

# ADVANCING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORLDWIDE



**CORE Group Annual Report 2014**



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## MISSION

Improve and expand community health practices for underserved populations, especially women and children, through collaborative action and learning



Communities where everyone  
can attain health and well-being

## VISION



“CORE Group provides a platform for all of us to interact, to share information in a collegial type of way, to work together to build up a common front to influence international policies, and to collaborate with governments in bringing access to the most vulnerable communities in the most vulnerable regions.”

Alfonso Rosales, *World Vision*

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## Strategic Objectives 2014 - 2019

1. Contribute to **implementation science** informed by practice
2. Increase **global participation** in our collaborative learning and action network
3. Engage with **priority global health initiatives**
4. Expand our impact through **innovative business and governance models**

## Dear Colleagues,

2014 was an eventful year for CORE Group, filled with our signature global networking and knowledge management activities. We grew to 80 international health and development organizations. We engaged more than 500 people from over 20 countries at our Fall and Spring Global Health Practitioner Conferences, and 250 people from more than 15 countries at our Food Security and Nutrition Network Knowledge Sharing Meetings, including a regional meeting in Burkina Faso. These conferences enabled our diverse membership to develop practical plans to enhance collaboration, share learning, make more efficient use of program resources, and work for greater equity and impact. Our volunteer-led Working Groups held 9 webinars, led participatory workshops, and produced program and policy implementation guides to improve maternal, newborn, and child health and nutrition. Our two resource-rich websites received 75,115 unique visitors and we sent over 1,500 messages through our listservs. We hosted a “Practitioner Academy” in Jamkhed, India, and we supported USAID Missions in Zimbabwe and Niger to launch resiliency learning workshops. The CORE Group Polio Project continued polio eradication and surveillance in Angola, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, and South Sudan, and opened a new support office in Kenya.

CORE Group entered into a new partnership with the USAID-funded Maternal and Child Survival Program focusing on ending preventable child and maternal deaths, while continuing our ongoing partnership with the Title II-funded TOPS Program to improve food security.

We thank all of our partners for their collaboration, innovative ideas, and thoughtful participation that are the keys to our work of improving the lives of underserved women, children and communities around the world. We welcome new partners to help advance our vision of communities where everyone can attain health and well-being.

**Karen LeBan**  
Executive Director,  
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# Why CORE Group?

## Who We Are

CORE Group emerged organically in 1997 to serve as a neutral, trusted platform to foster partnerships, share knowledge, and create and test best practices in the child survival community. We have since evolved to become a **global leader in community health**, working to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths around the world. We bring together our Member and Associate Organizations with the broader global health community to foster collaboration and learning, strengthen technical capacity, develop state-of-the-art tools and resources, and advocate for effective community-focused health approaches. Through this *Community Health Network*, **CORE Group reaches more than 720 million people a year in over 180 countries.**

## We Value:

Collective  
Capacity

Openness

Equity

Local  
Experience  
&  
Knowledge

Civil Society  
Participation

Impact



## Why Community Health?

CORE Group's mission and vision underscore our belief that universal coverage to reduce exclusion and social disparities in health is achievable and the right of every individual. We advocate that a community health approach is key in bringing health care to people. This approach also is responsive to people's health needs; it incorporates quality services, government accountability, community participation and empowerment, sustainability, and linkages with other sectors like water and sanitation, education, and economic growth. Many health decisions are made in the home throughout the course of each day, so a community health approach brings lifesaving information and support to people where they live.

### A community health approach:

- **Includes everyone**, especially underserved people, notably women and children
- **Enables communities** to collect and use data to solve health problems
- **Trains and supports** community health workers to prevent and treat health problems and address health-related issues
- **Fosters partnerships** between civil society, the formal health care system, and other stakeholders
- **Advocates** for policies and resources that support healthy communities

"The main reason for us being members of CORE is the network we gain. We can access this community of practice when we need to adapt our program; when we collaborate, we learn."

