

Hypothesis 4

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Unpacking the Problem

Do the funds the District Services Program is providing to the peri-urban PHCs fall short of the per capita primary health care spending standard set by the Polarus Ministry of Health?

- If the funds the peri-urban clinics receive fall below the standard recognized by the Ministry of Health, then even if their funding is increasing, they likely cannot provide the health care services their communities need.
- It is also important to determine if other PHCs are receiving funding up to this standard.



Which calculation do I need to do?

The formula to calculate *per capita* allocation is:

$$\text{Per capita allocation} = \frac{\text{Allocation}}{\text{Population}}$$



Let's Try the Calculation

- The *per capita* allocation in *nominal* terms for Aljana in 2008 is as follows:

$$\text{Per capita allocation} = \text{D } 347,228 / 12,783 = \text{D } 27.16$$

- Why nominal terms?
- Now your turn...



Who is responsible?

- Who decides how much each PHC gets annually?
- Does the District Services Program budget make adequate provision for PHCs in Mortalia to ensure that all PHCs in the city reach the MoH standard?
- What is the MoH's obligation in this situation?



How to fix this and how long should it take?

- It normally takes time to bring funding up to a standard.
- It would be necessary to look at the health care funding in other states. How is Sunrise State doing relative to other states in funding primary health care? In funding health in general?
- If Sunrise State is not adequately prioritizing primary health care through the District Services Program or health care generally, the priorities of the State budget will need to be looked at.



How to illustrate the answer?

- *Per capita* spending can be expressed as per person spending. Sentences like this work well: “The Ministry of Health spends 43 Dinar a year for a person living in Aljana, while it spends 58 Dinar for the average person in Mortalia.”
- Bar charts are good for comparing *per capita* allocations.

