

### 3. THE OPEN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

#### HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN THE OPEN SYSTEM

- Secretaría de Salud (SS)*, the Secretariat of Health
- Departamento del Distrito Federal (DDF)*, the Department of the Federal District
- Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social (IMSS)*, the Mexican Institute for Social Security, encompasses the services provided under the national welfare system of *Solidaridad*
- Sistema Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF)*, the National System for the Development of the Family
- Institutos Especializados*, Specialized Institutes
- Servicios Estatales, Municipales y Universitarios*, State, Municipal and University Services

The open system serves the population which is not formally employed and therefore does not pay health care premiums. Its facilities are oriented towards the poorer segments of Mexican society. Technically, it is responsible for the care of 53 percent of the population, but the more affluent people in this group are likely to use the private health care system. The open system includes 77 percent of the primary care facilities and 45 percent of the hospitals. Its spending, however is only about 20 percent of the total National Health Care System budget.

There are three main service providers within the open system. The *Secretaría de Salud (SS)*, Secretariat of Health, serves more than two-thirds of the population in the open system. The *Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social (IMSS)*, Mexican Institute for Social Security, covers more than one-quarter of this group, and the *Departamento del Distrito Federal (DDF)*, Department of the Federal District, less than five percent. In addition, the *Sistema Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF)*, National System for the Development of the Family, provides community health care services as part of a broader social assistance program. There are also a number of medical units funded by states, municipalities and universities. They serve narrowly targeted groups and are not statistically significant.

#### OPEN SYSTEM OPERATING EXPENDITURES, 1992 US\$ MILLIONS

|   | Total          | SS             | IMSS         | DDF          | DIF          |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Administration  | 426.3          | 379.0          | 4.0          |              | 43.3         |
| Policy and planning   | 100.8          | 46.5           | 38.6         |              | 15.7         |
| Preventative health care expenditures                                     | 197.6          | 148.5          | 43.9         | 5.2          |              |
| Health care expenditures in primary, secondary and tertiary medical units | 865.1          | 648.2          | 112.2        | 104.7        |              |
| Community health programs   | 157.9          | 13.8           |              |              | 144.1        |
| Production of medical products  | 16.8           | 16.8           |              |              |              |
| Research and development  | 27.8           | 25.6           |              |              | 2.2          |
| Employee training programs  | 54.0           | 52.8           |              | 1.2          |              |
| Health promotion  | 26.0           | 26.0           |              |              |              |
| <b>Totals</b>   | <b>1,872.3</b> | <b>1,357.2</b> | <b>198.7</b> | <b>111.1</b> | <b>205.3</b> |

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- DDF** - *Departamento del Distrito Federal*, Department of the Federal District
- DIF** - *Sistema Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia*, National System for the Development of the Family

