



# PS 3.3 DECOLONIZING INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNANCE – MOVING FROM RHETORIC TO REFORM?

## Health sector reforms in Senegal



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« Decolonization is in our interest, and therefore our policy.

Why should we cling to costly, bloody, and dead-end dominations, when our country needs to be renewed from top to bottom? »

General De Gaulle (1890-1970), Press Conference, April 11, 1961»



« (...) enable all Senegalese people, when they need it, to have access to quality healthcare, without any financial barriers or risks »

HE. Mr. Macky SALL,

President of the Republic of Senegal

# Background

- Highest level determination - to equip Senegal with a high-performance health and social action system
- Evidenced in the Emerging Senegal Plan (PSE) – implemented by Ministry of Health and Social Action's Sectoral Development Policy Letter (LPSD) and the National Health and Social Development Plan (PNDSS).
- An increase in healthcare provision and equity of access to care, notably through the Universal Health Coverage (CMU) initiative
- Improved social care for the most vulnerable populations.

# Reform in the health sector

1. Pharmacy
2. Digitization
3. Reforming hospital governance and the private health sector
4. Creation of the Legal Affairs Department



# Reform in Pharmacy

- Reform of the local pharmaceutical industry - backed by institutional, and legislative and regulatory changes.
- Enabled local manufacturers to produce sufficient quantities of the medicines and other health products that are essential for supplying the country and reducing imports.



# Reform in Pharmacy: Institutional

- Delivery Unit (or Management Unit) for the re-launch of the local pharmaceutical industry ;
- Agence Sénégalaise de Réglementation Pharmaceutique (ARP) was set up as a result of the integration of the LNCM and the DPM
- Establishment of the PNA as an industrial and commercial Public Establishment called SEN-PNA.



# Reform in Pharmacy: Legislative and Regulatory

Adopted a new law in 2023 (repealed 1954 law) and 6 implementing decrees:

- bring regulations in line with new developments
- provide local industry with an appropriate legal framework by opening up majority share capital to non-pharmacists.





# Creation of the Legal Affairs Department

- support for central departments and services and decentralized entities
- coordination of the department's standards policy and reforms, and activities.



« To be free is not just to throw off your chains ;

It's to live in a way that respects and strengthens the freedom of others »

Nelson Mandela (1918 - 2013),  
Former South Africa President



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