

Example of an Action Plan (Dominica assessment)

Priority Recommendation: Explore partnerships with the private sector to maximize on-island resources for health, using a newly established public-private forum as a starting point.

What ongoing initiatives support this priority area? (e.g. MOH, PAHO, others)	What action steps have already been proposed?	Who will "own" (be the champion of) the next steps?	What resources are needed? What external resources could be mobilized?
<p>Dominica Strategic Plan for Health</p> <p>There are numerous existing initiatives - most are informal:</p> <p>La Falaise and MOH/Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit health data • Serve as back-up when equipment is not functioning or to provide reagents <p>Medicus diagnostics – serves as back-up for hospital</p> <p>Ross University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data reporting - can log-in to central HIS system (sentinel site) • Syndromic surveillance, no positive HIV tests yet • Informal agreement with Portsmouth Hospital • Private pediatricians submit immunization data • Oncology clinic Tue/Fri at PMH • Diabetic clinic 1 per month at Portsmouth <p>Nurse Privo brings in urologist once per year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National HIV/AIDS Response Program (NHARP) and Jolly's pharmacy – HIV positive clients fill prescriptions at Jolly's, the pharmacy then invoices NHARP each month 	<p>Strategic health plan – objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data from private sector incorporated into national HIS • Protocols for standardized provision of health care in the private sector • Increase provision of health care by private sector 	<p>Public sector: Permanent Secretary, Chief Medical Officer, Julie Frampton (NHARP)</p> <p>Private sector: Dr. Burnett/Ross University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People's time and effort (public and private) • Developing concept, circulating with key stakeholders, generating buy-in, convening first meeting • Ross University may provide some support • External resources to convene first meeting and provide technical assistance to support/strengthen public-private partnerships - USAID

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What additional concrete next steps are needed?

- Develop a concept paper to guide this effort: include vision, objectives, and proposed structure.
- Convene a meeting to initiate public-private dialogue—include a wide variety of private health providers, NGOs, and key public sector representatives.
- Share the proposal and get input.
- Decide on a committee to take this effort forward—ideally representatives from each sector participate
- Keep view of country's health needs and the needs of clients—the work of this group should be adaptive to changing needs.
- Formalize currently informal public-private arrangements—consider Memorandums of Understanding, contracts, etc.

Specific examples:

- Ross University could become an HIV testing site for NHARP—free test kits, quality control from NHARP
- Increase public awareness that child health record is to be used for all health services (including private)
- Improve system and establish policy for private sector to procure drugs and supplies from Central Medical Stores
- Improve private sector reporting on key health indicators, including positive HIV cases, by clarifying and streamlining process

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