Gillian McKay,  
GOAL Ireland

## Global Health Programs

Through CORE Group's *Community Health Network* and eight technical and crosscutting Working Groups, we create and disseminate non-governmental organization (NGO)-tested innovations and best practices and increase the equity, impact, and sustainability of maternal, newborn, and child health programs around the world.

### Maternal and Child Survival Program

In June 2014, the flagship USAID Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP) ended and was succeeded by the Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP). MCSP aims to end preventable maternal and child deaths within a generation, focusing its efforts in 24 high-priority countries. Supporting maternal, newborn, and child health, the Program includes family planning and reproductive health, water sanitation and hygiene, prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission, pediatric HIV care and treatment, immunization, nutrition, and malaria. CORE Group is a member of the MCSP Community Health and Civil Society Team. CORE Group brings its vast Member network with expertise in community health programs to ensure families in every part of these high-priority countries receive the health care they need.

### CORE Group Polio Project

CGPP partners with more than  
**10** international NGOs  
and **20** local organizations,  
allocating **40** sub-grants  
and working with more than  
**10,000** community  
volunteers

In 2014, CORE Group facilitated and supported communications, program learning, and linkages for the CORE Group Polio Project (CGPP) Secretariat. During this time, the project expanded to Nigeria and opened a new regional office in Kenya, which also covers work in Somalia. These new programs join existing ones in Angola, Ethiopia, South Sudan, and India. Additionally, CORE Group is leading the development of a toolkit of products that NGO Member Organizations can use in the field to plan polio activities, mobilize the population to receive vaccinations, deliver polio drops and other immunization services, maintain surveillance of new polio cases, and monitor and evaluate program activities. CORE Group also disseminated and shared CGPP's latest updates via a variety of social media platforms, including Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and LinkedIn.



### Every Newborn Action Plan

In February, CORE Group, along with Save the Children and MCHIP, hosted a civil society review of the draft Every Newborn: An Action Plan to End Preventable Deaths. This World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF document examines the current numbers of and illnesses causing newborn deaths, and also outlines objectives, frameworks, and actions for preventing them. CORE Group was one of 300 individuals and organizations, and more than 45 Member States, that contributed to the plan, for which a resolution was passed at the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland in May.

### Technical and Operational Performance Support Program

CORE Group leads knowledge management for the USAID/Office of Food for Peace-funded Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS) Program and manages the Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Network. This year, CORE Group facilitated and provided content development and operational support for the USAID Sahel Regional Resilience workshop—held in March 2014 in Niamey, Niger for 130 participants—and a USAID/Zimbabwe Knowledge Summit on lessons learned in food security—held in Harare, Zimbabwe in August 2014. CORE Group also grew the FSN Network, a community of practice of food security and nutrition implementers from around the world sharing information, building consensus on promising practices, and widely diffusing technical knowledge.

### Food Security and Nutrition Network

In November 2013, CORE Group hosted an FSN Network Regional Knowledge Sharing Meeting in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, which brought together 136 food security implementers, donors, and researchers from 39 organizations and 17 countries to share best practices for food security and nutrition. A similar meeting in Washington D.C. in July 2014 brought together more than 200 participants. This meeting coincided with the 60th Anniversary of Food for Peace (FFP), which was acknowledged in a plenary session in which U.S. Congress members, USAID officials, and representatives of civil society organizations spoke. Susan Bradley, Chief of the Policy and Technical Division of FFP, also facilitated a plenary, in which attendees had the opportunity to provide feedback on FFP's strategy revision.

#### COMMUNITY INTERACTION

**61** e-Newsletters sent to **1,850** subscribers  
**1,200** users engaged in listservs and online  
discussions through **7** Global Task Forces

### Ebola Prevention

In response to the 2014 Ebola epidemic in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, CORE Group's Social and Behavior Change Working Group created five lesson plans for an Ebola Care Group module, completed in October 2014. The lessons cover the nature of the virus, how to identify its signs and symptoms, how it's spread, and how to prevent its transmission. The lesson plans will be used in countries with an active epidemic.





