

HEALTH SECTOR COOPERATION BETWEEN BRAZIL & DENMARK, Annual report for 2018



Project description

The Strategic Sector Cooperation (SSC) between Brazil and Denmark aims at ensuring better, faster and universal access to quality healthcare services and products by supporting the development of more efficient healthcare management in Brazil.

The SSC encompasses a two-fold approach; **PILLAR I** is a cooperation between the Danish Health Data Authority and the Brazilian Ministry of Health (BMoH) and focuses on better use of health data to improve efficiency, access to quality healthcare, patient safety and coherent patient pathways etc. **PILLAR II** constitutes a cooperation between the Danish Medicines Agency and Brazilian Health Surveillance Agency (ANVISA) and aims at supporting more efficient, faster and transparent approval processes considering the overall licensing principles of pharmaceuticals: quality, safety and efficacy.

The Danish partners positively influence strategic decisions, reform initiatives and major change processes in BMoH and ANVISA.

Key activities in 2018

The decentralized public healthcare sector in Brazil lacks a national IT and health data policy. Which is hindering effective management. By showing Danish public-private solutions, **PILLAR I** is supportive of a major restructuring of the eHealth and health data area in the Brazilian healthcare sector. **PILLAR II** provides best practices and focuses on capacity building within selected focus areas for faster and more uniform approval processes of pharmaceuticals for the benefit of the Brazilian population and the Danish pharmaceutical industry.

Danida Development Research: The Sector Counsellor has successfully opened doors for a bilateral research project by matching Danish and Brazilian research institutions and the Brazilian Ministry of Health for a research project aiming at identifying solutions to challenges in the Brazilian healthcare sector in relation to ensuring timely treatment of high quality. Moreover, synergies between the sector counsellor, the SSC and capacity development courses through the Danida Fellowship Centre has provided a window display of Danish public and private solutions, research environments and the Danish model for public-private partnerships.

Main achievements and lessons learned in 2018

PILLAR I: provides knowledge transfer and capacity building on:

- Development, implementation and management of a possible DRG-system in Brazil based on the Danish system. A DRG-system is a financial and administrative management tool based upon grouping and cost calculation of treatment of patients with related diagnoses. Such a system can help create greater transparency, productivity and cost-effectiveness in more than 6.000 hospitals in Brazil. A DRG prototype has been developed in collaboration with BMoH and associated hospitals.

- A more structured and strategic health data approach showing the Danish health data program, including but not limited to a focus on the Danish Health Data platform, information systems and databases, the shared medication record, the establishing of a National Patient Hospital Medication Registry etc. These initiatives are supportive of improvements to Brazilian data reporting systems and registries.

PILLAR II: Provides knowledge transfer and capacity building supporting revision of administrative procedures, guidelines and regulations, contributing to improving the framework conditions for the Danish pharmaceutical industry operating in Brazil.

RESEARCH:

The University of Copenhagen received a development research grant from the Danida Fellowship Centre to run a shared Danish – Brazilian research project, "Optimizing Brazilian Health Care with telemedicine".

Status: SSC Project under implementation

Partners: Ministry of Health in Brazil (BMoH), Brazilian Health Surveillance Agency (ANVISA) and The Danish Ministry of Health (DMoH). Co-partners are the Danish Health Data Authority (DHDA) and the Danish Medicines Agency (DMA).

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