



In Review:

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

October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018

During its third year, the USAID Community Capacity for Health Program, locally known as Mahefa Miaraka, sustained and expanded its support to community health volunteers (CHVs) serving remote communities.

Alongside partners ASOS, FHI 360, and Transaid, Mahefa Miaraka works in 4,885 fokontany, 456 communes, and 34 districts in the Analanjirofo, Boeny, DIANA, Melaky, Menabe, SAVA, and Sofia regions. Within these areas, the Program trains, supports, and monitors 8,867 CHVs who provide integrated services to children under 5 (CU5) and women of reproductive age under the supervision of 732 government health centers (CSB).



**Mahefa Miaraka works in communities where approximately 6.1 million people, or 23 percent of Madagascar's total population, live and work.**

### Highlights of Mahefa Miaraka key 2018 activities

- **Building Ministry of Health Capacity:**

Supported the development of the National Community Health Policy (PNSC) strategy and its implementation at the regional, district, commune, and *fokontany* levels, including orienting 18,635 PNSC coordination committee members and members from 332 communes on the Champion Commune Approach.

- **Expanding Adolescent SBCC Activities:**

Across four regions, education officials, teachers, parents and students from 27 schools were oriented on the Model Youth Approach. As a result, student leaders reached 8,913 of their peers with sexual and reproductive health information.

# Key FY2018 activities

## Strengthening Community Engagement & Ownership of Health Services :



CHVs provided services to:

**877,043**

CU5 for childhood illnesses, growth monitoring, and vaccination.

**178,478**

women who were regular users of family planning services

**68,992**

women who were new family planning users

**89,131**

children who tested positive for malaria

CHVs referred:

**154,789**

women to services at the local health center and mobile clinics for family planning options, including LARCs

**43,882**

pregnant women for vaccination and 23,211 pregnant women for assisted delivery at the health center

**76,604**

women for ANC services at the CSB, leading to 59,043 pregnant women receiving malaria prevention therapy.

**217,617**

children for services at the health center, including vaccination, and consultation for malnutrition and other dangers signs

## Promoting Healthy Behaviors:



Mahefa Miaraka supported communities to build **15,608** improved latrines that allowed a total of **71,797** additional people to gain access to basic sanitation. In addition, thanks to the program's Champion Commune approach, **291** communities became certified as open defecation free communities.

## Containing the Plague



The Program team trained **13,863** people on plague prevention and response; and supported local Ministry of Health (MOH) field investigations, community disinfection, and vector control activities. These efforts contributed to the successful management of the 48 suspected plague cases reported in Program regions, that were treated at health centers.

## Ensuring the Availability and Use of Community Level Data



Mahefa Miaraka supported CHVs at the community level to submit monthly reports (76% average reporting rate); supported district-level health actors in entering and reviewing data on electronic dashboards, including providing support for the MOH's DHIS2 pilot in seven districts of Sofia region; and participated in 13 regional and 131 district quarterly review meetings with government officials to assess progress, enhance understanding of quality issues, and address concerns with recommendations for follow-up at each level.