

AHME Snapshot Overview

The African Health Markets for Equity (AHME) is an innovative project that aims to transform healthcare for the poor in Kenya and Ghana by opening up access to essential, quality local primary health services through the private sector. The AHME partnership is led by Marie Stopes International (MSI) together with Population Services International (PSI) and PharmAccess Foundation (PAF).

Now in its sixth year, AHME's implementation has been bearing encouraging results at a country level and important lessons as a whole. This snapshot series has been developed to capture the breadth of innovative AHME activities being implemented, to add to the evidence base for advancing Universal Health Care.

Snapshot Structure

AHME has identified five key characteristics all of which are necessary and must be in place for the market to deliver quality essential health services to the poor (see below). The snapshots have been structured around these five key themes.



Former partners include: Society for Family Health (SFH), International Finance Corporation and the Grameen Foundation

Market Conditions



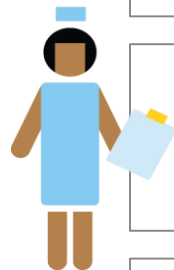
Poor Enrolled

Historically, coverage of the poor was not seen as a priority for NHI authorities, but this is starting to change with the advent of the Araya indigent scheme in Ogun State, Nigeria; the Health Insurance Subsidy Program (HISP) in Kenya; and the exemption of indigents from NHI fees in Ghana.



Primary Health Care Covered

Partners continue to work with NHI agencies to refine what is covered in their respective outpatient packages.



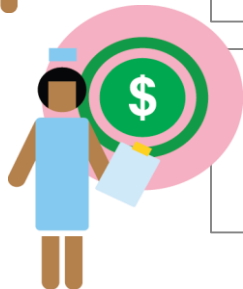
Facilities Contracted

Opportunities for small providers have been steadily improving in all three countries. Social Franchise networks have been facilitating empanelment but transparency remains an issue.



Quality Services Available

Networks in all three countries are strong and extensive, and improving quality by integrating PharmAccess's SafeCare tools.



Viable Provider Business

Business skills and access to capital are improving through linkages to the Medical Credit Fund.



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Acronyms

AHME	African Health Markets for Equity
APN	Access Point Name
DSF	Demand Side Financing
GNHR	Ghana National Household Registry
GPS	Global positioning systems
IFC	International Finance Corporation
MCF	Medical Credit Fund
MEDS	Mission for Essential Drugs and Supplies
MoGCSP	Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection – Ghana
MSK	Marie Stopes Kenya
PSK	Population Services Kenya
NHIA	National Health Insurance Agency – Ghana
NHIF	National Health Insurance Fund – Kenya
NHIS	National Health Insurance Scheme – Ghana
PMT	Proxy Means Test
SFN	Social Franchise Networks
SMAS	Survey Management and Analytic System – Ghana
TWG	Technical Working Group
UHC	Universal Health Care
VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminals
VSP	Virtualised Services Platform (VSP)