

World Vision CHW
Census 2025



Background

In May–June 2025 World Vision (WV) conducted a rapid internal survey to gather information concerning numbers and types of Community Health Workers (CHWs) supported by WV Field Offices (FOs), the services delivered by the CHWs, and the funding sources for this work. This survey is carried out once every five years, with the 2025 survey being the third in the series.

The survey was sent to 47 FOs implementing Health and Nutrition programming and response rate was 100%.

Results: Numbers and Locations

- **43** of the 47 FOs work with a total of **193,759** CHWs.
- One-third (34%) of the CHWs supported are in WV Ethiopia alone, and close to 60% are in FOs in the East Africa region.

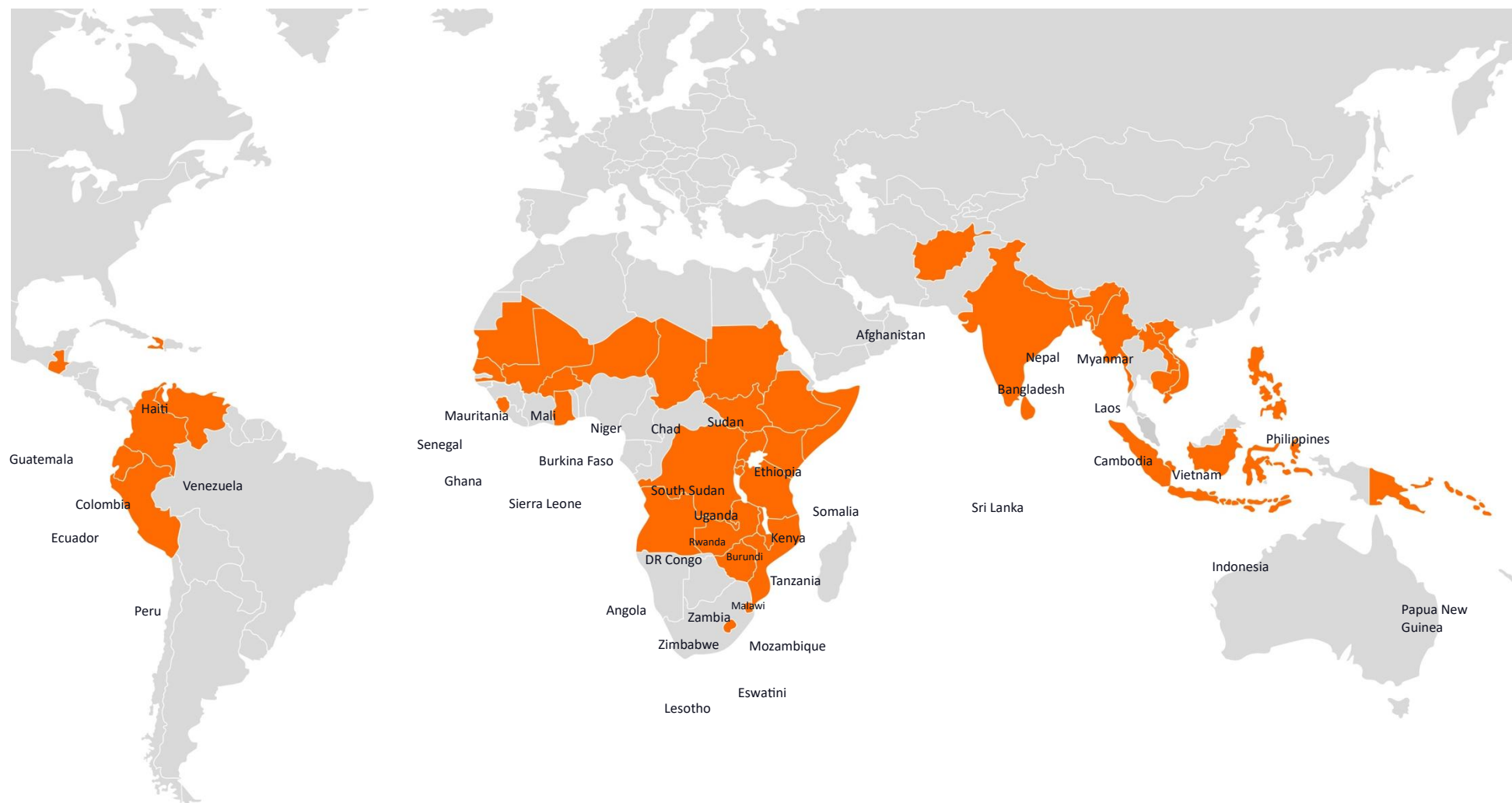
FOs Supporting CHWs: Total 43

Total CHWs: **193,759**

Afghanistan	Ethiopia	Mauritania	Somalia
Angola	Ghana	Mozambique	South Sudan
Bangladesh	Guatemala	Myanmar	Sri Lanka
Burkina Faso	Haiti	Nepal	Sudan
Burundi	India	Niger	Tanzania
Cambodia	Indonesia	Peru	Uganda
Chad	Kenya	PNG	Venezuela
Colombia	Laos	Philippines	Vietnam
DRC	Lesotho	Rwanda	Zambia
Ecuador	Malawi	Senegal	Zimbabwe
Eswatini	Mali	Sierra Leone	

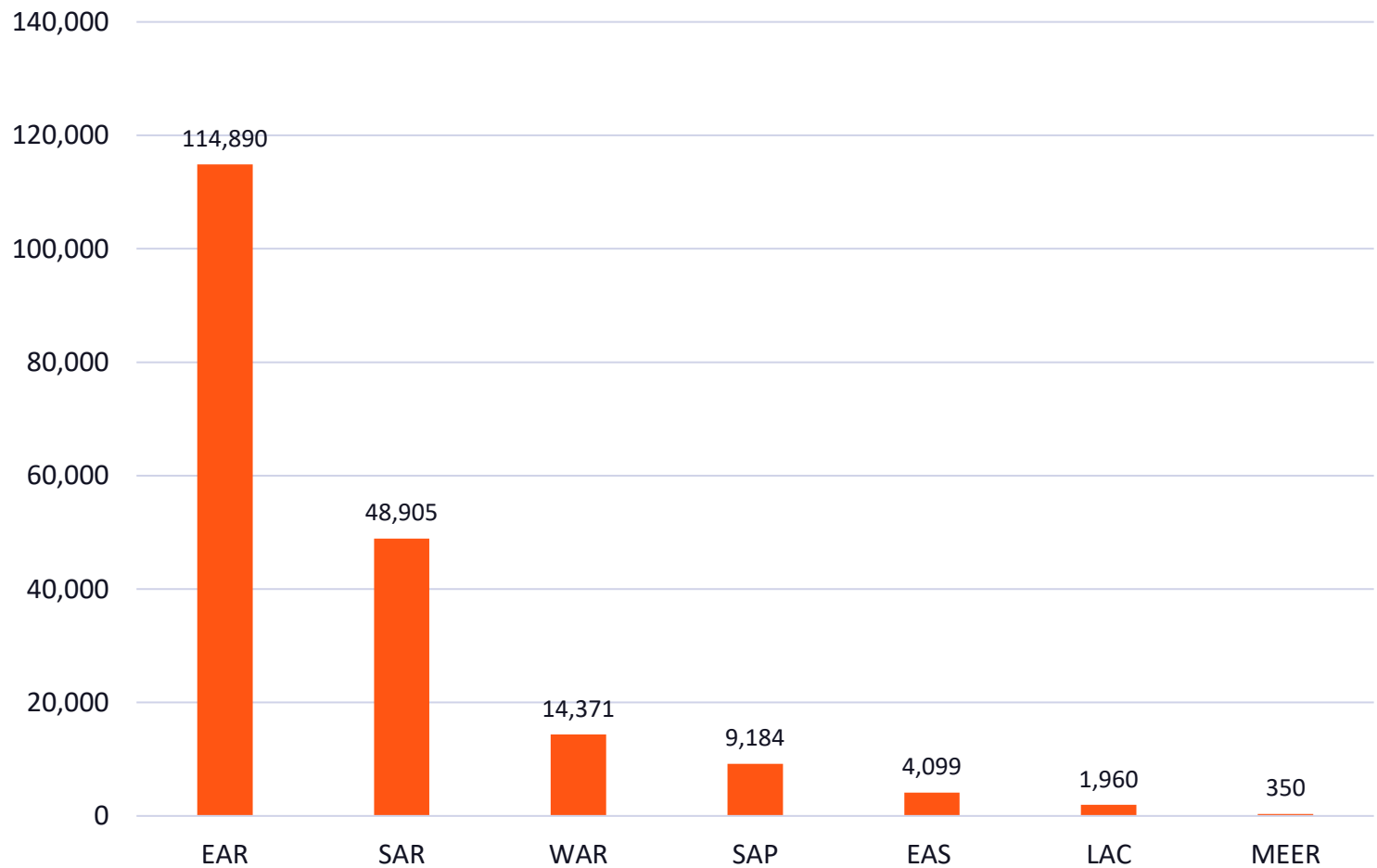
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CHWs per Region

