

Evaluación de impacto de mejoramiento de sistema de atención VIH/SIDA en Lesotho.

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The Health Sector Project activities that are the focus of this impact evaluation include: (a) renovation of up to 150 health centers in order to establish a national stock of health centers that achieve a common standard; and (b) establishment of Anti-retroviral therapy (ART) clinics in and improve management of up to 14 hospital out-patient departments ("OPDs"). (In addition, the project will also carry out other activities aimed at supporting a sustainable platform for delivering essential health services throughout the country.). MCC is interested in testing the following hypotheses regarding the Health Centers and ART Clinics activities

- The health infrastructure activities will:
 - Increase the number of individuals receiving essential health services (including attended childbirth and ART delivery)
 - Improve individuals' health outcomes (specifically mortality and morbidity rates)
- Health improvements resulting from improved infrastructure will increase beneficiary productivity and incomes

Because of important differences in the nature of the two activities and how that affects the approach to the impact evaluation, we examine each in turn.