

In Review:

A SUMMARY OF MAHEFA'S FOURTH PROGRAM YEAR

October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014

The USAID-funded Madagascar Community-Based Integrated Health Program (CBIHP), known locally as MAHEFA, is a five-year health program that is providing basic, quality health care in six north and northwestern regions of Madagascar (Boeny, DIANA, Melaky, Menabe, SAVA, and Sofia). The program's overarching goal is to increase the use of proven, community-based interventions and essential products among underserved populations.

During the fourth year of program implementation MAHEFA continued to make significant headway in reaching its targets particularly in the provision of quality health services to remote communities in the program's intervention areas. By the end of FY2014, community health workers (CHWs) in MAHEFA's program areas provide integrated health services per the National Community Health Policy. These include preventive, treatment, and referral services. Communities have started to take an active role in managing their health. During the four year of the program, demand for services increased along with community engagement.

MAHEFA works in **6** regions,
targeting **3.4 Million people**

with a total five-year project
budget of **\$35 Million**

in close partnership with
17 local partner NGOs.

By the close of MAHEFA's FY2014:

97% of MAHEFA's fokontany
had integrated package of services.

MAHEFA recorded **88,843**
regular family planning users.

Nearly **203,450** children had
been diagnosed, treated, or referred
for diarrhea, acute respiratory
infections, or fever.

A CHW tests a child for malaria, Mitsinjo
District, Boeny Region.



MAHEFA's interventions focus on the community health worker (CHW).
The project operates within the Madagascar Ministry of Health CHW Framework.

Key Highlights from FY2014:

6,377 CHWs

were trained, equipped, and supervised to provide health services at the community level.

MAHEFA's CHWs are trained to provide basic health services, generate demand, and when needed, refer clients to the health center.



CHWs supported by



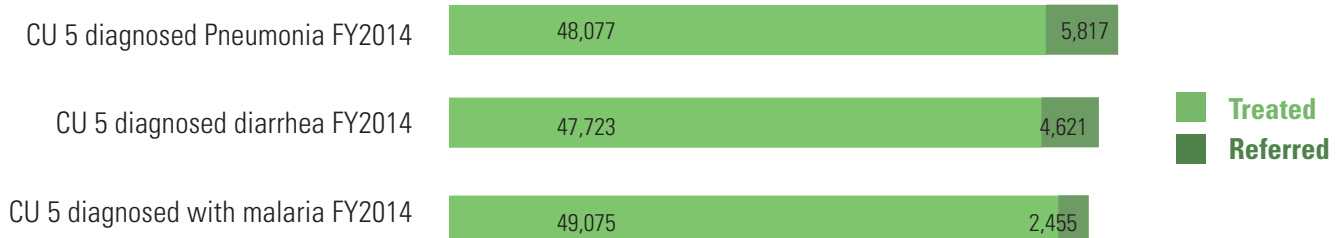
Technical Support
and Training

Community
Engagement

Supplies, Services,
and Infrastructure

SERVICE ACHIEVEMENTS AND TRAINING

Increasing service utilization among children under five



Building CHW skills in integrated health service areas



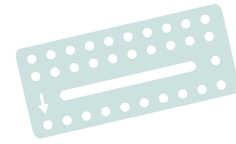
2,996

newborns received **7.1%** chlorhexidine on their cord stump immediately after cord cutting.

SUPPLIES, SERVICES, & INFRASTRUCTURE

279

NGO field staff (TAs) trained to train CHWs on stock management.



250,000

health cards for children under five (**150,000**) and women (**100,000**) produced and distributed

30

communities with functioning emergency transport system and repairs; repair kits and instructions made available



398

local masons trained in producing washable latrine slabs

6,263

improved latrines recorded

313

water points completed and **299** Water Users Associations formed and trained



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

84

communities certified open-defecation free (ODF)

14,036

latrines constructed through the community-led total sanitation (CLTS) process (**7,773** simple latrines and **6,263** improved latrines)