Number of CHWs per Region



EAR: East Africa Region

EAS: East Asia

LAC: Latin America and Caribbean

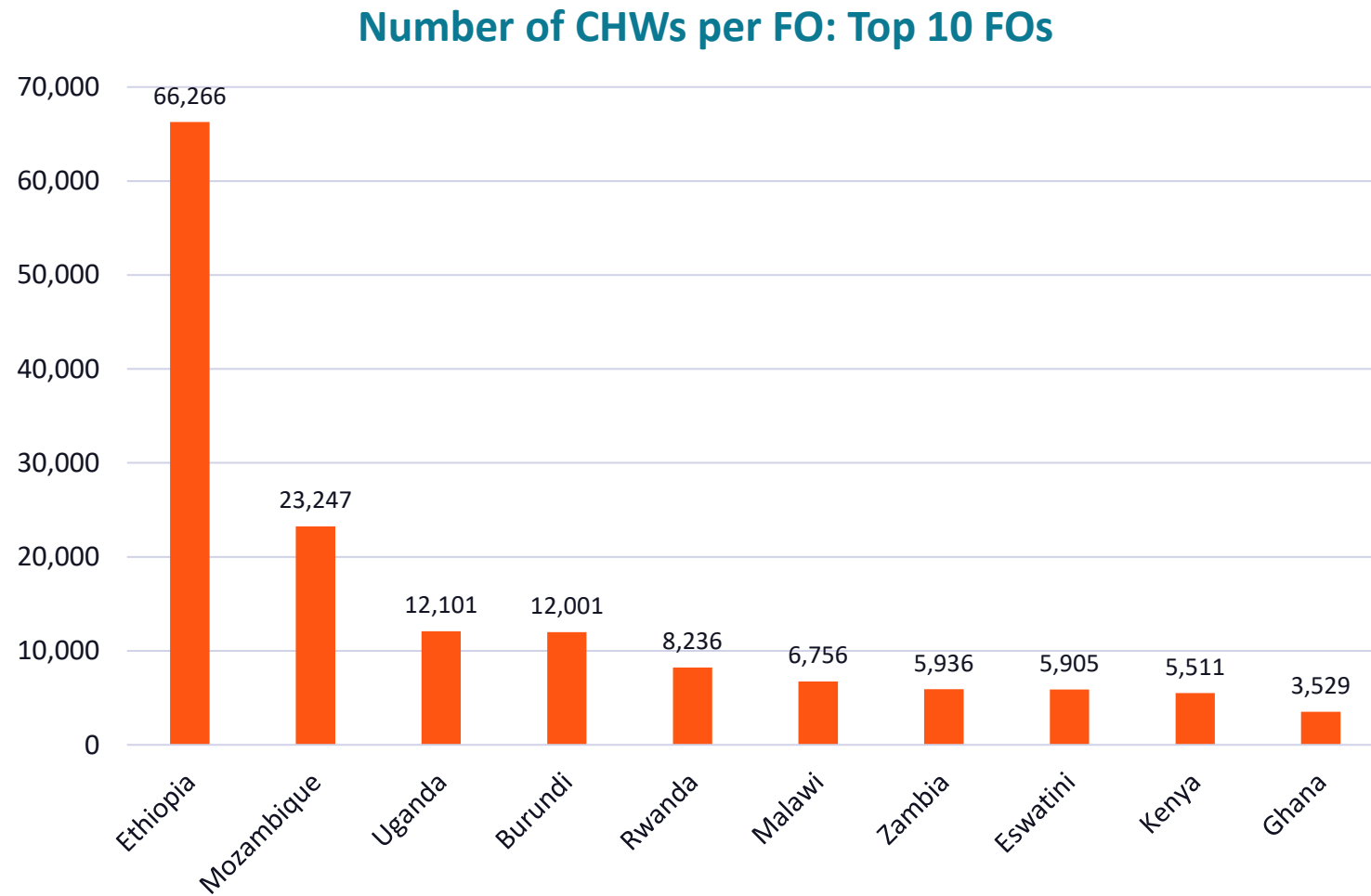
MEER: Middle East, Eastern Europe

SAP: Southern Asia and Pacific

SAR: Southern Africa Region

WAR: West Africa Region

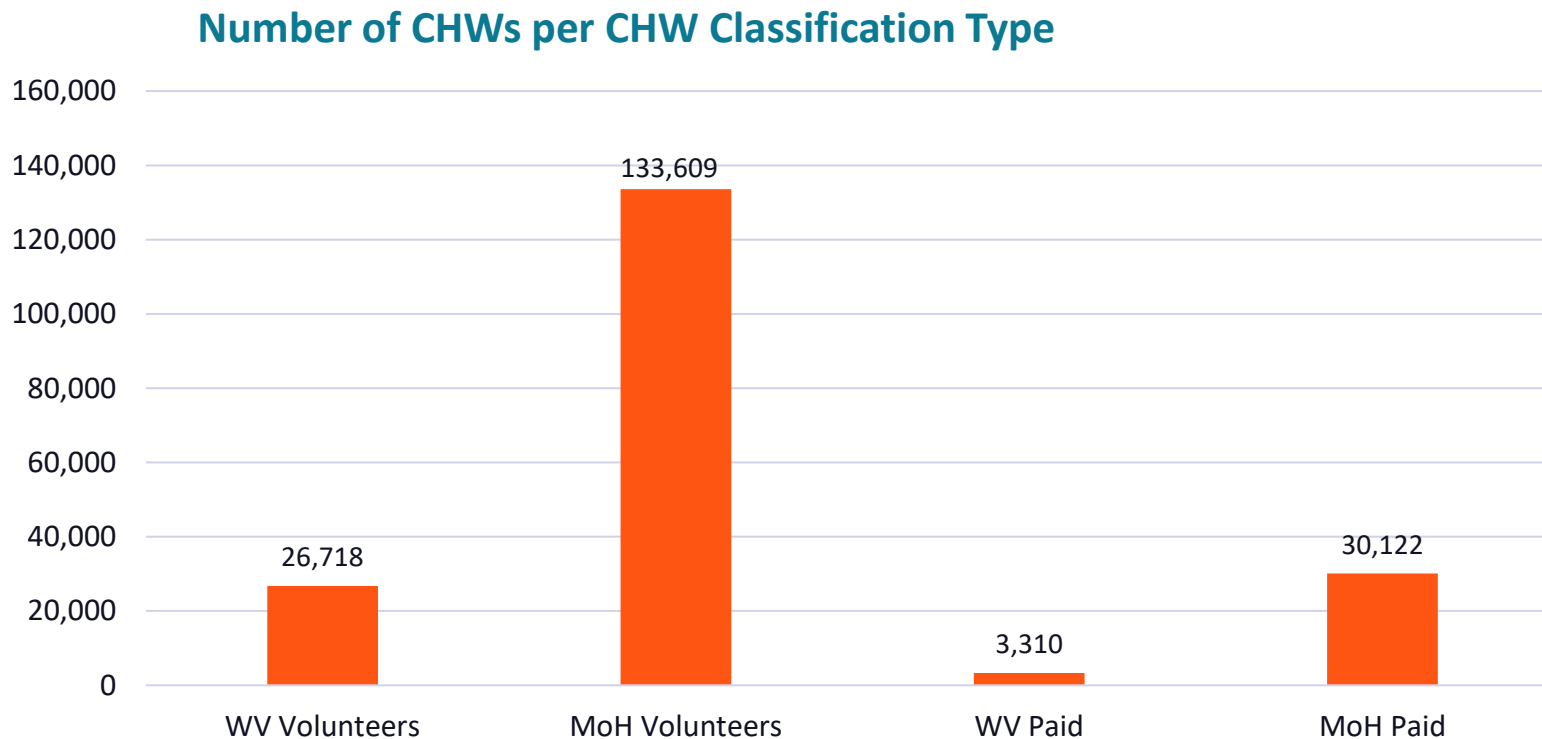
CHWs per FO: Top 10 FOs



Results: CHW Types

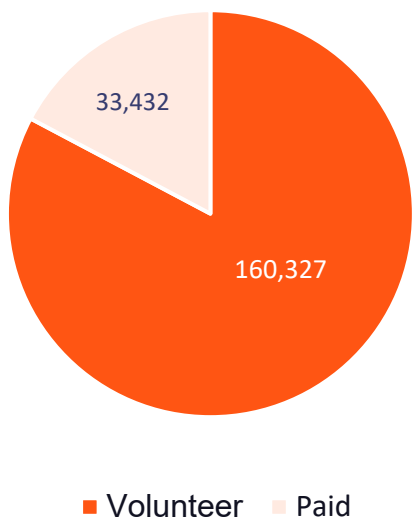
- Most (85%) of the CHWs are linked to the Ministry of Health (MoH), with the remainder mobilised directly by World Vision.
- Notwithstanding global advocacy for CHW remuneration, most (83%) remain volunteers.
- Approximately 73% are female.

