<b>Title</b>	Health Sector Services Fund – process tracking in health centres
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### Background

The Kenyan Health Sector Services Fund (HSSF) is an innovative health financing intervention in which the government and development partners contribute to a central fund which is used to credit funds directly into approved health facilities' bank accounts. Funds can be used for operational expenses at the health facility, with the aim of increasing quality of care and utilisation of priority services. At the facility level, HSSF funds are managed by a Health Facility Committee (HFC) that includes community members from the facility catchment area. With HFCs playing a key role in HSSF, the programme has potential not only to strengthen quality of care, but also to significantly strengthen community participation in health care delivery in Kenya.

### Purpose of the research

RESYST is supporting a small scale study in two health centres in each of five selected districts, to track the implementation and perceived impact of HSSF to date in these health centres. This research forms part of a wider evaluation of Direct Facility Funding through HSSF in Kenya's Health Centres and Dispensaries. The information gathered will also be of interest to HSSF managers to identify challenges at districts and facility level and to build on positive practice.

### Study methods

- In-depth interviews with health care workers and members of the Health Facility Committee at a total of 10 health centres.
- In-depth interviews with district and national level staff and other stakeholders involved in health centre and dispensary funding and HSSF implementation. Interviewees are likely to include the District Minister of Health, District Health Accountant, District Health Administrator, and the District Health Records & Information Officer.

### Related publications

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