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## Strengthening Community Health Systems to Improve Health Care at the Community Level

Communities play a key role in the continuum of care as they can increase access to care by spreading health promotion messages, contributing to case identification, referring to facilities, and following up patients. Much of a patient's care takes place at the household and community level, so strong linkages and communication between community members and health care workers can improve health outcomes over what a facility alone can accomplish. This short report describes how the USAID Applying Science to Strengthen and Improve Systems (ASSIST) Project is working with community groups and partners to apply quality improvement (QI) methods using a Community Health System Strengthening model in order to strengthen the impact of CHWs and other service providers at the community level. It describes the steps in engaging community groups in a community health system to improve care.

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