## Community Health Network

### Fall and Spring Global Health Practitioner Conferences

These lively gatherings of CORE Group's *Community Health Network* foster collaboration and learning for community health programs. Participants enjoy interactive sessions, network with colleagues, and come away with potential program improvements and ideas.

**CORE Group Spring Conference** | *Health for All Starts in the Community*: May 5-9, 2014, Silver Spring, Maryland. 120 first-time attendees contributed to a 14% increase in the number of participants. Conference sessions focused on sharing strategies and tools to help achieve universal health coverage. The keynote, Dr. Carissa F. Etienne, director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), spoke of the importance of working with communities and engaging civil society in ensuring everyone has health care.

**309 participants**  
**105 organizations**  
**19 countries**

**CORE Group Fall Conference** | *Strengthening Community Health Systems for CHWs and mHealth*: October 16-17, 2014, Washington, D.C. Sessions covered the role of mobile technologies and other innovations in supporting community health programs. The Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP) and the American Academy of Pediatrics also sponsored an orientation on the *Essential Care for Every Baby Training Module*. A conference paper, published with support from USAID and MCSP, further explored community and mobile health topics covered during sessions, and outlined next steps for professionals working in these areas, using what they learned at the conference.

**205 participants**  
**89 organizations**  
**5 countries**

**“Conversations were thought-provoking and invoked deep discussion and reflection. CORE Group’s Spring Conference provided a unique platform for global health practitioners to learn from each other and share experiences. The conference was excellent, and I’m already looking forward to the Fall Conference!”**

Elizabeth Romanoff Silva, Assist Project



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### Community Health Learning Trip

CORE Group sponsored its second Practitioner Academy to the Comprehensive Rural Health Project (CRHP) in Jamkhed, India from February 4 - 12, 2014. A successful program featured in *National Geographic* and *The New York Times*, the CRHP trains impoverished, often illiterate individuals to be village health workers (VHWs). These VHWs then educate their communities on family planning, safe birth delivery, and actions to reduce cases of vaccine-preventable diseases, tuberculosis, and malnutrition. Local doctors Raj and Mabelle Arole founded the program in 1970. During the Practitioner Academy, participants saw demonstrations from the project’s leaders and visited villages to meet with VHWs and observe their health behavior change work in the field.

### Dory Storms Child Survival Award Winner

Each year, CORE Group presents the Dory Storms Award to an individual(s) who demonstrates courage, leadership, and commitment in guiding NGOs working in child survival toward more effective program implementation and increased impact. This year, CORE Group Members honored Dr. Pieter Ernst of World Relief.

Dr. Ernst has worked with World Relief for the past 19 years, and he implemented the first Care Group model in Mozambique’s Gaza Province from 1995-1999. This program trained 1,500 volunteers in 141 Care Groups who reached 34,000 children under five and women of reproductive age in a total population of 91,200 people. The work was conducted under the USAID-funded World Relief Child Survival Program (CSP). The program had a measureable impact, with an independent mortality assessment of the second CSP finding infant and under-five mortality reductions of 49% and 42%, respectively. Care Groups have since been used by 23 organizations in 27 countries.

**“While many of the well-intended structures created over the years by many NGOs to try and maintain the future sustainability of projects do not always last long, it is really very encouraging to know that the new health knowledge the mothers gained and the new health practices they adopted through the Care Group structures really are sustainable.”**

Dr. Pieter Ernst, *World Relief*



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## IDEAS INNOVATIONS NEEDS

120 Partner Organizations

53 Member Organizations

26 Associate Organizations


5 Interest Groups

8 Working Groups



## KNOWLEDGE CAPTURE

# KNOWLEDGE IN ACTION



## coregroup

SUPPORTED BY 9,000+  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

8 new tools,  
guides &  
publications

1. Care Groups: A Training  
Manual for Program De-  
sign and Implementation

2. Care Group Policy Guide

3. A Practical Guide to  
Conducting a Barrier  
Analysis

4. Developing and  
Strengthening Community  
Health Worker Programs  
at Scale: A Reference  
Guide and Case Studies for  
Program Managers and  
Policy Makers (MCHIP)

