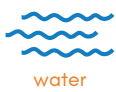


Strengthening Community Health Systems in Benin

The Republic of Benin faces high rates of maternal, neonatal, and child deaths and a critical shortage of qualified health workers. To improve health, the Government of Benin launched a package of evidence-based health interventions, known as PIHI (paquet d'interventions à haut impact), in 2010. Beginning in 2012, the USAID-funded Advancing Partners & Communities (APC) project helped three non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the Ministry of Health (MOH) introduce this package of services in ten USAID-priority health zones through community health workers (CHWs). With APC assistance, the NGOs trained CHWs and provided ongoing support and supervision to deliver the PIHI in their communities.

SERVICES IN THE PIHI PACKAGE



water



sanitation & hygiene



maternal & child health



nutrition



malaria



family planning



Reached more than
3 million people
in 10 USAID-priority health zones

DEVELOPED CAPACITY THROUGH NGOS



24 capacity-building workshops for NGOs



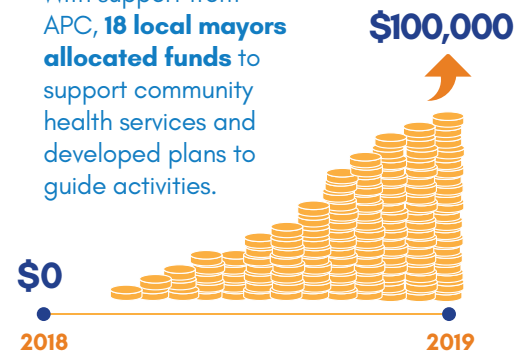
28 NGO staff trained



NGOs supported 2,080 CHWs to deliver high-quality care



With support from APC, 18 local mayors allocated funds to support community health services and developed plans to guide activities.



In 2018, nearly half of Benin's 11.5 million people lived in urban areas.

45%

APC supported the development of Benin's first national urban health strategy



APC PROGRAMMING



Improved Health Outcomes

% of pregnant women with a danger sign who sought care at a health center

12%

55%

% of children with a fever tested for malaria

76%

97%

% of children with a danger sign referred by a CHW

64%

80%

2015 2018



Strengthened data management

- 305 community health indicators integrated into the national health management information system



Increased awareness about community health services

- 2 annual national community health fairs organized
- More than 7,000 people learned about health topics