Challenges and Perspectives on Community Health: Madagascar experiences

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Outline

- Country Location and Socio-demographic Characteristics.
- Background.
- Challenges and Perspectives.
Country location and Characteristics (1)

- Fourth largest island of the world.
- Surface area: 587.047 sq km.
- 22 regions, 119 districts, 1,695 communes, and 17,000 fokontany (sub-communes).
- 2,620 CSB, 02 Community Health Workers (CHWs) per fokontany
- 22,434,363 inhabitants with 80% rural and 32% youth (10-24 yrs).

Source: INSTAT, 2014
## CONTEXT (1/3)

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<th>• Government engagement to place community health as foundation of the health system chart</th>
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<td><strong>Vision</strong></td>
<td>• Community ownership and participation in health activities to population well-being</td>
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<td><strong>Objective</strong></td>
<td>• Improve community health, especially for vulnerable groups, through harmonized participation in social and health development efforts and access to a package of activities.</td>
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Sources: Madagascar, Politique Nationale de Santé Communautaire, 2009
Community empowerment on social and health development activities locally

Optimal use of priority health service provision and social protection at community level

Standardization of social and health activities at community level

Sources: Madagascar, National Policy for Community Health, 2009
• Update of the current Community Health National Policy and strategy and broad dissemination

• Strengthening of community health integration into the health system with Ministry of Health efficient leadership and harmonization of community health approach at all levels

• Appropriation de la politique nationale de la santé communautaire par les parties prenantes;

• Ensure a better ownership of the community health approach by stakeholders

• Community health approach harmonization: CHWs profile and roles, standardized retention system, BCC tools, motivation system, commodities, equipment and materials
• Elaboration of a community based human resources development plan
• Services delivery improvement: quality of services evaluation system, Community sites/health hutes coverage
• Government contribution for community based approach implementation (financial contribution)
• Improve health commodities supply chain for CHWs and integration into the national supply chain
• Availability of an integrated and quality health community data, used at all level of the health system for decision making
Thank you