## KNOWLEDGE GENERATION

5. A Framework for  
Integrating Childhood  
TB into Community-  
based Care

6. mHealth Field Guide  
for Newborn Health

7. The Role of Social  
Accountability in  
Improving Health  
Outcomes

8. Understanding the  
Essential Nutrition  
Actions

## KNOWLEDGE SHARING



798 participants from  
219 organizations and 40  
countries attended 7  
knowledge sharing events



8 webinars watched  
by 500+ people

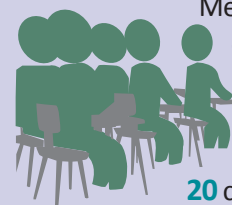


75,115 visitors to 2  
resource-rich websites



2,154 CORE Group and FSN  
Network listserv messages sent  
through 27 listservs

## KNOWLEDGE APPLICATION



On average,  
Members used  
at least 1  
CORE Group  
tool to train up to  
7,500 people in up to  
20 countries, improving quality of  
life and preventing maternal, newborn and child deaths.

### WORKSHOPS

Practitioner Academy  
India, February 2014

Sahel Resilience Workshop  
Niger, March 2014

Knowledge Summit:  
Lessons Learned  
Zimbabwe, August 2014







## Community Health System Strengthening

### Community Health Workers

The more than 400-page **Developing and Strengthening Community Health Worker Programs at Scale: A Reference Guide and Case Studies for Program Managers and Policy Makers** was published in May 2014. CORE Group authored a chapter on CHWs and community participation, and CORE Group Executive Director Karen LeBan presented on the document at MCHIP's June 2014 closeout event. The guide's four sections and 16 chapters cover community health worker (CHW) issues, including national-level planning, financing, governance, and coordination; human resource issues of recruitment, training, supervision, and motivation; relationships with communities and the health system; and scale up and measurement. The guide is meant to help individuals holding leadership positions determine how to develop, expand, and strengthen their national CHW programs. Read the guide here: <http://bit.ly/CHWGuide>.

### Care Groups

NGOs using the Care Group model have trained over 106,000 peer educators reaching an estimated 1.275 million households. A Care Group consists of 10-15 volunteer community-based health educators who are trained to visit 10-15 neighbors to share health education and behavior change communication messages. In May 2014, CORE Group published **Care Groups: A Training Manual for Program Design and Implementation** in partnership with USAID, TOPS, the FSN Network, World Relief, and Food for the Hungry. In July 2014, CORE Group held a Technical Advisory Group Meeting of Care Group experts. One meeting output was a guide for policy makers and donors recommending expansion of the Care Group model given robust evidence of its cost effectiveness. The paper, **Care Groups – An Effective Community-based Delivery Strategy for Improving Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health in High-Mortality, Resource-Constrained Settings**, can be found at [www.coregroup.org/CGPolicyGuide](http://www.coregroup.org/CGPolicyGuide).

**“We need to think of the community as a resource for improving health; not just a passive target for receiving our services.”**

Dr. Henry Perry,  
Johns Hopkins  
Bloomberg School of  
Public Health



## Community Case Management

CORE Group updated, printed 250 new copies of, and widely distributed its **Community Case Management (CCM) Essentials Guide for Treating Common Childhood Illnesses in the Community** in English and French. This guide was referenced in the WHO/ UNICEF Joint Statement for iCCM (integrated community case management) and is one of many resources available at [www.CCMCentral.com](http://www.CCMCentral.com). CORE Group hosted lessons-learned webinars on Supply Chain Management for Essential Commodities, assisted at the iCCM Evidence Review Summit in Accra, Ghana in March 2014, and organized an iCCM review in Washington D.C. as part of the Spring Conference. CORE Group also contributed to several iCCM Technical Advisory Groups and was instrumental in widely disseminating global and country-specific information on this evidence-based strategy.

