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Linkages between PHC Systems and Communities

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 - Community worker structure and CHW cadres
 - Institutionalization of APEs program
 - Revitalization of PHC movement
 - Current geographical distribution of APEs and TBAs
 - Package of services delivered at community level
 - Contribution of community health workers for service delivery
- Linkages and referral systems
 - Referral Tools
 - Lesson learned on referral
 - Challenges
 - Ways forward



Community workers' structure (1)



- CHW as part of the principles of PHC
- PHC has been built up since the war for the country's independence
 - 1978 Alma Alta Conference
- In 2016 MoH relaunched primary health care movement
 - To ensure coordination around social determinants of health
 - To strengthen the integration of health issues in line of the ministry policies

The structure of the Health Community Workers

- Agentes Polivalentes Elementares (APEs)
- Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs)
- Traditional Healers (PMT)
- Activists
- Volunteers

Community workers' structure (2)



The community workers structure is managed by Local MGCAS **Advisor Councils Committees** of Social Protection Mozambique community In TBAs APEs worker structure is key for delivery of services and MISAU community ensuring PMTs Community Counsels" **Health Comities** engagement Community health workers are of larger part structure MOPHRH supported by line ministries Water Comities



Current geographical distribution of APEs and TBAS



 3,380 APEs provide health care in communities living 8 km or more from health facility

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- Covering 48% of people
- By 2019
 - The plan is to expand to 7,300 APEs
- Other Communities Health Workes
 - 3,654 TBAs provide assistance
 - Activists and Volunteers

Package of services delivered at community level



Intervention	APEs	TBAs	Activists	Volunteers
Health Promotion and prevention				
Health Education Sessions	Х	Х	Х	Х
Home Visits (Hygiene promotion; counseling for ANC, PNC, chlorhexidine, immunization)	x			
Screening of SAM/MAM and referral	Х		Х	
Vit A supplementation 6-59 months	Х		Х	Х
Counseling for adherence to ARV and TB Treatment and referral	Х	Х	Х	Х
Counseling for FP and referral	Х	Х	Х	Х
Administration of modern contraceptive methods	Х			
PPH prevention with Misoprostol	Х	Х		

Package of services provide by CHWs



Intervention	APEs	TBAs	Activists	Volunteers
Diagnostic and Treatment				
Diarrhea treatment and referral	Х	Х	Х	Х
Malaria treatment and referral	Х			
Pneumonia treatment and referral	Х			
First Aid and referral	Х			

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Contribution of Community Platform in the Service Delivery





Linkages and referral systems (1)



- Community health worker program in Mozambique link the communities with the nearby health facility
- APEs use a specific tool to refer cases to health facility
- Evaluation shows that 85% of health facilities monitor referrals sent by APEs
 - Health facilities keep list and phones of APEs for reference Save the children (2017)





Linkages and referral systems (2)





Linkages and referral systems (3)



Lack of comprehensive community information system

 Data generation and utilization for program design by the communities





Linkages and referral systems (4)

- Lessons Learned
 - The following are essential for strengthening linkages between PHC system and communities
 - Ensuring recognition of community CHW by MoH
 - Training of community councils and community health worker
 - Continuous technical support to CHW
 - Resource allocation to community platforms

Ways forward



- Mozambique will continue working to revitalize the PHC movement towards universal access to health care
- Through
 - Policy review to strengthen community intervention
 - Integration of community interventions
 - Reinforce community engagement
 - HMIS

THANK YOU!

