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# TEHIP's Influence on Public Policy

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The TEHIP Spark: Planning and  
Managing Health Resources at the  
District Level

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# Background

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## 1993 World Development Report: “Investing in Health”

- 32% reduction in BoD with 80% coverage

## Tanzania: Health Sector Reform Act (1993)

- Improve the quality and efficiency of primary health services

## TEHIP (1997):

- Test the feasibility and results of evidence-based health planning & delivery in two districts:  
Morogoro & Rufiji

# TEHIP

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## Intervention

- National Policies
- District Services

## Research

Use of evidence  
Quality of delivery  
Health-seeking  
behavior  
Effects on Health



# TEHIP

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- CAD 20m; 4 years
- Senior staff: 2 MoH & 2 ex-IDRC
- Worked within existing systems
- Direct Interventions
- Training
- Contracting Research
- Top-up district funding
- Research synthesis & packaging



# Achievements Related to Health Policy

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## **TEHIP Influenced:**

1. Formulation and content of national health policies
2. Content & delivery of district health services in Rufiji & Morogoro
3. Health in two districts



# 1. Formulation and content of national health policies

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## **Health officials using BoD & cost effectiveness to make decisions:**

- Budget allocations
- National malaria interventions
- National Health Planning Guidelines
- IMCI
- Increased demand for research
- “culture of planning”



## 2. Content & delivery of district health services in Rufiji & Morogoro

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- District teams using demographic surveillance data for planning & resource allocation
- Improved health service delivery, workers reporting comfort with and value of tools & approaches
- Communities take ownership & responsibility for their own health facilities & services



# Enabling Factors: Context

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- Health sector reform & decentralization
- International interest – WDR
- High level champions & support
- Strong existing research capacity
- Receptive community response



# Enabling Factors: TEHIP

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- Working within existing systems
- Additional resources for districts
- Working both up- & downstream
- Responsive tool development
- Documented early & ultimate results
- Science made graphic & actionable
- Building capacity directly & indirectly
- International linkages
- Semi-autonomous





# The Successful Project Challenge

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**How to move from a successful  
experiment in two districts**

**to:**

**A feasible, effective, affordable  
national application**

# Child Mortality Declines in Evidence-Based Planning Districts - Tanzania