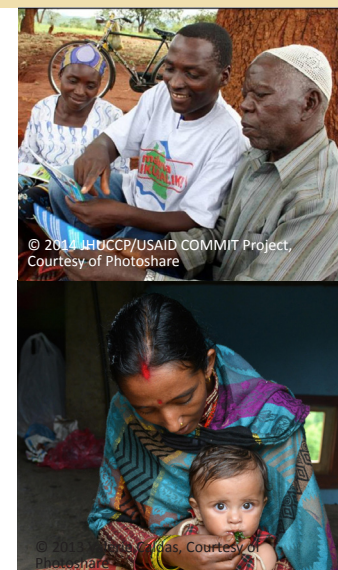


**“We see CORE Group as the ‘premiere’ organization in this field. We greatly value the mission and focus of CORE group, and we see our participation as extremely valuable for MFH and for our efforts to improve the healthcare of children and reduce child mortality rates.”**

Tim Bilodeau, *Medicines for Humanity*

## Integrating Childhood Tuberculosis into Community-based Care

In 2014, the CORE Group Tuberculosis (TB) Working Group developed **A Framework for Integrating Childhood Tuberculosis into Community-based Health Care**, available at [www.coregroup.org/childhoodtb](http://www.coregroup.org/childhoodtb), in collaboration with the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease. The document was disseminated at various global meetings. A recorded webinar with WHO, “ENGAGE-TB: Integrating Community-Based TB Services into the Work of NGOs and Other CSOs”, is available at [www.coregroup.org/engagetb](http://www.coregroup.org/engagetb).







## Audited Financial Statement

The audit firm, Toal, Griffith + Ragula, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, conducted an audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the USA, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Government, and Non-Profit Organizations. The audit firm stated that CORE, Inc. complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2014.

### CORE, Inc. Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

For the Year Ended September 30, 2014 with Summarized Financial Information for 2013

	2014	2013
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Grants and Contracts	\$1,218,419	\$1,193,332
Contributions and Private Grants	22,126	180,610
Memberships	88,191	103,993
Workshop fees	133,259	93,012
Interest and Other Income	15,866	29,454
In-Kind Revenue	56	4,077
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,477,917</b>	<b>1,604,478</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Maternal and Child Health	289,390	575,891
Nutrition and Food Security	543,343	605,588
Malaria	147,219	2,987
Polio	71,077	68,141
CORE Member Services	43,522	---
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>1,094,551</b>	<b>1,252,607</b>
Management and General	211,623	98,008
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,306,174</b>	<b>1,350,615</b>
Change in Net Assets	171,743	253,863
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	1,298,588	1,044,725
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>1,470,331</b>	<b>1,298,588</b>
Unrestricted Fund	1,392,471	1,189,978
Temporarily Restricted Fund	77,860	108,610
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$1,470,331</b>	<b>\$1,298,588</b>



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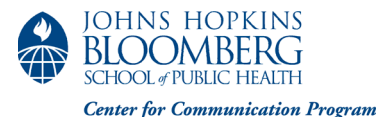
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ASSIST Project	Global Learning Partners
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Compassion International	IFPRI
Comprehensive Rural Health Project, Jamkhed	Implementing Best Practices in Reproductive Health
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Management Sciences for Health  
Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program  
MEASURE Evaluation  
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Sage Innovation  
Saving Newborn Lives  
SC4CCM  
SPRING Project  
STOP TB Partnership, WHO  
TANGO International  
The Communication Initiative Network  
The Earth Institute  
The Global Public-Private Partnership for Handwashing (PPPHW)  
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“For us to bring together groups that work on nutrition and child health and communicable diseases and disability in one place with a group of people that don’t feel any sense of competition but truly just want to make the world a better place and share what they’ve learned, I think that’s a really unique space.”