CHWs per CHW Classification

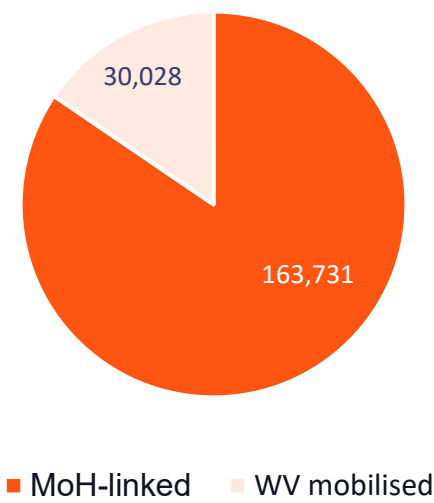


General Information

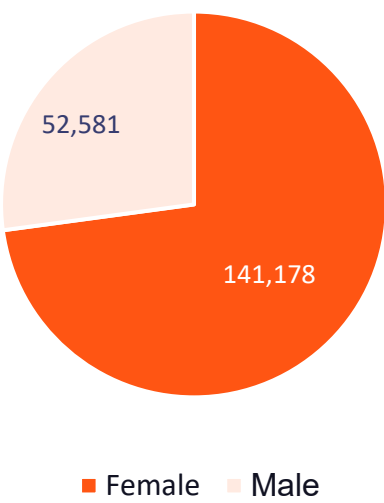
Volunteer CHWs: 83%



MoH-linked CHWs: 85%



Female CHWs: Appx 73%

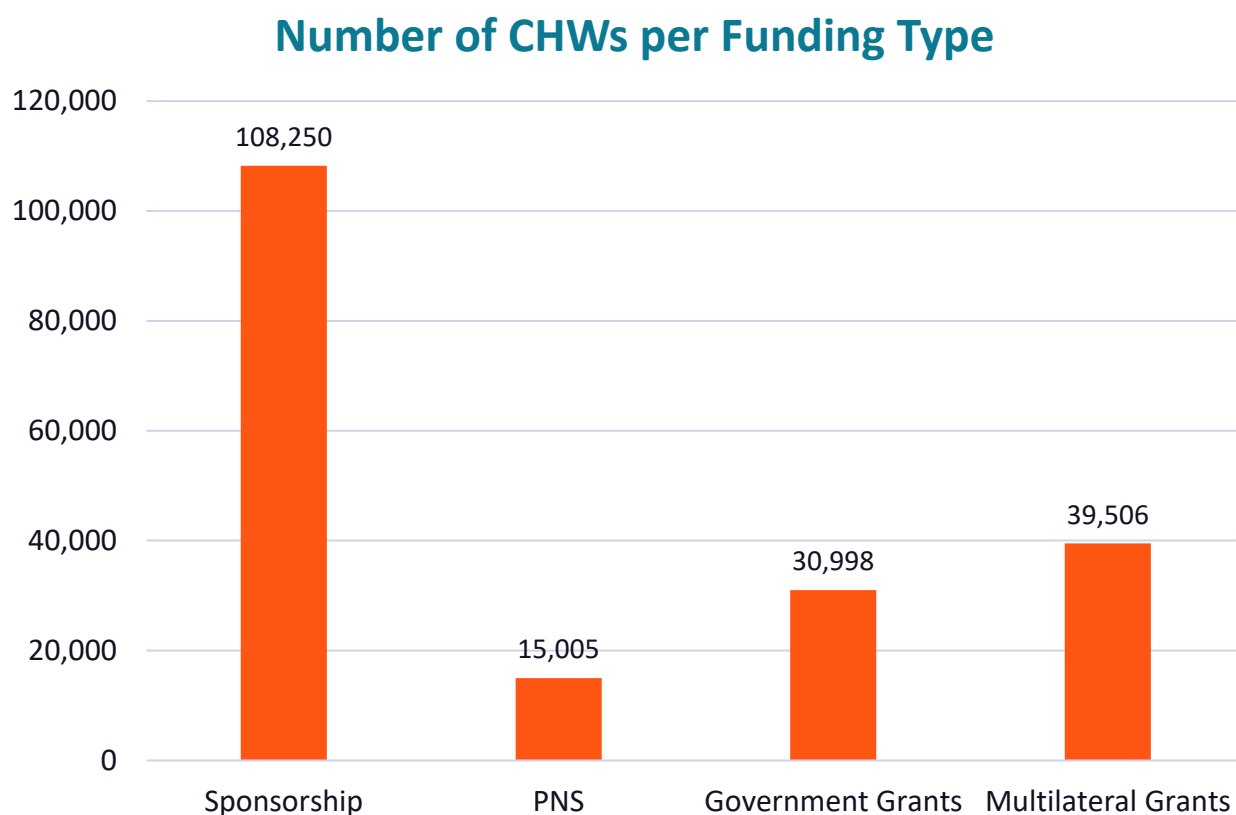


Results: Funding Sources

Most (56%) of the work WV carries out with CHWs is funded through Child Sponsorship. 34 of the 43 FOs have child sponsorship programming while the remaining nine do not. The 34 FOs with child sponsorship carry out multi-sector programming in 789 Area Programmes (APs), of which 554 implement Health and Nutrition programming with CHWs.

Private non-sponsorship (PNS) funding funds almost 8% of the CHW programming, government grants fund 16%, and multilateral grants fund the remaining 20%. There are a total of 128 PNS and grant-funded programmes working with CHWs, outside of APs.

