

# STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY MNCH SYSTEMS: EXPERIENCES WITH HEALTH CENTRE COMMITTEES IN MANICALAND PROVINCE

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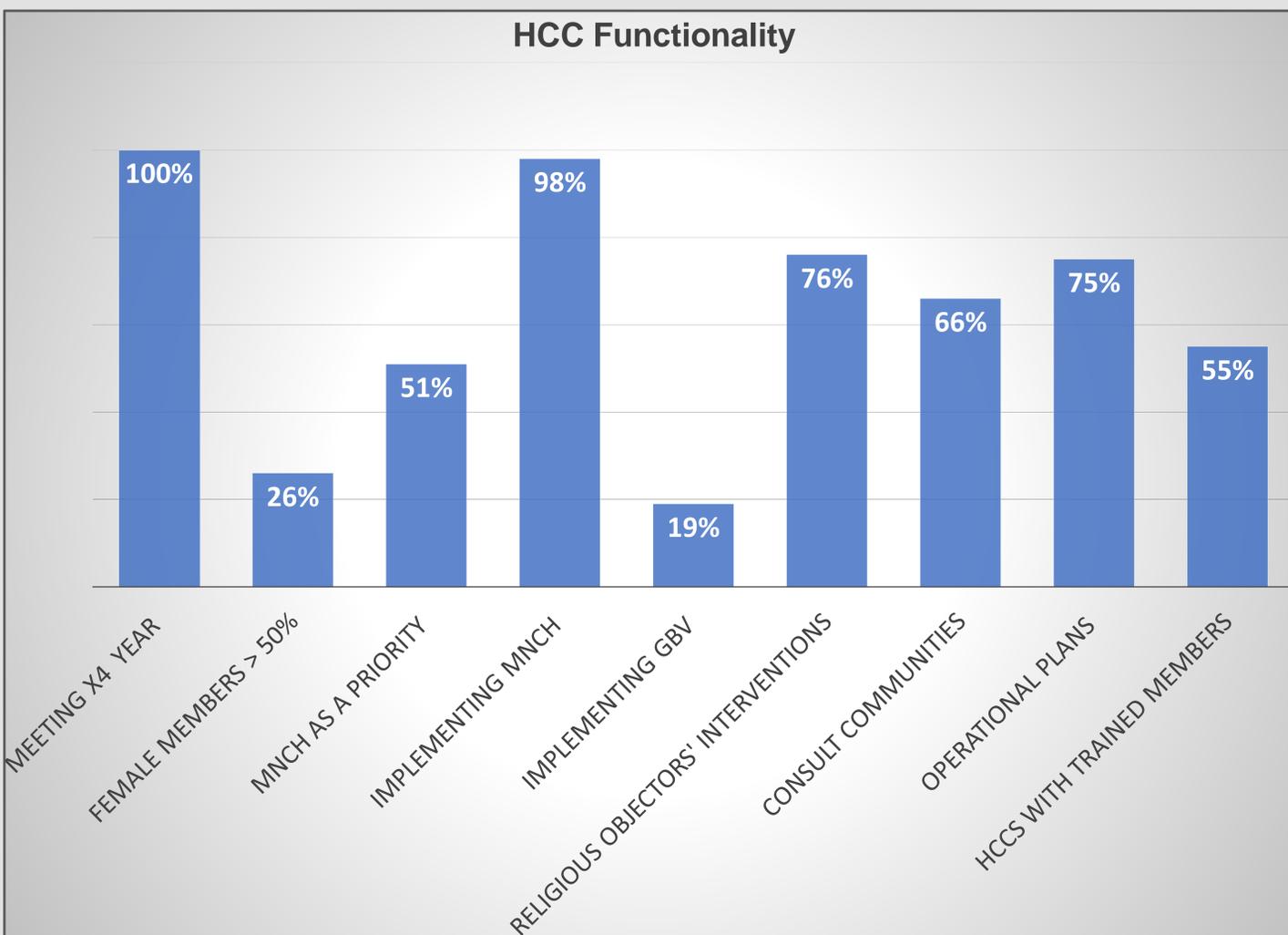
## BACKGROUND

Health Centre Committees (HCCs) are a group of individuals elected from communities to represent community interests at primary health care level. They encourage direct engagement of communities in health facility activities and are a means through which community participation can be integrated to achieve a sustainable people centred health system. Well-functioning HCCs help improve health facility policy implementation, oversight and accountability to communities. Mhuri/ Imuli works to strengthen HCCs' MNCH orientation

## PROCESS

1. Baseline survey of 47 HCCs
2. Definition of higher level functions that support MNCH, in line with the Public Health Act (PHA) of 2018

## RESULTS



## LESSONS LEARNT

1. There is need for training of all HCC members on their roles and responsibilities, and to enforce tenures
2. The standard roles for HCCs in the 2018 PHA are broad and require customization at health centre level to enhance programmatic effectiveness.

## NEXT STEPS

- HCC capacity strengthening with a strong MNCH bias.
- Strengthening HCC reporting and data management skills
- Administering the Community Score Card