



ACCESS PROGRAM

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Accessible Continuum of Care and Essential Services Sustained (ACCESS) program is a five-year (2018-2023) integrated health project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and led by Management Sciences for Health. The goal of the program is to accelerate sustainable health impacts for the Malagasy population through three primary objectives:

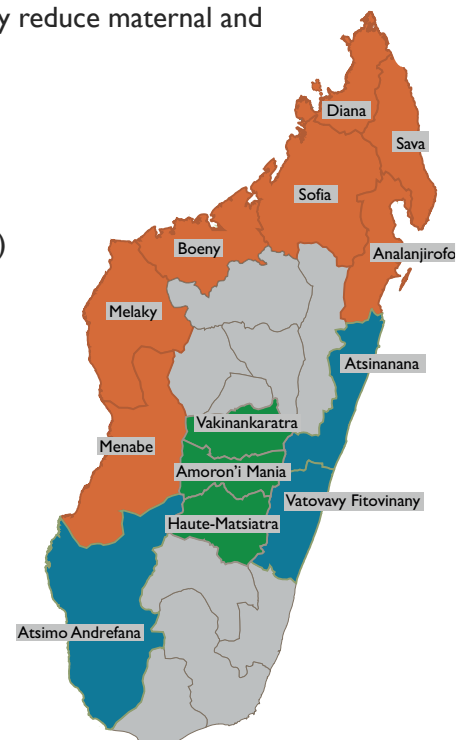
- **Quality health services are sustainably available and accessible to all Malagasy communities in the program's target regions**
- **Health systems function effectively to support quality service delivery**
- **The Malagasy people sustainably adopt healthy behaviors and social norms**

More specifically, ACCESS will strengthen Madagascar's health system in a sustainable manner in close collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health, scaling up tested and proven interventions, using a systematic approach and a person- and equity-centered strategy. By the end of the program, quality health services will be available at all levels of the health system, from communities to regional hospitals, in order to sustainably reduce maternal and child mortality in Madagascar.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

- Management Sciences for Health (MSH)
- ACOG Foundation (American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM)
- Action Socio-Sanitaire Organisation Secours (ASOS)
- Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs (CCP)
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
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- Full package except for WASH infrastructure (2019-2023)
- Clinical capacity building and WASH infrastructure (2019-2020) ; full package (2021-2023)
- Training of trainers in Family Planning



EXPANDED AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF INTEGRATED CONTINUUM OF CARE



- Create fully functional service delivery points
- Build clinical skills of community health volunteers (CHVs), basic health center (CSB) staff, and district hospital providers
- Assure quality of service delivery through mentorship, supervision, and quality improvement teams
- Strengthen the referral/counter-referral system
- Support mobile clinics and other outreach strategies
- Provide medical equipment and improve water, sanitation, and hygiene infrastructure
- Increase availability of and accessibility to emergency transport



HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING

- Strengthen governance structures at national and district levels
- Improve the use of District Health Information System II (DHIS2) for decentralized planning and monitoring and evaluation
- Mentor district management teams and CSB staff to improve data quality
- Improve supply chain management for health commodities
- Mobilize resources for universal health coverage
- Build the capacity of the Ministry of Public Health in leadership, management, and governance; health planning, budgeting, and coordination; and self-evaluations and organizational improvements

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT



- Apply the Champions for Change approach
- Apply the Positive Youth Development approach
- Reinforce the capacity of health committees and communal commissions of health development in implementing the Community Action Cycle
- Apply the Community Led Total Sanitation approach
- Apply the Intensive Community Nutrition approach
- Increase enrollment in community health insurance
- Expand Saving and Internal Lending Community groups

ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT THROUGH MONITORING AND EVALUATION, INNOVATION, AND LEARNING



- Engage in operational research, ongoing project learning, and adaptive management
- Share lessons learned, good practices, and data
- Ensure evidence-based planning and budgeting
- Pilot and scale up cost-effective health technologies