Community-Based Access to Injectables (CBA2I) is an example of applying task-sharing to expand method mix to better meet the contraceptive needs of couples. To build the evidence base for this approach, APC identifies and promotes CBA2I best practices in scaling up distribution of injectable contraceptives via community health workers and pharmacies. APC also supports strategic policy change efforts to encourage the uptake of CBA2I.

WHAT IS APC?
Advancing Partners & Communities (APC) advances and supports community programs that improve the overall health of communities and achieve other health-related impacts, especially in relationship to family planning. The project increases access to community-based health services, spanning a spectrum of health issues.

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WHY COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACHES?
With the global shortage of healthcare workers, many individuals do not have access to health facilities or highly-skilled medical professionals. Focusing on strengthening community health systems and community health service providers has been shown to expand the reach of the formal health system and increase access to essential health services.

APC SERVICES
Technical
• Designing and implementing public and NGO community-based strategies and programs.
• Providing technical assistance to community-based programs for project design, service integration, and program scale-up.
• Conducting assessments.
• Supporting community-based organizations to strengthen services and adopt high impact practices.

Grant Management
• Conducting open and targeted competitive grant solicitations.
• Preparing applicable documentation for executing sub-awards.
• Supporting USAID missions to manage awards to local organizations.
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