



# THE ACHAP QUARTERLY

# FOREWORD

As we carry on Christ's mission of healing, we face moments of triumph and heartbreak, and we do so with courage and determination. We adapt to new technologies and research, stay current with evolving treatments, and embrace change to drive progress.

Africa as a continent bears the weight of underdevelopment and scarcity of healthcare resources. ACHAP continues to stand in the gap for the underserved; and we do so in the face of unprecedented adversities. Our resilience is our shield, our strength, and our enduring promise to the many communities we serve.

Resilience is not just a message; it's a way of life. It's how we heal, how we thrive, and how we continue to make a difference in the lives of others, no matter what challenges come our way.

I encourage you all to keep adapting, learning, and growing to provide the best care possible for those who rely on your expertise for their wellbeing.

*Dr. Djekadoom Ndilita*  
ACHAP Board Chair

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## ACHAP AFYA PROJECT DISSEMINATION, KENYA

As part of the successful close-out of the ACHAP Afya project, a project dissemination meeting was held in Nairobi, Kenya, to showcase the project's impact in Kilifi county, and share best practices with an array of stakeholders. This high-level meeting was graced by representatives from USAID, ACHAP Afya personnel and beneficiaries, envoys from the Kenya Ministry of Health, ACHAP partners, and multiple financing partners. This dissemination meeting also features a donor round-table; an activity where local and international development partners came together to brainstorm on ideas for resource mobilisation and capacity strengthening for local organisations undertaking community-based projects.

The ACHAP Afya project was the first of its kind in community programming, where focus was placed on educating Community-Owned Resource Persons, who will continue to cascade interventions long after the project's life.



*Donor round-table discussions at the dissemination meeting.*



*Dr. Joseph Lenai, Ag. Director of Preventive and Promotive Health Services, Kenya MOH, meeting with ACHAP and CHAK leadership.*

ACHAP is truly grateful to our financing partner, USAID, for their support in the last three years, which not only expanded ACHAP's organisational capacity, but also made significant impact on the RMNCH landscape in Kilifi county.

## ACHAP REPRESENTATION AT ICPHC AND UNGA 2023

ACHAP's advocacy efforts continue to expand across Africa's health and development agenda. This year, we were aptly represented at the International Conference on Primary Health Care that was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as well as the United Nations General Assembly in New York, USA.

At both of these engagements, ACHAP lent a voice to the faith communities actively involved in health, and their work and partnerships towards attaining Strategic Development Goals linked to health and wellbeing. These two conferences also provided insight and direction for our upcoming biennial conference, which will focus on the role of faith communities in Universal Health Coverage.



*ACHAP at the faith communities breakfast during the UNGA in New York.*



*Discussions on Primary Healthcare at the ICPHC in Addis Ababa.*

## OUR PROJECTS

### COV-FAB Member Engagement

In August, ACHAP collaborated with Internews and Corus International to organize a three day training on emergency preparedness and response for a number of our members CHAs. The Emergency Preparedness and Response Training, powered by the Cov-FaB project, saw country teams from Liberia, Madagascar, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, and Kenya come together to learn about disaster management, share country-specific experiences in emergency programming, and reinforce their unwavering commitment to advancing public health as a priority during global emergencies.



*ACHAP staff and CHA representatives at the training.*



## Zero-dose immunisation

The REACH consortium, a GAVI-funded initiative led by the International Rescue Committee, organised a workshop in Naivasha, Kenya, to explore strategies to enhance immunisation coverage for zero-dose children in the Horn of Africa.

This workshop provided a platform for knowledge sharing, bringing forward the diversity of different regions in Africa and how political landscapes and population distribution affects vaccine coverage.

ACHAP plays a leading role in the GAVI ZIP partnership, leading zero-dose mapping and immunisation interventions in the Sahel region.



Panel discussion at the REACH workshop.

## WASH

The Momentum Country and Global Leadership project effected a virtual training for ACHAP and its member CHAs on the mWater platform, an online resource for Data-driven Management of Water, Sanitation and Health.

This training was aimed at equipping WASH focal persons with skills to map water resources and conduct widespread surveys on WASH in community health facilities.