4,685

households (**2,759** new in FY2014) recorded using tippy-taps* for handwashing

9,138

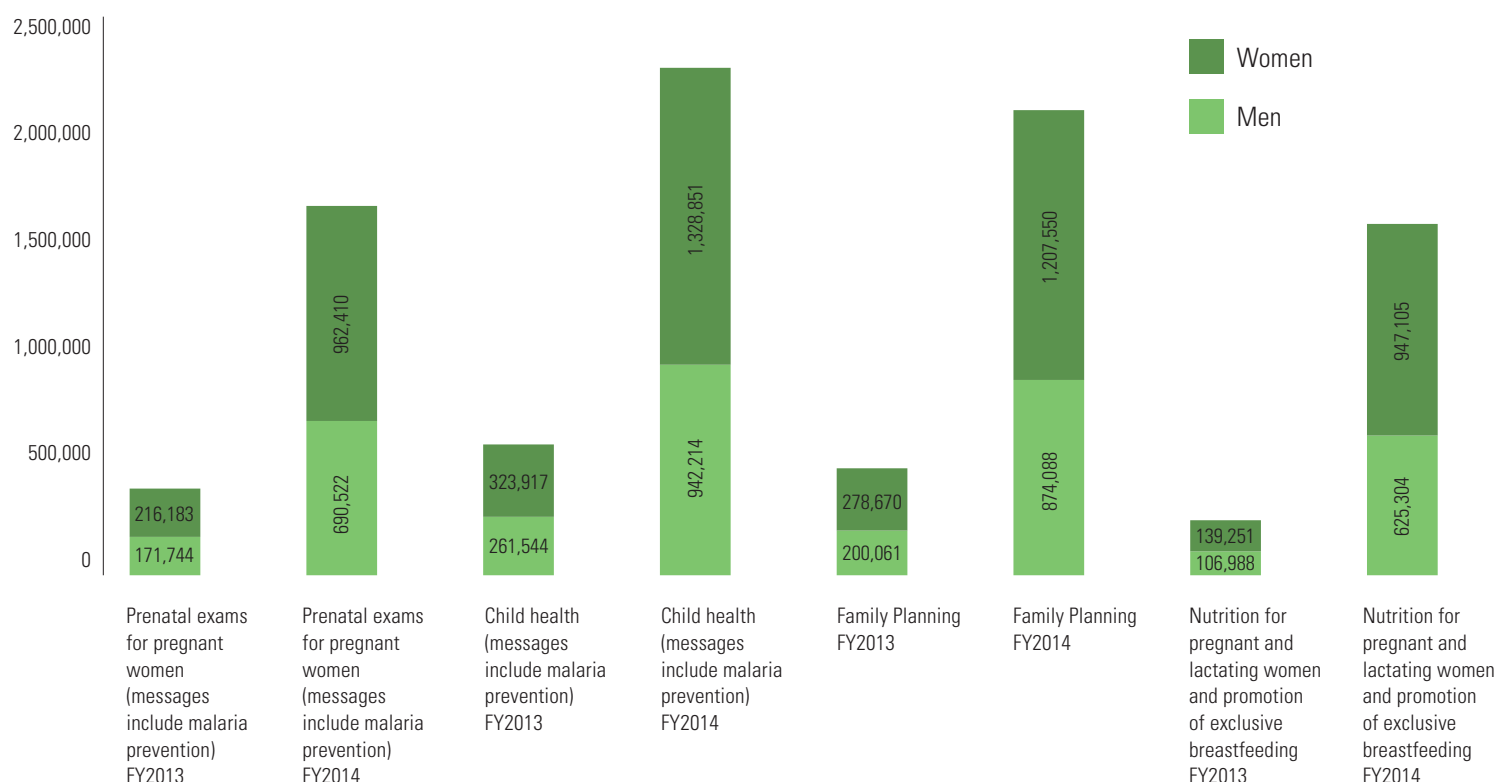
households (**5,956** new HH in FY2014) practicing handwashing with soap



* Crafted using a plastic bottle, string, and sticks, a tippy tap is a foot-operated tool for hand washing that improves hygiene in communal settings without running water because users' hands touch only the soap

CHWs raised community awareness by facilitating discussions:

Number of people who participated in discussions, by theme:



275

communes achieved champion status through the champion community (KMSm) process whereby communities define and achieve targets for improving health. The KMSm approach has been launched in all MAHEFA communes

983

fokontany completed the community score card (CSC) process that measures client and community satisfaction, leading to service quality improvement. **76%** of users reported being satisfied with the quality of CHW services.

21,099

members enrolled in a community health insurance program in **23 communes**. **181** committee members trained in community health insurance management

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