

# STRENGTHENING HEALTH SERVICES IN NEPAL:

## JSI'S LASTING IMPACT

JSI is strengthening health systems in Nepal to increase access to lifesaving services and commodities that improve the health and nutrition of women and children. There are many approaches to designing and implementing community health service delivery systems to achieve universal health coverage, and in particular to reach the most vulnerable populations.

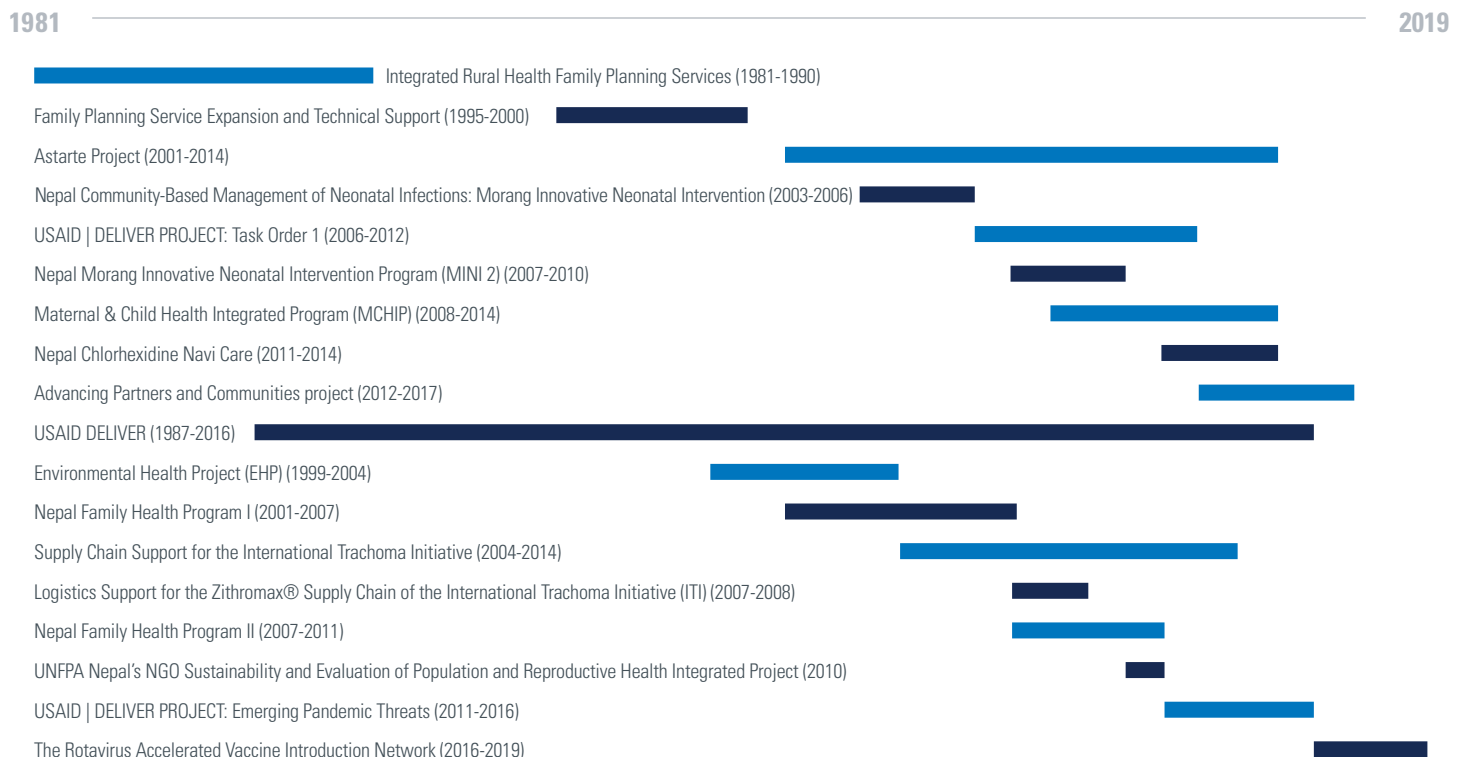
For over 30 years JSI has collaborated with the government, local, and international partners to improve policy and strengthen leadership and management capacity. JSI's support has helped to improve service delivery, increase access to health

commodities, find new approaches to community-based care, and increase community participation. Our partnership has led to stronger systems that have increased access to quality maternal and child health services and commodities.

Since the devastating earthquake of April 2015, JSI's work in Nepal has expanded to include immediate relief, organizing and contributing to many targeted efforts aimed at disadvantaged communities, homeless families, and remote village, and coordinating with groups working on education, WASH, and nutrition for disaster relief.



### JSI's History of Implementing Projects in Nepal



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## JSI IS STRENGTHENING THE SYSTEMS THAT LEAD TO BETTER HEALTH CARE



### **MORE THAN 90 PERCENT OF NEPALIS RECEIVE HEALTH SERVICES,**

including family planning, at the community level. JSI has partnered with the government of Nepal to pilot community-level maternal, child, and neonatal health and nutrition programs that have improved family planning and reproductive health services, strengthened logistics management systems and health information systems, and provided specialized assistance in the analysis of public health challenges.

Through these programs, JSI has helped the government strengthen their health system. Below are a few examples of how JSI's work has helped improve health in Nepal.

**Better supply chains:** The JSI-led USAID | DELIVER program (1988-2013) helped to develop and fully institutionalize a logistics management information systems—a major contribution to enhancing family planning, reproductive health, and health commodity security throughout Nepal.

**Improved primary health care:** The Nepal Family Health Programs I & II (2001-2013) focused on strengthening the government's health service delivery system by improving the provision of quality family planning and maternal and child health services with a focus on gender and social inclusion, including improving service delivery for disadvantaged populations.

### **Quality child and newborn care:**

The Chlorhexidine Navi Care Program (2011-2017) supported the nationwide scale of the antiseptic chlorhexidine to reduce the risk of newborn sepsis due to umbilical cord infection. Since the launch of the program, it is estimated that approximately 1.5 million newborns in Nepal have received CHX, which has resulted in approximately 8,500 lives saved.

**Health worker capacity:** The JSI-led Advancing Partners and Communities project (2012-2017) is helping the government of Nepal strengthen the Female Community Health Volunteers program to determine ways to improve health services.

### **Strengthened evidence-base:**

The JSI-led SPRING project (2011-2017) provided evidence on how changes in the nutrition prioritization process—across sectors and organizations—affects the levels and sustainability of government and donor nutrition funding.

Over the past 33 years, JSI has played a significant role in assisting Nepal to achieve Millennium Development Goal targets 4 & 5. We will continue to work with the government of Nepal and international partners to reach the health and nutrition focused Sustainable Development Goals.



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