

Health 2 Go One-Page Status Update (Sept. 2020)

Overview of current situation

Cases of COVID-19 are decreasing in Ghana, including in the Eastern and Ashanti Regions where the Health 2 Go (H2Go) Program sites reside as of Sept. 2020. Following the first cases of COVID-19 emerging in Ghana on March 12, 2020, the Ghanaian Government implemented measures to control the virus comprised of a series of efforts ranging from partial lockdowns in late March to lifting of restrictions in most areas as of September 2020. Due to a national directive on movement restrictions in the BCCDP area, H2Go BCCDP activities were restrained during this quarter (Apr.-June 2020). Routine health service delivery continued uninterrupted in the Wawase CHPS Zone. Health education and risk communication on COVID-19 have been well championed in both the H2Go Wawase and H2Go BCCDP sites where CBAs have played a key role in educating residents on the importance of COVID-19 preventive behaviors such as physical/social distancing, frequent hand washing, wearing masks, and healthy nutritional practices to strengthen the immune system and help fight infection. With movement restrictions now lifted, routine H2Go CBA service is projected to resume in the H2Go BCCDP site on Oct. 1, 2020 following a 2-day Refresher Training (occurring Sept. 24-25, 2020) and restocking of medications. There is still considerable uncertainty regarding the timeframe and trajectory of the current pandemic, although it is likely it may continue through next year. As such, H2Go continues to explore ways to further adapt to conditions as well as increase the scope and impact of the program.

H2Go Response

To support national efforts to control the spread of COVID-19, as well as adapt to the current conditions of the pandemic, Health 2 Go has taken several actions.

- Adherence to national and local guidelines, postponing routine trainings and community events
- Training of CBAs on COVID-19 Health Education and Risk Communication
- Adaptation of program to current pandemic conditions where feasible
- Collaborative COVID-19 research aimed at effecting behavioral change to stop virus spread
- Explore ways for H2Go to further adapt to the pandemic and other emerging diseases as well as broaden the scope of the program to extend health services to other age groups

H2Go Activities in Context of COVID-19 Pandemic

H2Go Wawase CHPS Zone Pilot

H2Go CBA service in communities has continued uninterrupted. Supervisory visits have been modified, while ensuring support of CBAs, restocking of medications and supplies, and data collection. CBAs have provided health education and risk communication on prevention of COVID-19

H2Go BCCDP Demonstration Project

Non-essential H2Go activities were temporarily suspended following a government directive with movement restrictions in the area. However, CBAs continued to be active in communities providing essential COVID-19 health education and risk communication to residents. Routine CBA service is projected to resume as of Oct. 1, 2020 following a 2-day Refresher Training (Sept. 24-25, 2020) and restocking of medications.