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# **USAID's Reinforce Basic Health Services Project A PRESENTATION OF PROJECT RESULTS**





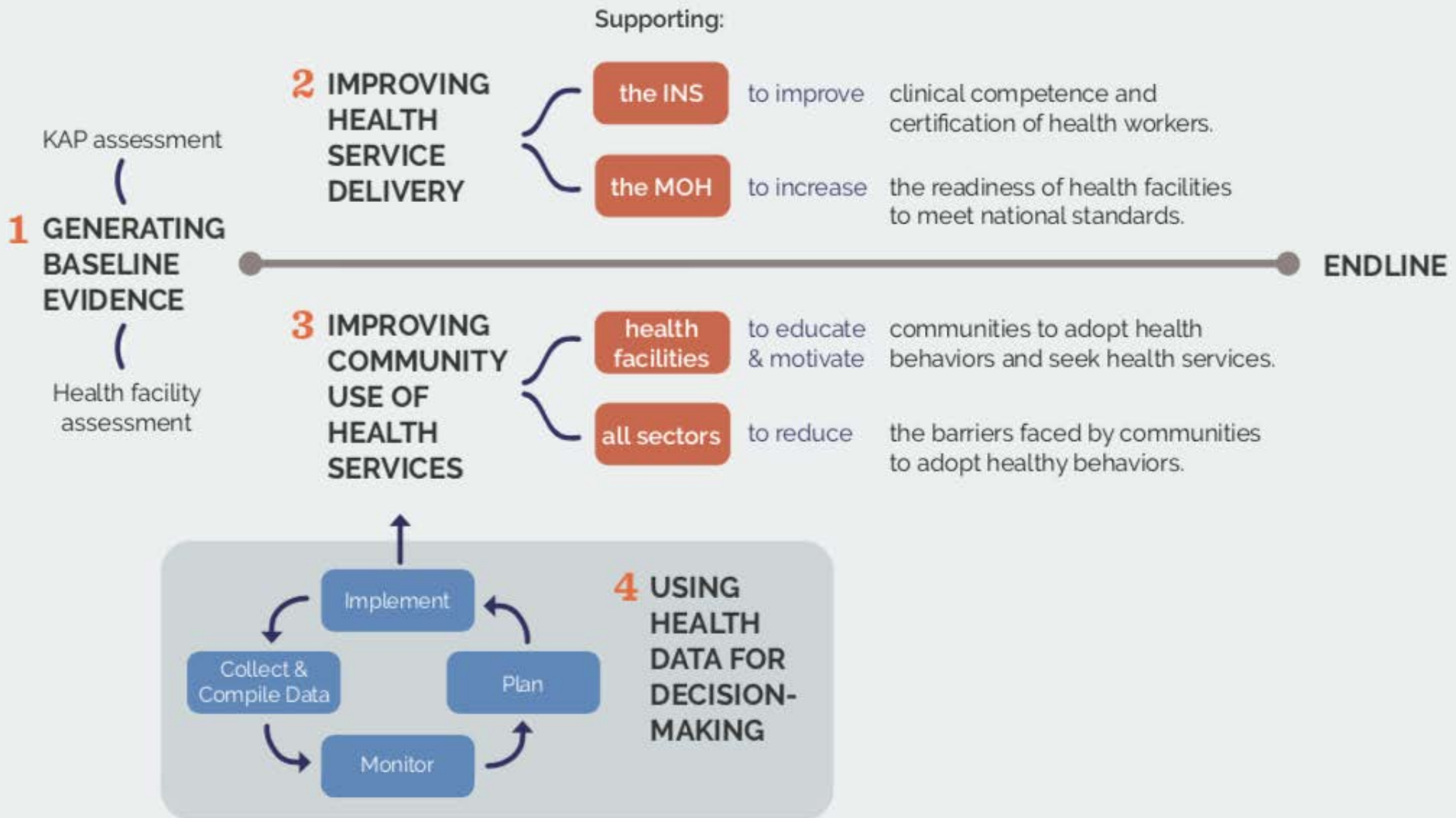


## About USAID's Reinforce

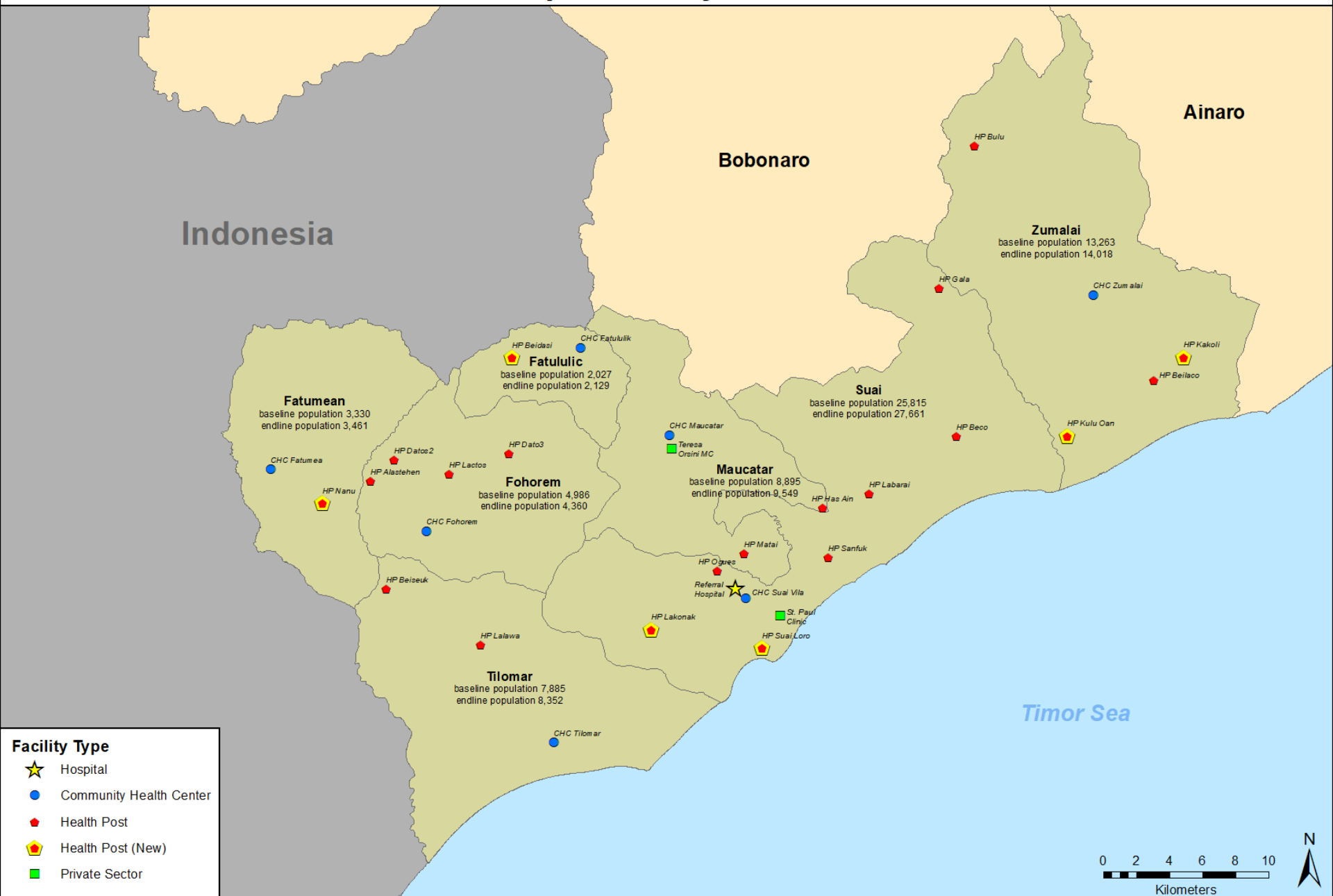
- Five-year cooperative agreement
- 2015 – 2020
- Implemented by JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc.
- Worked at national level and in Covalima Municipality

# Our Approach and Objectives

## Four Elements of the Approach



# Covalima: Health Facilities and Population by Sub-District







**Partnership with INS**

- **Updated curricula** and supporting materials
- **Increased trainings** and follow up after trainings
- **Trainers' discussion forum** meets quarterly





