



In Review:

## A SUMMARY OF MAHEFA MIARAKA'S SECOND PROGRAM YEAR

October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017

During its first implementation year (second program year), the USAID Community Capacity for Health Program, locally known as Mahefa Miaraka, made significant progress assisting community health volunteers (CHVs) to provide quality health services to remote communities. Alongside partners Action Socio-sanitaire Organisation Secours, Family Health International 360, and Transaid, the Program operates in a total of 4,887 fokontany, 456 communes, and 34 districts in the Analanjirifo, Boeny, DIANA, Melaky, Menabe, SAVA, and Sofia regions. The Program is designed to strengthen public sector capacity to plan, deliver, and manage community health services, to strengthen community engagement in health governance and ownership of health services, and to focus on priority behavior change actions.



When fully scaled, the Program will provide services to approximately  
**6.1 million people, or 23.3 percent**  
of Madagascar's total population.

### Highlights of Mahefa Miaraka Contributions in FY2017:

- Advanced national community health at the policy and operations levels in line with the National Policy on Community Health or *Politique Nationale de Santé Communautaire* (PNSC)
- Introduced dashboards of key health indicators to enhance prevention of and responses to disease outbreaks
- Operationalized new Ministry of Health (MOH) community health initiatives and assisted CHVs to adjust to new responsibilities
- Scaled up MOH-approved new health products and services at the community level
- Ensured continuum of care from CHVs to government basic health facilities (CSB)



## Main Achievements in FY2017



**Intervention Area 1:**  
**Community Engagement & Ownership of Health Services**

Established  
**5,374**  
PNSC coordination  
structures at the regional,  
district, commune, and  
fokontany levels and  
trained  
**7,877 (80% of total)**  
Community Health Volunteers

CHVs provided total of  
**263,048**  
children under 5 (CU5) and  
**150,407**  
women of reproductive age  
with integrated services  
and referred a total of  
**212,648**  
cases to CSBs



**Intervention Area 2:**  
**Behavior Change and Health Promotion**

During FY2017,  
CHVs delivered key health  
messages to a total of  
**1,267,783**  
people times through  
home visits,  
health hut services, and  
educational information  
sessions

In total,  
**41**  
local radio stations  
at the regional (11) and  
district levels (30) broadcast  
key health messages on  
average  
**Two-three times a day,**  
**12 days a month.**



**Intervention Area 3:**  
**Health Service Planning,  
Governance, and Management**

Each month,  
**709 CSB staff**  
conducted monthly meetings  
for CHVs in their  
catchment areas. Out of a  
total of 7,085 functioning  
CHVs, **5,680 (80 %)**  
attended these monthly  
meetings.

During FY2017,  
**5,134 CHVs (73%)**  
received supportive  
supervision visits in FY2017;  
out of this  
**2,714 CHVs (53%)**  
were supervised by  
CSB heads.

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