Erin Stieber,  
*Smile Train and  
CORE Group Board  
of Directors*





“International organizations need to create the linkage between civil society, the governments, and other stakeholders who are involved in immunization and other health systems strengthening planning and policies.”

Judith Omondi-Anyona,  
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An independent, neutral convener, CORE Group enables quality linkages and outreach to 200+ organizations that work in 180 countries, reaching 720 million people per year.

We leverage our dynamic *Community Health Network* to gather input and disseminate output rapidly to ensure organizations receive the latest state-of-the-art innovations in community health.

## We are a technical hub for community health approaches, including:

- Maternal, Newborn, & Child Health
- Infectious & Non-communicable Diseases
- Nutrition
- Agriculture & Health
- Social & Behavior Change
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Equity
- Program Quality
- Sustainability & Scale
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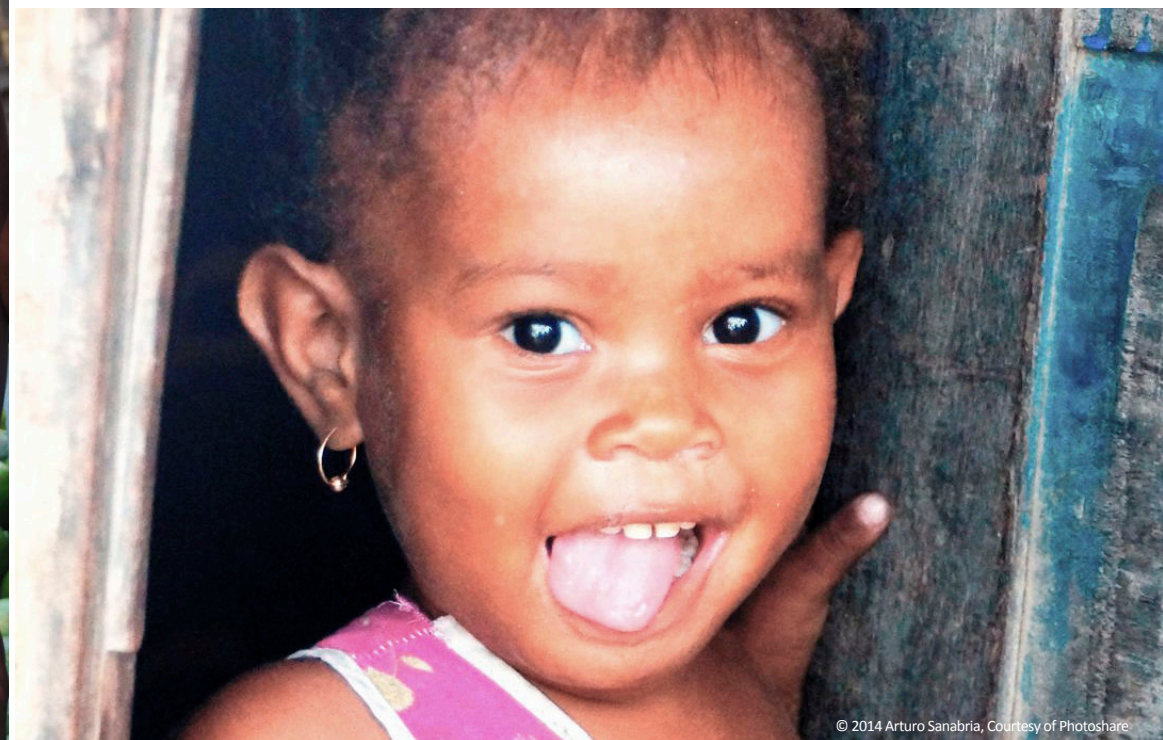
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Your contribution will enable us to:

- **Create and disseminate field-relevant tools and materials** that will be used by frontline health workers to save the lives of mothers, newborns, and children.
- **Strengthen local capacity of NGOs, governments, health workers, and communities** to deliver and sustain quality community health services.
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