Models for  
competency-based  
training



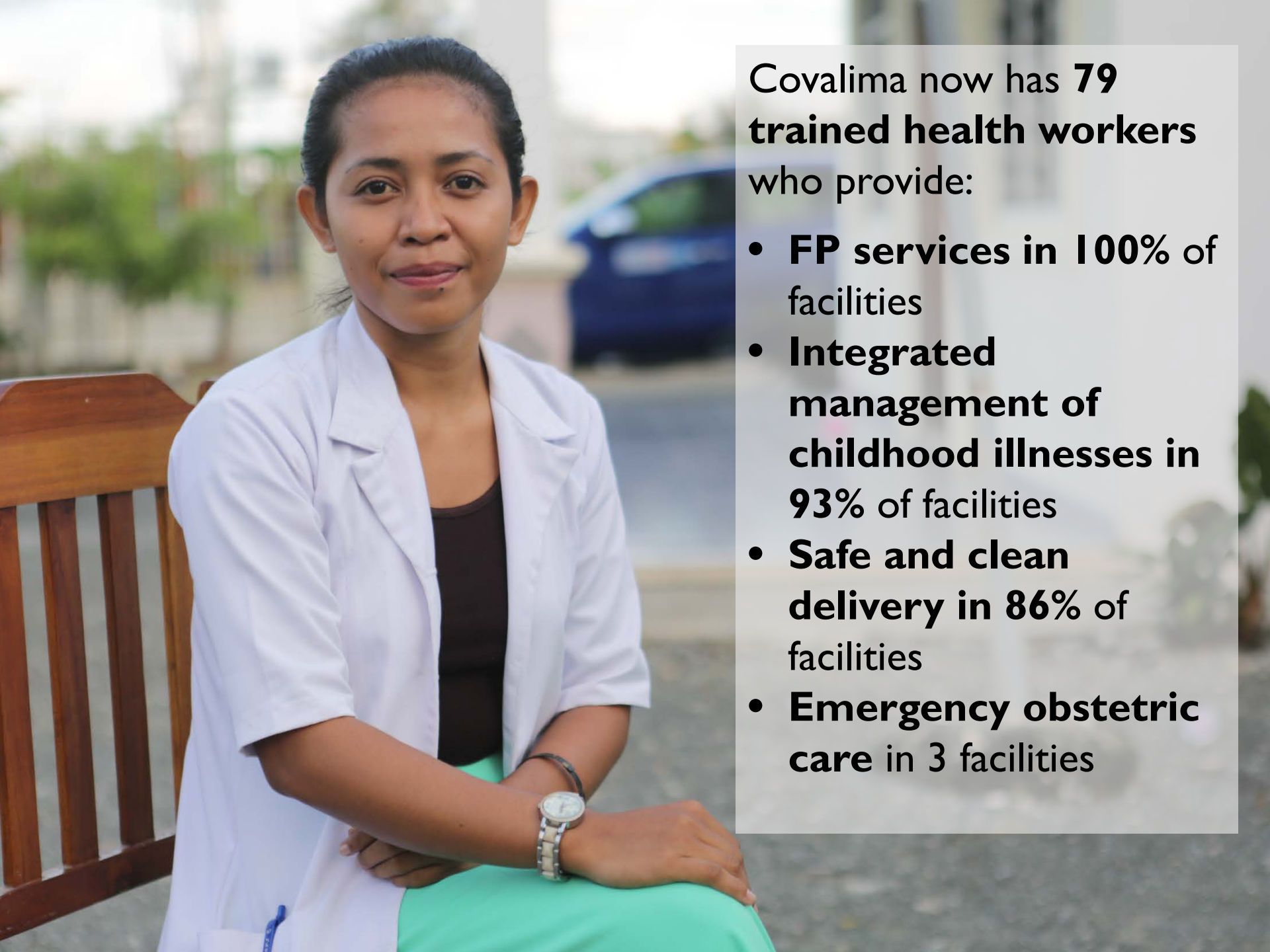


USAID's Reinforce helped introduce **competency-based training** at INS, which is now supported by **four skills labs** and **three clinical practice sites**.





USAID's Reinforce worked with INS to **increase the availability of MNCH and FP services**



Covalima now has **79**  
**trained health workers**  
who provide:

- **FP services in 100%** of facilities
- **Integrated management of childhood illnesses in 93%** of facilities
- **Safe and clean delivery in 86%** of facilities
- **Emergency obstetric care in 3** facilities



- **Seven INS trainers** now based in Covalima
- **22 new trainers** trained with project support

