

STRATEGIC SECTOR COOPERATION (SSC) ON HEALTH BETWEEN MEXICO & DENMARK, Annual report for 2016

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Partnering with Denmark has a triple purpose of supporting development, building relations between Denmark and the partner country and paving the way for economic cooperation by opening doors for Danish companies



The Danish Minister for Health visiting a mobile health clinic.

Cooperation on improvement of primary healthcare in Mexico

This SSC focuses on strengthening primary healthcare by supporting the implementation on a new healthcare model (Comprehensive Healthcare Model, MAI-model) in Mexico. The MAI-model is developed in collaboration with WHO.

In implementing the MAI-model and working on strengthening primary healthcare in Mexico, Danish knowledge and solutions in IT-systems, communication, telemedicine and evaluation is shared with the Mexican authorities. Also incentive mechanisms, co-operation with civil society and the common public collaboration between state, regions and municipalities in Denmark is used as inspiration for further development of the Mexican healthcare system.

The main outputs in the project are:

1. Knowledge exchange of written information and training to improve the use of guidelines for service delivery and communication in patient pathways and healthcare networks.
2. Manual of preconditions for using data for quality in healthcare
3. Information sharing in terms of written information and workshops to develop a white paper on the use of telemedicine
4. Knowledge exchange consisting of technical working meetings, data and written information to describe indicators and documentation of best practices to be used for evaluation of the MAI-model

It is the expectation that the SSC project through knowledge sharing and training will strengthen primary healthcare in Mexico.

Key activities in 2016

In September 2016 the former Danish Minister for Health Sophie Løhde visited Mexico together with a technical delegation. In total 15 people from Denmark visited Mexico. Together with the Mexican Secretary Ms Løhde opened the Kick Off Forum in Mexico City with participation of representatives from all the states in Mexico and a number of experts, administrators and politicians.

The Ministers for Health also had an informal breakfast together with 20 high level representatives, a bilateral meeting where topics including primary healthcare, education in diabetes, mental health and other topics of mutual interest were discussed. A press conference was held just before the official opening of the Forum.

The technical delegation participated in a number of presentations and discussions and a joint field trip to the state of Guanajuato together with high-level representatives from the Mexican Ministry of Health.

A publication about the Danish healthcare system was developed and translated into Spanish and presented and shared with the participants at the Kick off Forum. The publication has been distributed to the rest of the South-American region.

Main achievements and lessons learned in 2016

Strong relations have been established with the Mexican health authorities - not just in relation to the project but also in relation to international cooperation in WHO.

The visit of Ms Løhde to Mexico also included an event on health economic aspects of mental health. The subject is of mutual interest to Mexico and Denmark but is not directly included in the SSC. The event was funded by Lundbeck and attracted high-level administrative and political representatives, experts and decision makers. The event resulted in discussions and afterwards an invitation from the Mexican Congress to the embassy and Lundbeck to participate in the process of developing legislation in the field of mental health.

Status: Full SSC Project under implementation. **Partners:** Secretariat of Health in Mexico (SALUD), Directorate of Health Planning and Development and Danish Ministry of Health, Centre for Health Economics. **Contact:** Marie Elsner Sander (maes@sum.dk), Danish Ministry of Health; Anne Mette Vega Brondbjerg (anmbro@um.dk), The Danish Embassy in Mexico City