Project proposal Summary sheet

Project title: Mobile devices for telehealth services in Mexico

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Brief description

The project objective is to analyse and establish the best mechanisms for promoting the incorporation of mobile devices in health services. The aim is for citizens to play a greater role in managing their own state of health, which would strengthen public health systems. It would also make it possible to extend telehealth through the use of mobile devices, and thus reduce the costs of healthcare and add flexibility in diagnosing certain ailments.

Beneficiary country

Mexico

Project objectives

Analyse and establish the best mechanisms for promoting the incorporation of mobile devices in health services.

Expected results

1 Diagnosis of the use of cellular phones in support of health.
2 Policy recommendations for promoting the use of mobile devices in healthcare.
3 Pilot plan to develop applications and technology to make better use of mobile devices in healthcare.

Expected start date

January 2013

Expected duration

12 months

Estimated budget

USD 1 500 000

Main activities

1 Diagnose the way in which citizens use their cellular phones in support of health.
2 Study the country's health objectives and analyse how the cellular phone and its various applications can contribute to achieving those goals.
3 Quantify the resources required to support overall implementation, infrastructure, software adaptation and development, maintenance, training and updating.
4 Identify the resources to implement the project.