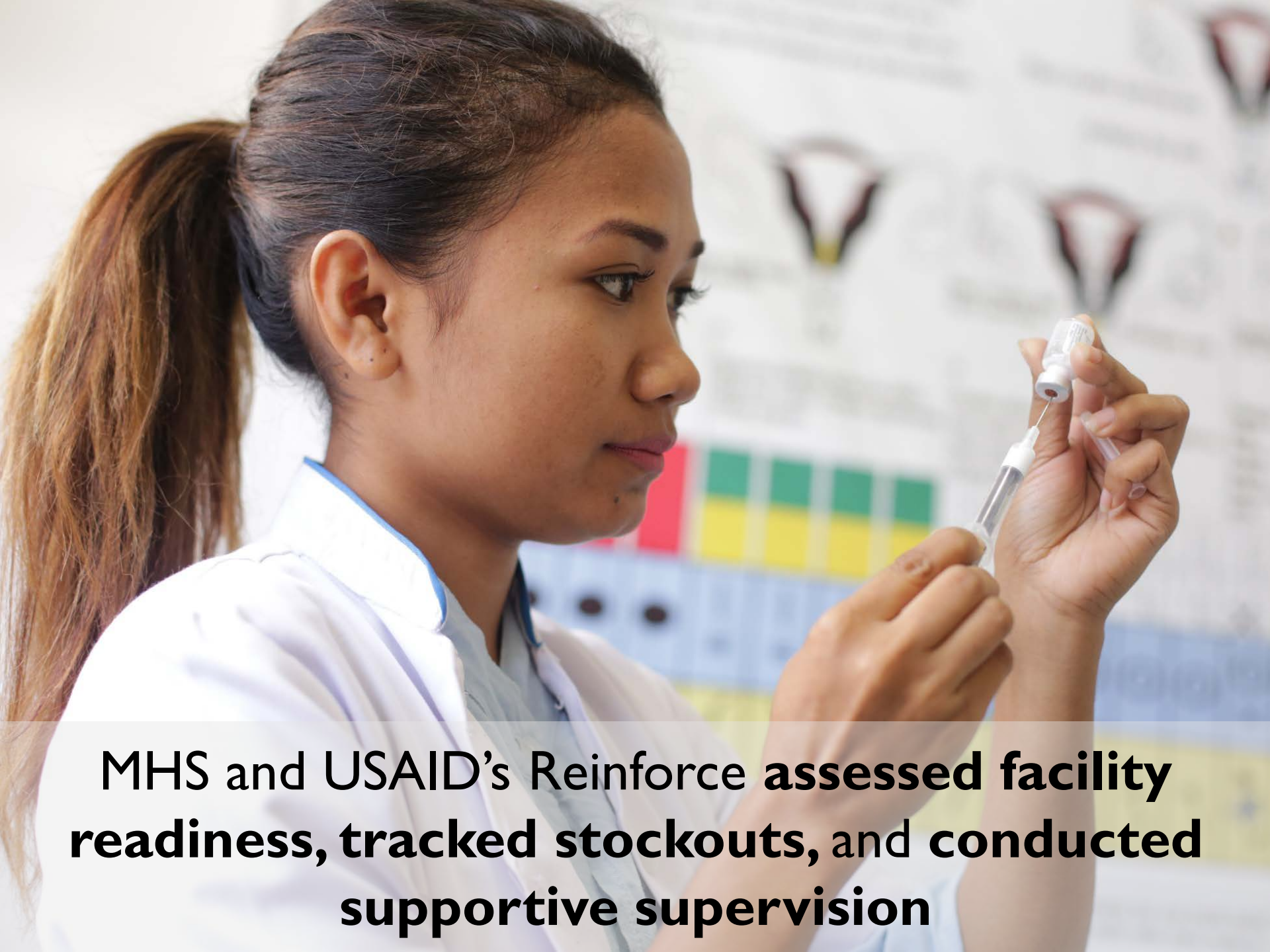






**Improved Facility Readiness**





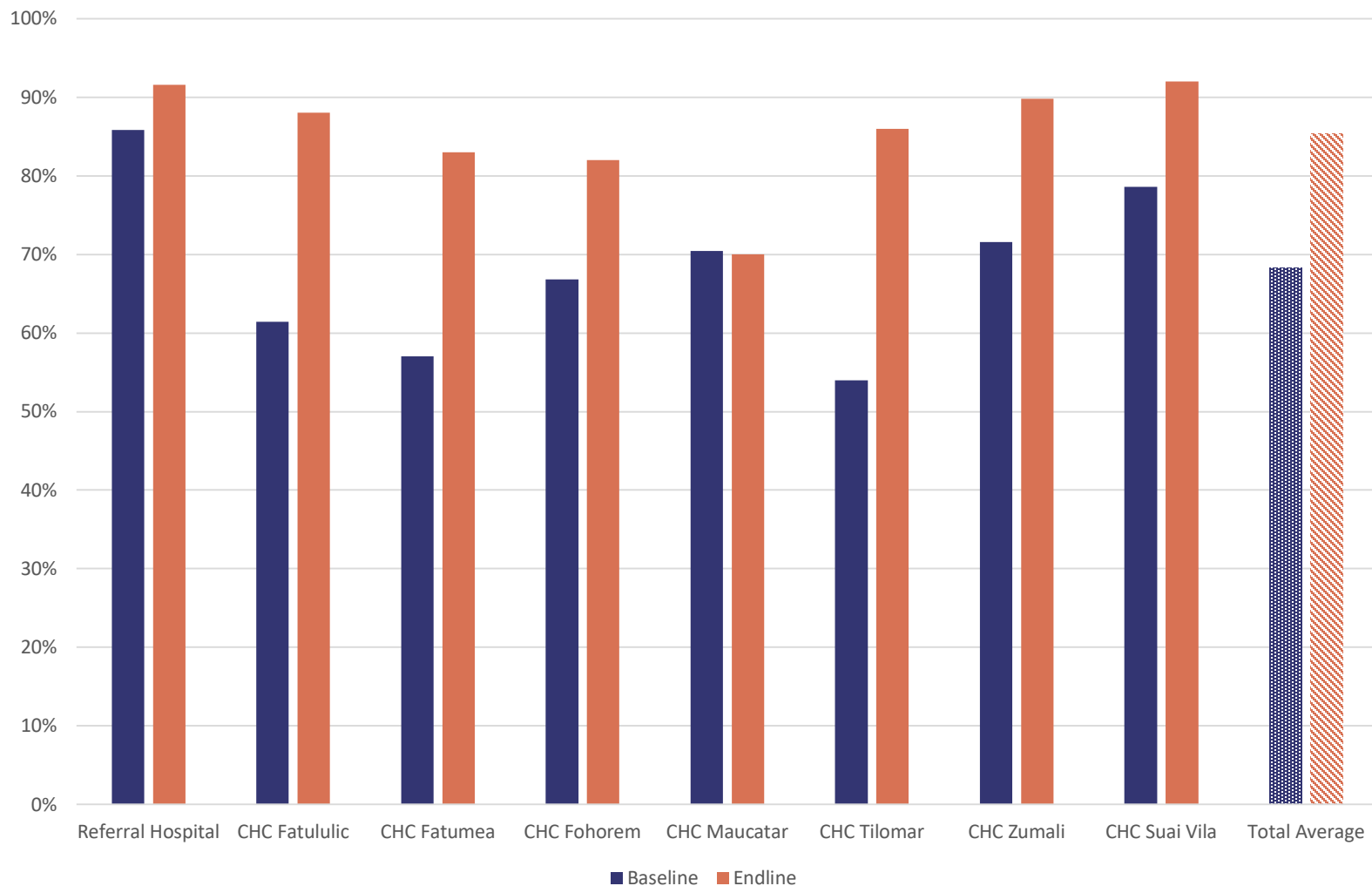
**MHS and USAID's Reinforce assessed facility readiness, tracked stockouts, and conducted supportive supervision**



