

Action Points to Include in Country Plan

What are our most critical priorities across thematic areas? How do they link to existing plans?

- *Human Resources and deployment:* The recruitment of CHWs is happening at the community level in Madagascar with free service. This is a good approach that we must keep.
- *Supervision and Quality Assurance:* The standards of supervision of CHWs in Madagascar is a monthly rate. Yet, it does not have reliable information on the activities of supervision actually carried out.
- *Demand and Social Mobilization:* The strengthening of communication strategies is very fitting since the community itself is a promoter of the change of behavior it provides.
- *Service delivery:* This subject has not been specifically discussed at the symposium.
- *Policy:* The resumption of the Leadership of the Ministry and the application of the different documents are extremely important for Madagascar after the period of political crisis.
- *Monitoring and evaluation:* The menu of indicators recommended by the CCM Task Force has been published at the Symposium. It is timely for Madagascar to revise procedures and the indicators for monitoring of the program.
- *Cost and cost-effectiveness:* It is essential to: 1. Make a study of cost and cost-effectiveness of iCCM in Madagascar; 2. Ensure a financial contribution from the State for iCCM.
- *Impact and Outcome:* At the moment, it is technically difficult to assign the impact of iCCM on the mortality of children because of the existence of several programs working also in the same area.
- *Private sector:* A lot of private actors are already involved in community programs, but there are many more to identify. Coordination in the private sector is complex.
- *Newborn:* 1. The programs of community care for the newborn are currently being implemented in 3 districts of Betioky, Amboasary and Tolear II. The use of chlorhexidine in Mahabo has constituted a good starting point for Madagascar. 2. The identification, definition, and integration of a package of community care for the newborn at the national level is essential.
- *Innovations:* Madagascar is at a more advanced stage compared to what has been presented at the symposium.

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What is achievable in the next year?

- *Human Resources and deployment:* 1. Mechanism of motivation, including the Revolving Fund on the sale of drugs, income-generating activities (AGR), and the funding based on the Results/Performances (FBR/FBP); 2. Consensus on the optimal harmonization of the number of CHWs put in place by village/per hamlet.
- *Demand and Social Mobilization:* Establish a system of data collection and monitoring.
- *Policy:* 1. Update the National Health Policy of the Child; 2. Update the iCCM National Strategic Plan
- *Cost and Cost-Effectiveness:* Mobilize resources and schedule a study of cost and cost-effectiveness of iCCM to generate evidence for mobilization of partnerships and resources (current demonstration project).
- *Impact and Outcome:* Application of the monitoring indicators according to the standards
- *Newborn:* 1. Integrate the community care of newborn with iCCM by coordinating the same service at the MSANP; 2. Finalize a plan of scaling of newborn community care; 3. Start scaling
- *Innovations:* 1. Evaluate the SMS system; 2. Discuss the possibilities of scaling up promising approaches

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What is achievable in the next six months?

- *Supervision and Quality Assurance*: Revise the iCCM implementation guide for the framework
- *Supply chain management*: Take into account the needs of community sites throughout the discussions on the revision of the system of national management and to supply essential drugs
- *Monitoring and Evaluation*: Choose the appropriate indicators for the iCCM program in Madagascar and adapt according to the context: Put in place a data collection software for CHWs.
- *Private Sector*: Reflect on a system of coordination with the private sector

What additional resources will we need for each priority area?

1. Budgeting
2. Procurement
3. Program strengthening

What are our next steps as a country to implement these next steps?

- Reevaluating the objectives
- Planning for the implementation of the most important points identified