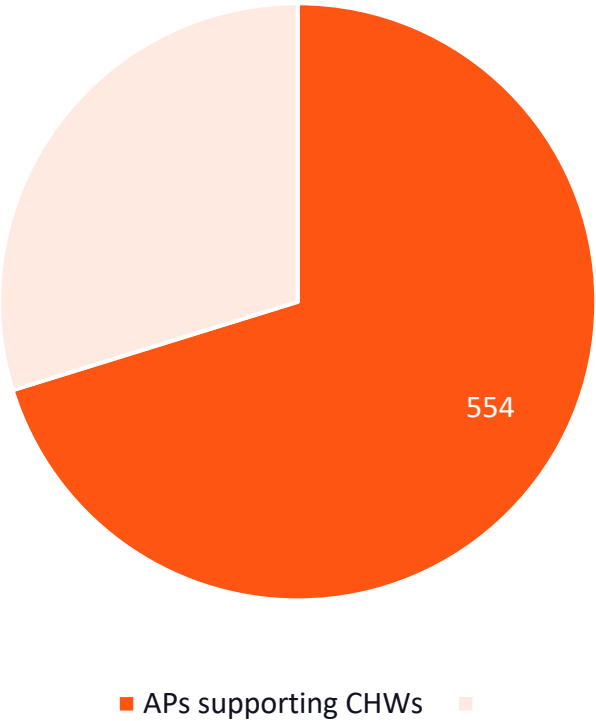
CHWs per Funding Type



General Information

34/43 FOs with Sponsorship

Area Programmes supporting CHWs:
554 of 789 APs in 34 countries



PNS and Grant
Programmes Supporting
CHWs: 128

Results: CHWs Trained in Safeguarding, and to Recognise and Report Cases of Child Maltreatment

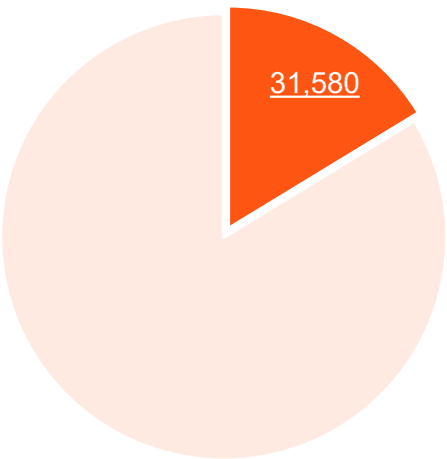
Given WV's prioritisation of child safety, all community members that WV works with must be trained in WV's safeguarding policies and procedures. In addition, in the case of CHWs, given that these health workers are often those with front-line awareness of cases of child abuse or maltreatment, WV has begun to roll out a training with all CHWs in its programmes to recognise and confidentially report such cases.