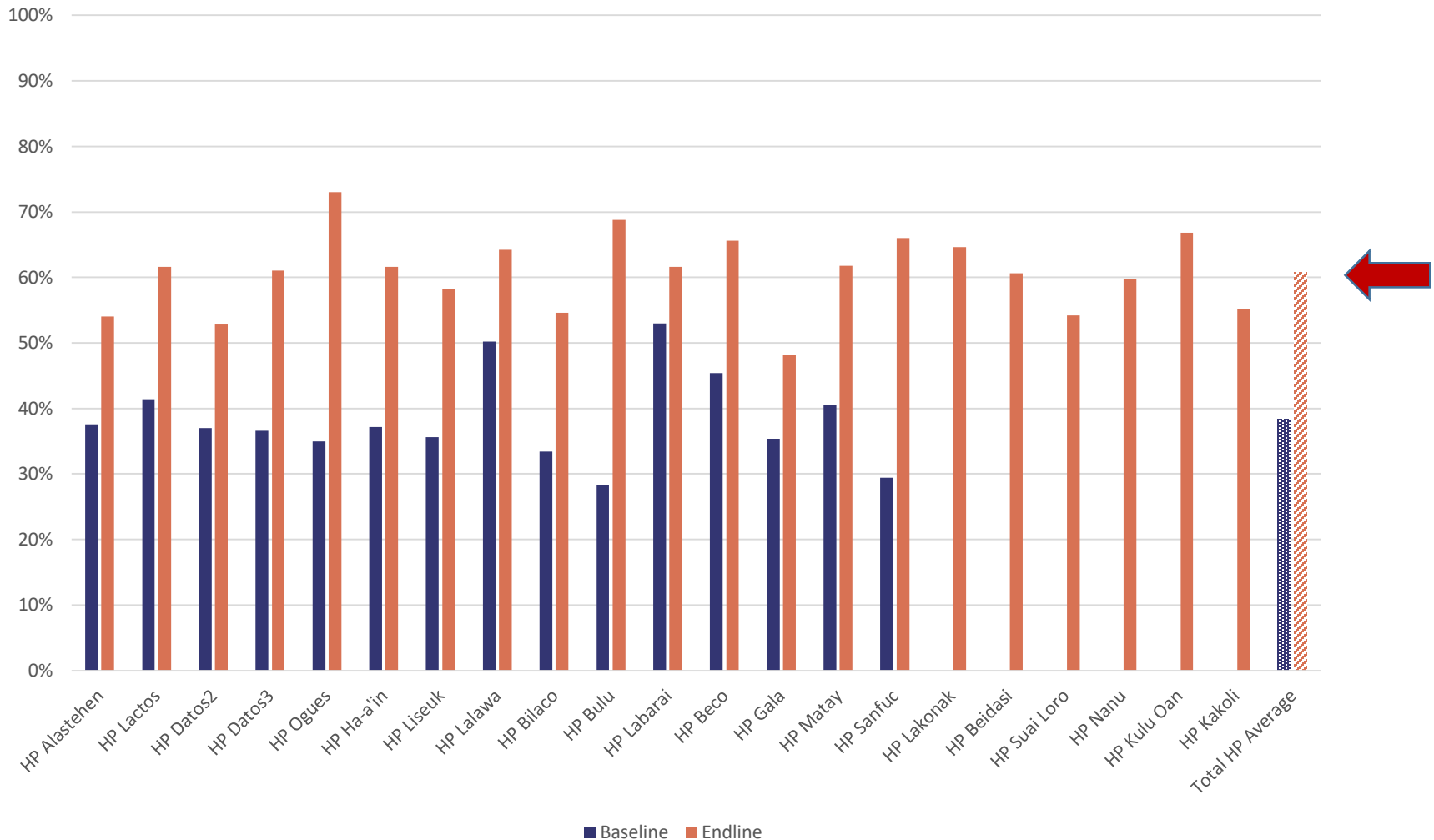
**USAID**  
donated  
medical  
equipment,  
which was  
distributed to all  
health facilities in  
Covalima,  
helping to  
improve facility  
readiness



The **average readiness score across CHCs and the hospital** improved from **68% at baseline to 85% by endline**.



The **average readiness score across health posts almost doubled** from 38% at baseline to 61% by endline.



