

**Question for written answer E-000715/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Effectiveness of EU development aid to the health sector

Universal access to health care is linked to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (2000–2015). The European Union contributes to the development of health systems in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries, in particular through the 11th European Development Fund, which has a budget of EUR 30 500 000 000 (2014–2020). Under the Abuja Declaration (27 April 2001), Member States of the former Organisation of African Unity pledged to earmark 15% of their budgets to health systems.

In an article dated 26 May 2017 (published by *The Project Syndicate*), Samuel Kargbo, a member of the UHC2030 Steering Committee, highlighted the lack of planning shown in the construction of health infrastructures, built largely using international aid. Sierra Leone now has some 1 300 health facilities, compared with fewer than 700 in 2002. However, only 47 % of these facilities employ more than two health professionals. Moreover, their medical equipment is often inadequate.

The Commission states that an objective of providing health sector aid to ACP countries is 'financing and planning capacity building'. Does the Commission ensure effective monitoring of these funds and provide technical assistance on health policy and, in particular, on the deployment of infrastructure?