To date, 28% of CHWs have been trained in safeguarding, and 16% to recognise and report cases of abuse/maltreatment. Work remains to bring these numbers up.



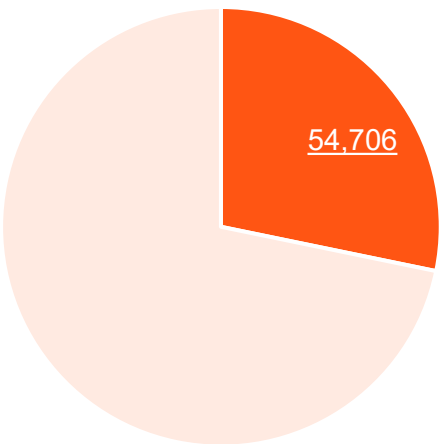
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CHWs trained: Reporting Child Maltreatment



■ Trained abuse reporting ■

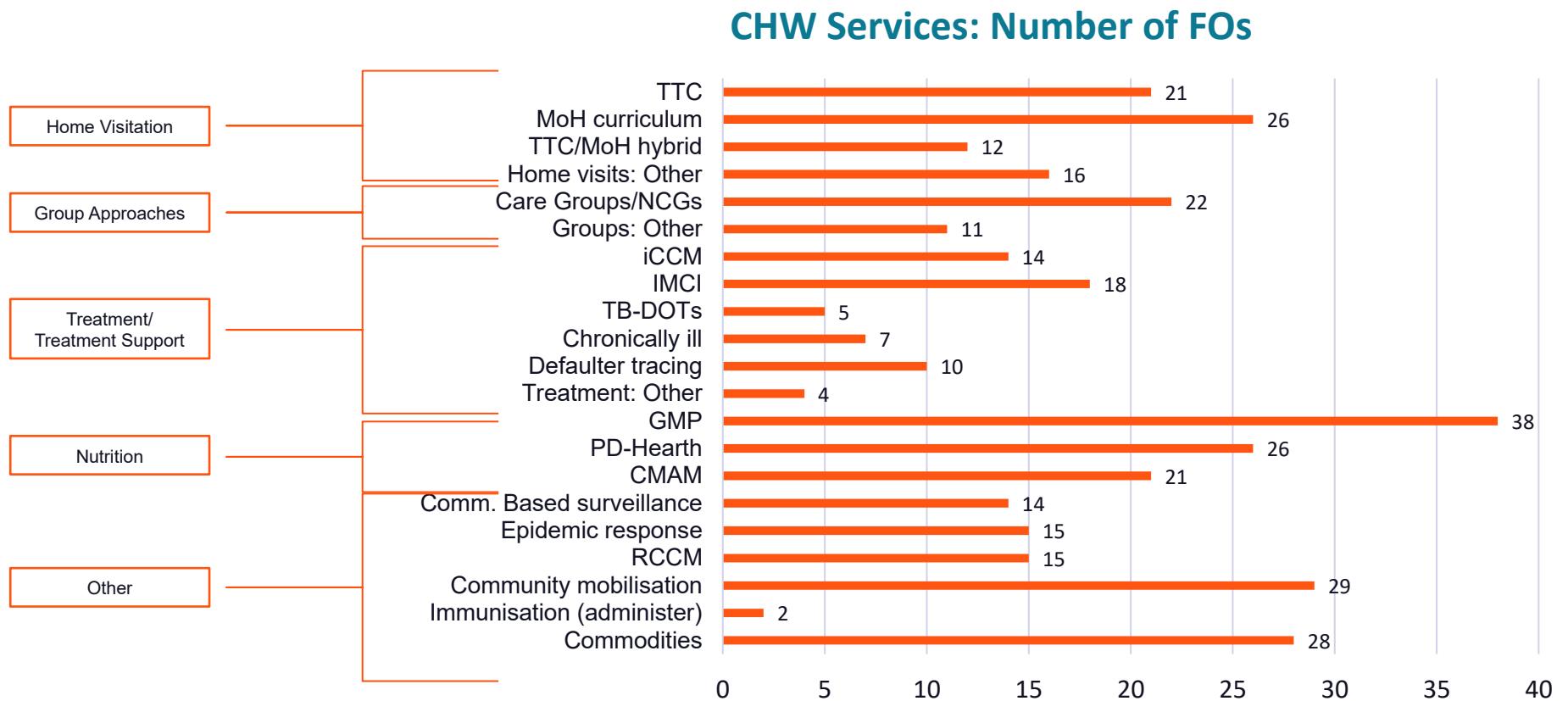
CHWs trained: Safeguarding