# **Community Use of Health Facilities Improved**



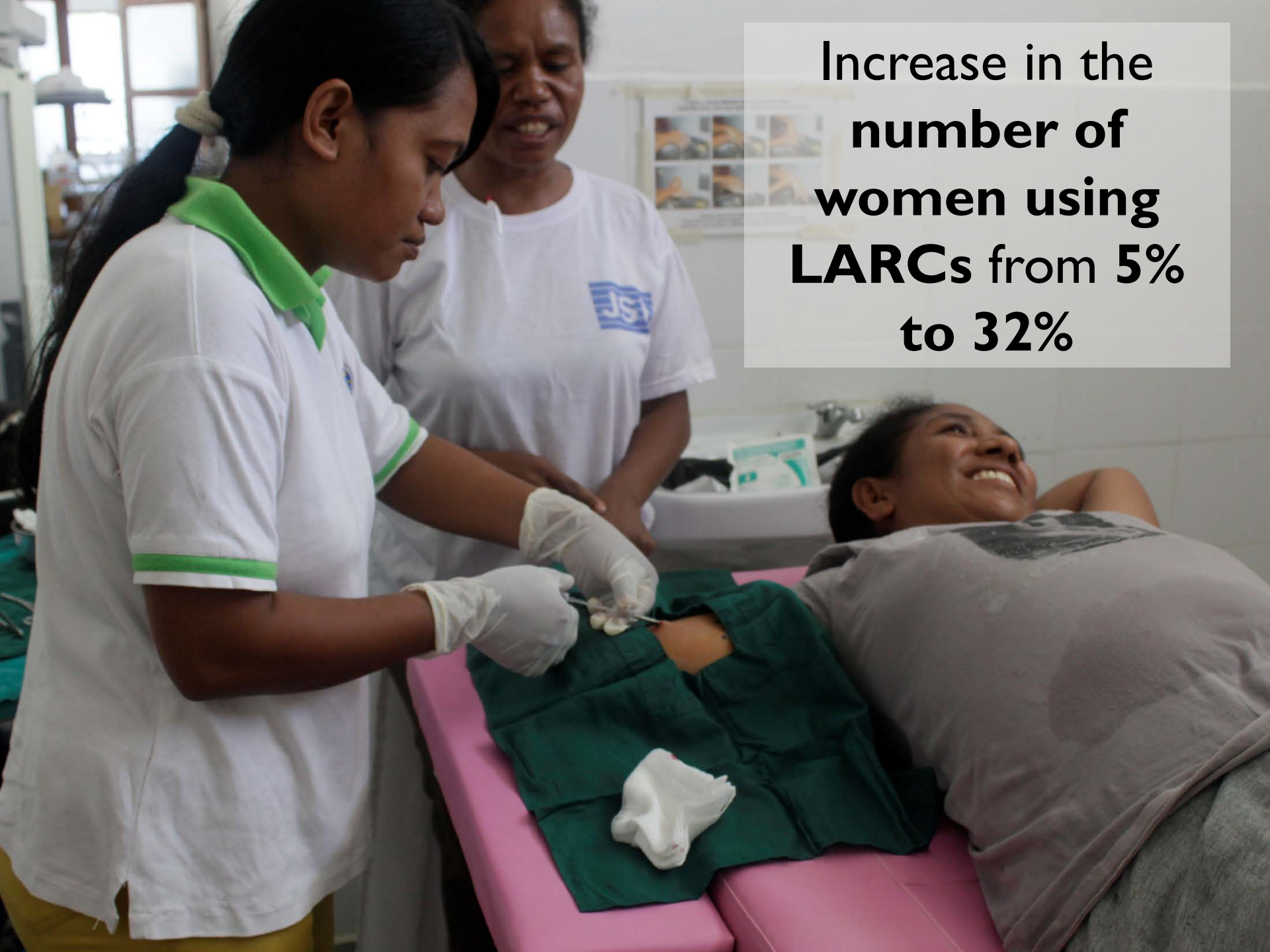




**Reached 122 communities with health information via discussion groups, films, PSAs, and other social and behavior change efforts**