This initiative also forms part of ACHAP's member engagement and capacity building scope, focused on empowering member CHAs towards self-reliance and sustainability.

### INTRODUCING mWater

mWater is a free, open-access data management platform which democratizes the tools of data collection and analysis. It creates more reliable data systems to advocate for more investments in the WASH sector, resulting in improved WASH services globally. mWater is designed by WASH specialists, but it is used beyond the WASH sector by over 200,00 users in INGOs, governments and utilities.



#### mWater Portal

Available via web browser

- Design and deploy surveys
- Create dashboards, tables, maps, and data consoles
- Analyze data using calculations and standard indicators

#### mWater App

Free download for Android, iOS, web

- Collect survey data on/offline
- Map and monitor sites and assets
- Read meters, record transactions, report problems

#### Custom data sites

Management information system solutions hosted by mWater

- Private and/or public web pages for organizations to manage their data
- Share real time data within an organization or with outside stakeholders and the public

# PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING

ACHAP had an opportunity to engage and share learnings from the ACHAP Afya project during the USAID NPI learning meeting that was held in July in Nairobi, Kenya.

This meeting featured a delegation from NPI partners; Palladium, World Relief, ACHAP, and the National Organization of Peer Educators, among others. The teams came together to discuss their experiences and new innovations in health programming at community level.

Among the lessons shared by ACHAP were the newly created gender integration model, and ACHAP's journey to localisation, fueled by the partnership with USAID and country MOH partners.



*ACHAP presentation at the NPI learning forum.*

## Uganda

Joint Medical Store, our DSO member in Uganda, donated maternity kits to the Kawempe National Referral Hospital. This donation was made as part of the organisations social responsibility in support of 80 new mothers. who were also educated on the importance of maternity pads and post-delivery hygiene.



*Distribution of maternity kits at Kawempe National Referral Hospital..*

## Lesotho

To commemorate this year's Woman of Africa Day, the Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone organised a free cervical cancer screening workshop for women with women in Semonkong in conjunction with St. Leonard's Health Centre. Attending women were also offered other health services such as hypertension, diabetes, breast cancer, and cervical cancer screening, TB testing and HTS. The core purpose of the event was to create awareness for cervical cancer and build confidence among women to take charge of their health and wellbeing.



*Health practitioners at St. Leonard's hospital leading a sensitisation session at the workshop.*

## Sierra Leone

The Christian Health Association Sierra Leone, in partnership with Christian Connection for International Health organized a two-day meeting with religious leaders in Freetown to address key issues related to advocacy on family planning and healthy baby spacing activities.

This engagement provided CHASL an opportunity to educate religious leaders on best practices, and develop an action plan to enhance their ongoing advocacy efforts.

This is part of a broader effort to empower religious leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively disseminate messages about healthy timing and spacing within their communities.



*CHASL staff and religious leaders at the advocacy meeting.*

## Chad

Our in-country member, Association évangélique pour la santé au Tchad, donated bicycles to community health workers in Torrok District to enhance their mobility while conducting immunisation interventions under the Raise4Sahel project.

The R4S project areas in Chad are hugely characterised by hard-to-reach landscapes and limited infrastructure. This effort by AEST is aimed at ensuring that vaccines arrive faster and wider, and motivate CHWs to venture into less accessible areas.



*AEST Executive Director handing over the bicycles to the CHWs in Torrok District.*



# GALLERY



*R4S Vaccination outreaches in Burkina Faso and Chad*



*ACHAP Finance and M&E support supervision visit to ICPH in Korhogo, Côte d'Ivoire*



*ACHAP meeting with Dr. Amit Thakker of AHB to explore possible collaboration.*

*CHWs in Cameroon braving harsh weather conditions to reach zero-dose children.*



*ACHAP communications and advocacy training in session.*

# PARTING SHOT

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Health is not a destination; it's a lifelong journey. Make the choice to nourish your body, feed your mind, and nurture your soul. Seek knowledge, embrace change, and empower yourself to be the best version of you.

In every choice you make, take action to prioritise your physical and mental well-being.

Your health is your greatest wealth, and it is an investment worth making.





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