Unleashing the Potential of Community: MaMoni experience in Bangladesh

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Context and challenges
Inequity: example, skilled attendance at birth

2010
District: 15%
Poorest: 6.5%
Richest: 39.2%
System challenges

- Bifurcated domiciliary services
  - Lack of coordination and harmonization
  - Duplication of services
  - Inaccuracy of information

- Persistent staff vacancy [CHW: 12% FP, 17% Health]
- Population-CHW ratio has increased since 1970s
  - Only 13% recently delivered women had contact with a CHW in last six months
  - Care seeking for MNCH from outreach is low: 18% from satellite clinic, 23% from community clinic
Key strategies
MaMoni Health Systems Strengthening Project

- USAID supported: 2009-‘12, ‘13-’18
- Aims to improve public systems and services to increase utilization of MNCH services
- Population covered: 12.2 million (6 districts)

Current presentation uses data from Habiganj district with a population of 2.2 million
Households produce health – Can communities strengthen health systems?

Community members come together, learn, and take collective responsibilities.

- 4,000 Community Support Groups
- Network of 12,000 Community Volunteers
Community Support Groups:
participatory and peer-led

Use local tools, e.g. hand drawn maps.
Community Support Groups:
diverse and inclusive

Male groups discuss maternal and newborn health, family planning, and nutrition issues
Community Support Groups:
action oriented

Help with referral transport
Local Solutions to Local Problems

Transfer essential skills...
Local Solutions to Local Problems

Reaching the unreachable ...
Local Solutions to Local Problems

Community volunteer painting a local MOH community clinic
Community Microplanning: bringing pieces together

- Household
- Community
- Health Systems
- Community Support Group

Local Government Standing Committee
- MOH&FW manager

Sub-district MOH&FW manager

Monthly Action Plan

- Community Volunteer
  - GO CHW: Health Assistant, Family Welfare Assistant
  - NGO CHW

- Status check 100%
- Update info in HMIS
- Reach vulnerable
- Receiving community perspective
Health Assistant (MOH) updates register with help from volunteers at community Microplanning.
Community Interaction with Local Government Ministry (MOLG)

Union Health & Family Planning Standing Committee (MOLG)
review and implement action items generated through Community Microplanning.
Interaction between households, community and health systems help institutionalization and system strengthening
Is it working?
Interactions Generate Local Resource Mobilization

- MNCH allocation by the local government:
  - 2015-16: USD 79,000 (spent 85%)
  - 2016-17: USD 81,000 (spent 31% in first 5 months)

- Renovation health facilities
- Supplies including medicine
- Infection prevention, waste management
- Temporary staff
- Connecting road, maintenance, water/electricity supply
- Referral vehicle and maintenance
Interactions Generate Local Resource Mobilization

MOLG build access roads to facilities
The community donated 0.3 acres of land to build seven health facilities in remote areas. Private funds were mobilized; the MOH&FW provided technical, HR and logistic support.
Addressing inequity: larger uptake by the poor

↑231%

↑47%
Addressing inequity: larger uptake in hard to reach areas

Between 2010 and 2016:
Hard to reach sub-districts had 3 folds increase compared to 2 folds in rest of the district
Contribution of CVs: referral for LARC/PM FP

37% of new users

50% of new users
Improved Reporting of vital events and data consistency

Number of Neonatal Death reported during January-June 2012, Habiganj district

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Data Source: MoHFW MIS
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Thank you