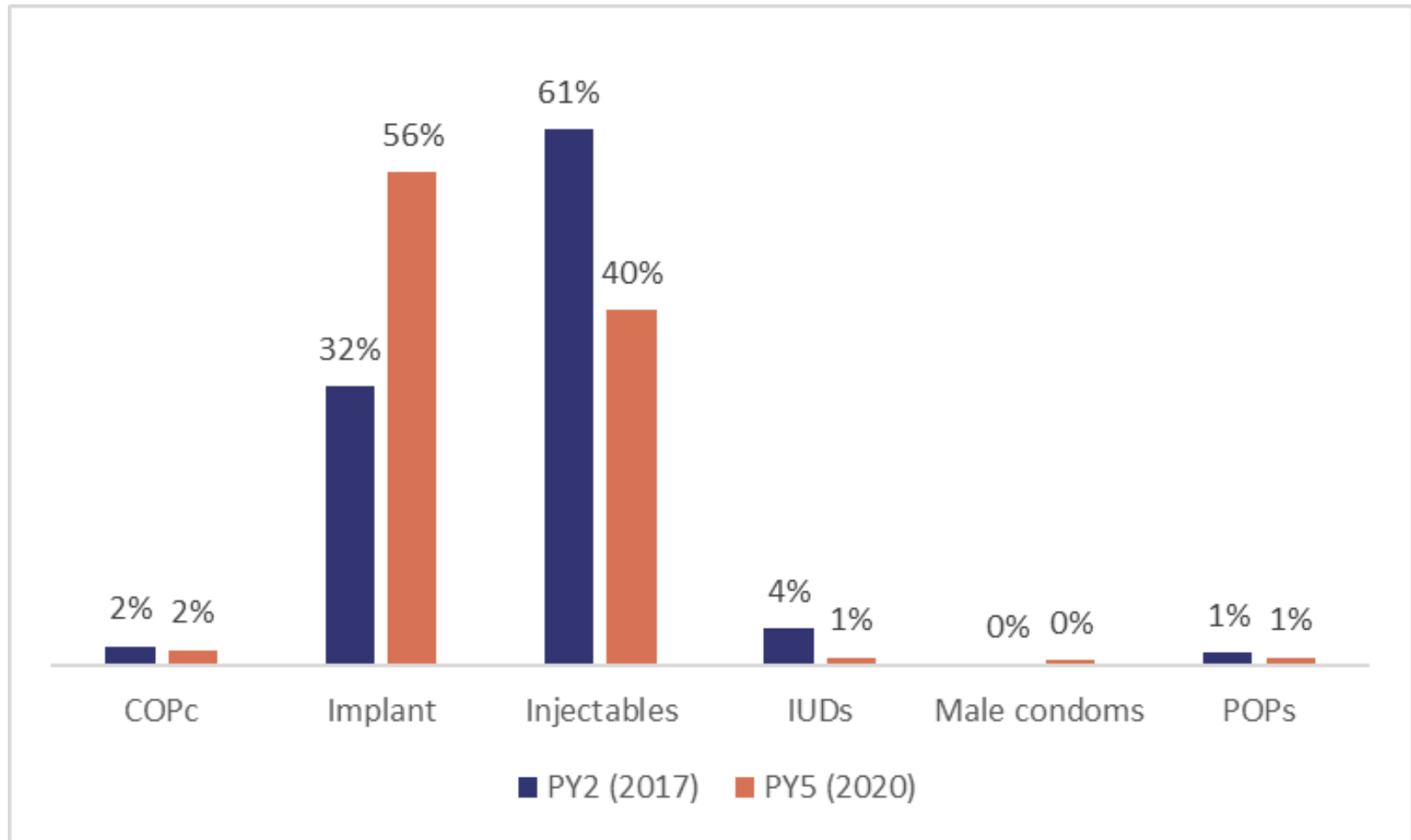


**Increase in the  
number of  
women using  
LARCs from 5%  
to 32%**





# Change in FP Method Mix

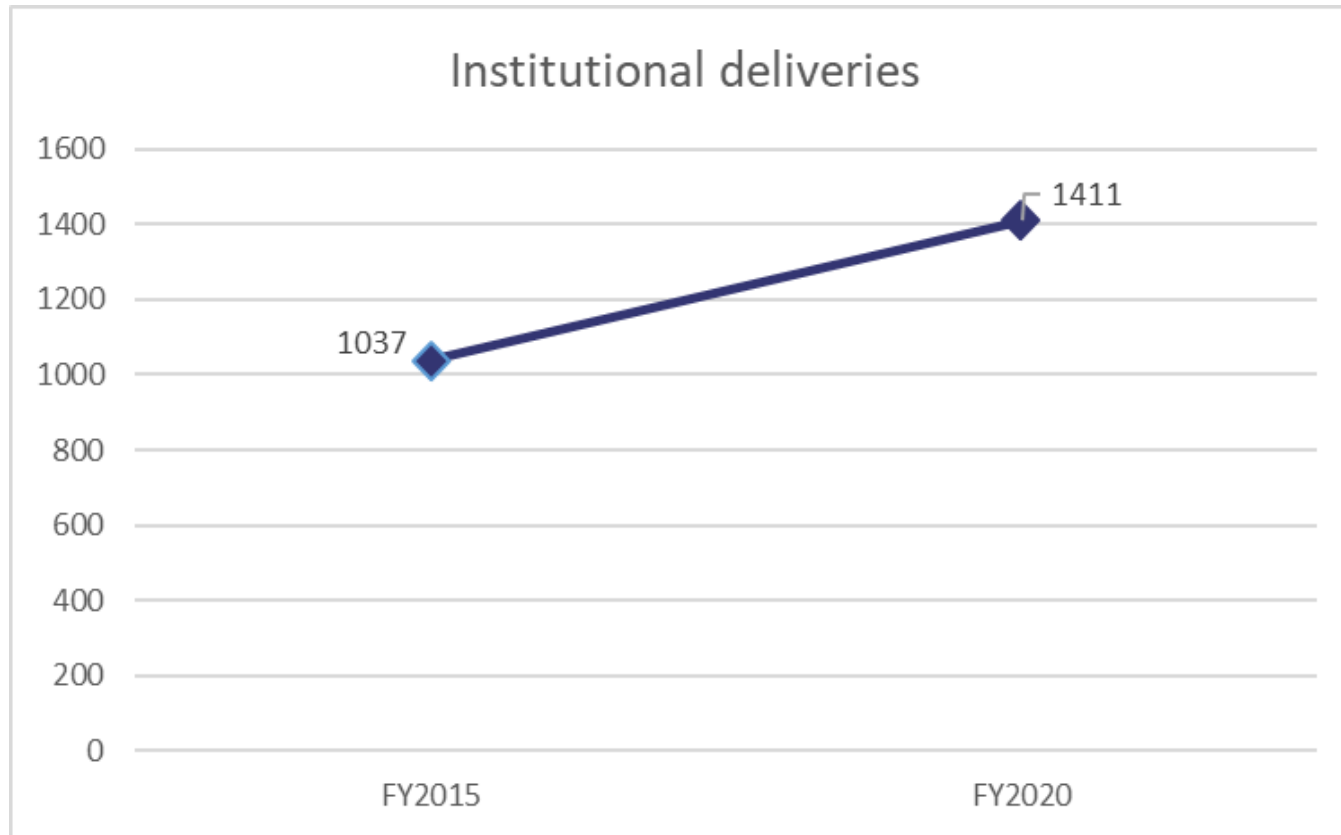


**Increase in  
facility-based  
deliveries from  
32% to 40% in  
the hospital and  
8% to 22% in  
CHCs**





# Increase in facility-based deliveries

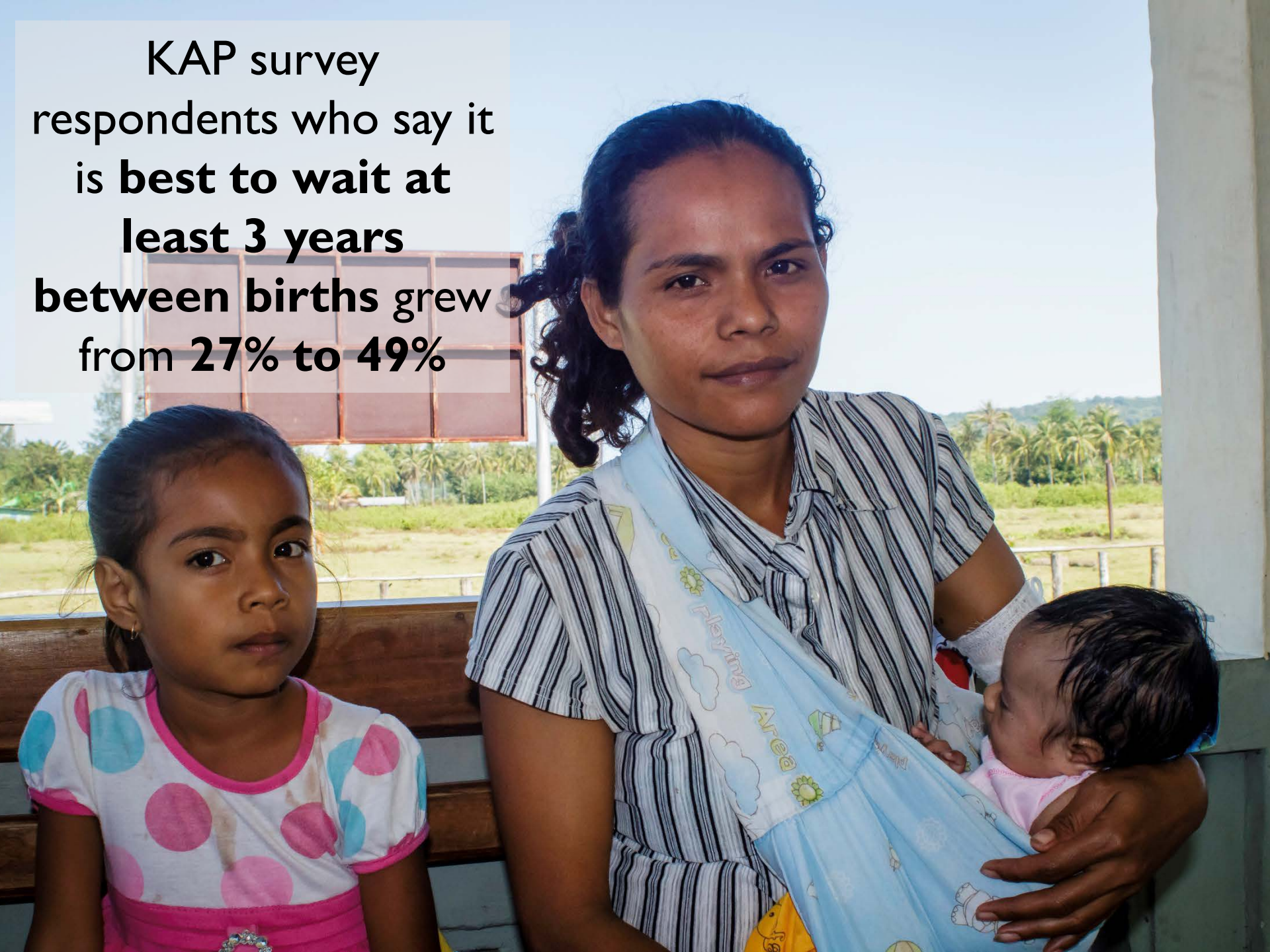




All health facilities now have trained staff to deliver IMCI, greatly **improving diagnosis and treatment for several childhood diseases.**



KAP survey  
respondents who say it  
is **best to wait at  
least 3 years  
between births** grew  
from **27% to 49%**







**Reaching Adolescents with Health Information**





- **Youth helped design and pilot** the ARH curriculum in Covalima
- **188 youth** participated in ARH workshops
- MOH piloted the ARH curriculum in **four additional municipalities**
- **MOH approved** the ARH curriculum in 2020 for nationwide use

