

My Village My Home: a community strategy to integrating malaria into MNCH programming

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Background

My Village My Home is a strategy that promotes linkages between communities and health facilities.

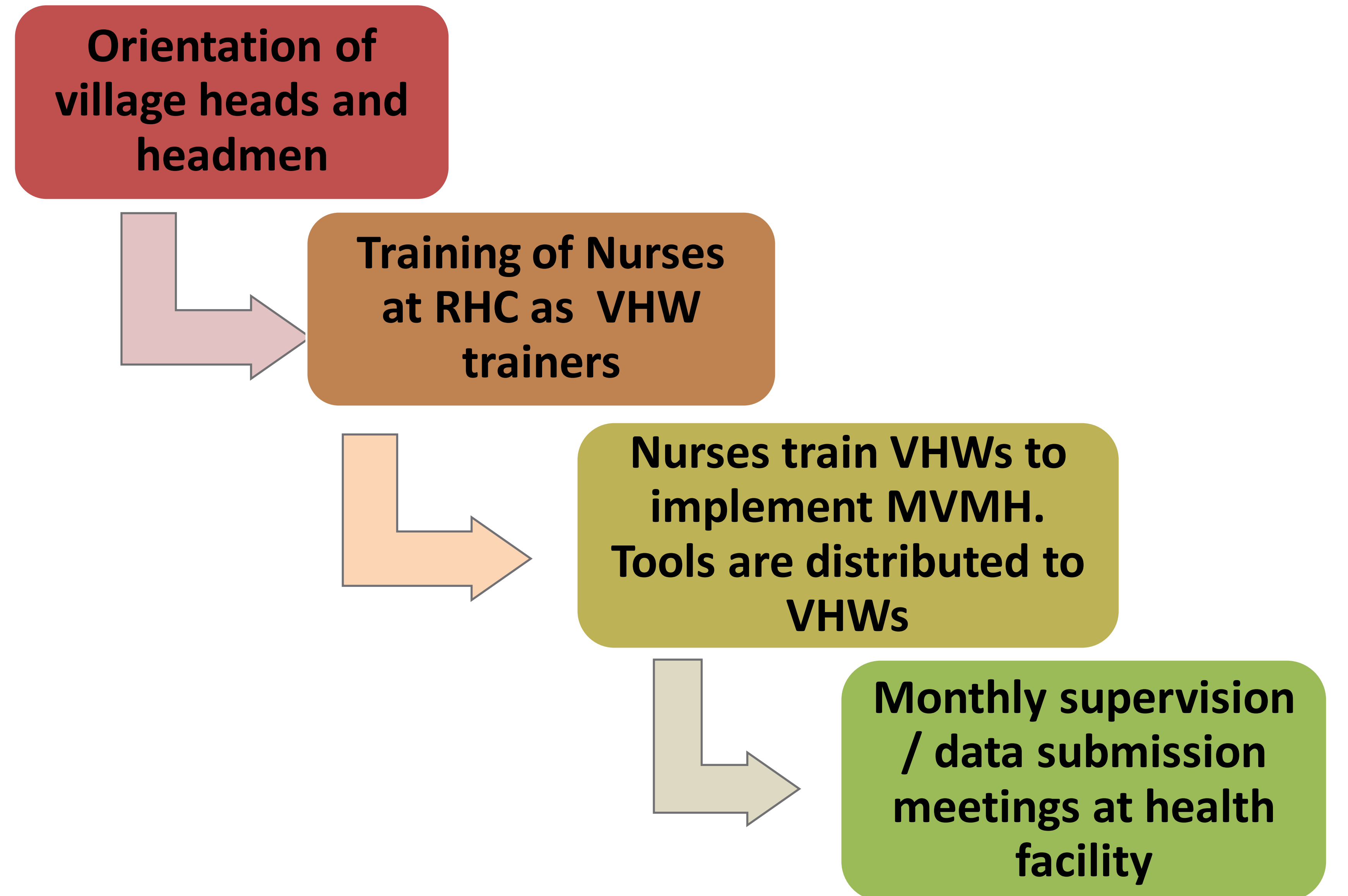
Mhuri/Imuli project utilizes MVMH to strengthen community linkages for ANC, IPTp and immunization services.

VHWs with support from village heads use a pregnancy surveillance chart in communities to register pregnant women and follow them up to ensure they receive ANC contacts and IPTp doses according to the new ANC guideline, in addition to tracking children's immunization status



MVMH maternal health chart

Process



Preliminary results

1,191 VHWs and village heads trained in MVMH in Nyanga, Mutasa and Chimanimani districts

48% improvement in IPTp4 coverage from 2018*

5.5% improvement in Penta3 Coverage*

*Data from 6 clinics in Hauna district



Nursing staff train VHWs on MVMH in Mutambara

Lessons learnt

VHWs have more difficulty recording on the pregnancy surveillance chart whilst they had no problems recording on the immunization chart for children, suggesting that the pregnancy and IPTp charts need to be further simplified.

Resistance is observed to the pregnancy surveillance charts being kept at the village head's home as pregnancy is considered private whereas immunization is not.

Following up pregnant women for IPTp is an opportunity to provide comprehensive pregnancy counselling, suggesting a need for in-service community MNCH training.