# Youth Leadership Key to Communicating COVID-19 Messages



- **Four youth** who participated in ARH workshops **stepped up to lead COVID-19 workshops** for peers
- **129 youth** were reached with information about **COVID-19** through peer-led workshops



# Data for Decision-Making





**The quality of reporting in Covalima has improved as a result of conducting data quality assessments.**



30 sucos in all 7 sub-administrative posts in Covalima used data during microplanning to develop a total of 66 action plans that addressed gaps and priorities in health services.









# Innovations



- TraKom
- Skills labs
- Management training for QI
- Youth leadership
- Response to COVID-19



## COVID-19 Response

- **Trained 62 youth and 70 community leaders** in COVID-19 knowledge and prevention
- **Reached 48 communities** with COVID-19 prevention messages
- Helped establish **44 hand washing stations**
- **Oriented health workers** from all facilities on COVID-19 prevention
- **Included COVID-19 guidance** in all training and FUAT







# The Journey to Self-Reliance


- Changing attitudes at the community level
- More skilled health workers
- Better equipped and managed facilities
- Committed leadership at all levels of the health system
- Government has invested in capacity development and has begun to scale key inputs, e.g., skills labs, ARH program

# Recommendations for the Way Forward





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1. **Prioritize transport** for patients to reach care and for health managers to support staff, collect data, and follow-up after training.
  2. **Strengthen waste management** systems.
  3. **Strengthen human resources** systems, including job descriptions, clear career paths, and salary scales.
  4. **Improve management training** at all levels of the health system to impact quality and sustainability.



**Partnerships**



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