■ Trained Safeguarding ■

Results: CHW Services

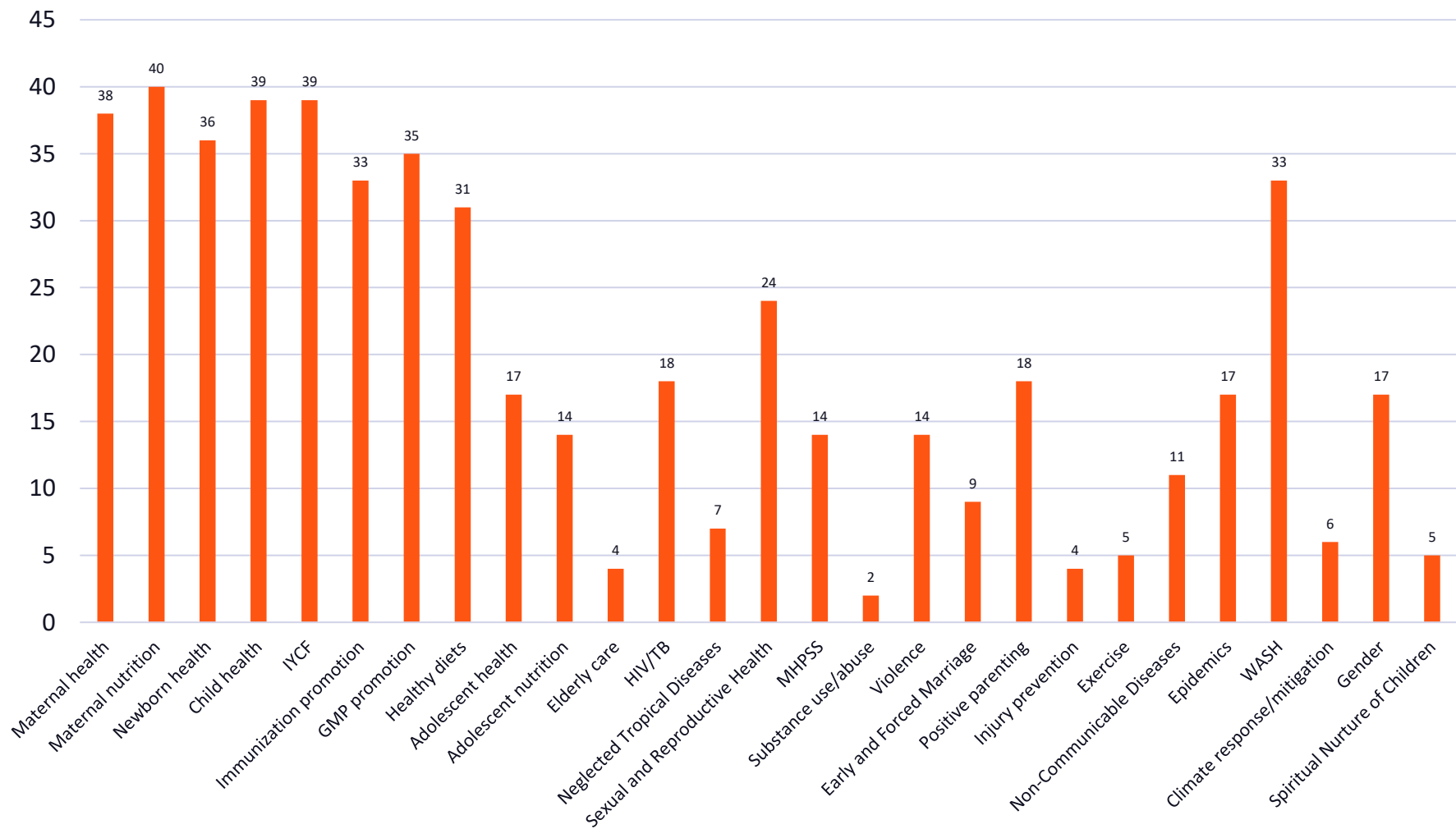
The graph below shows the variety of services that CHWs are delivering, by numbers of Field Offices where CHWs deliver the services.



CHW Thematic Content

Thematic content refers to the types of messages CHWs are delivering through the programming types listed on the previous page.

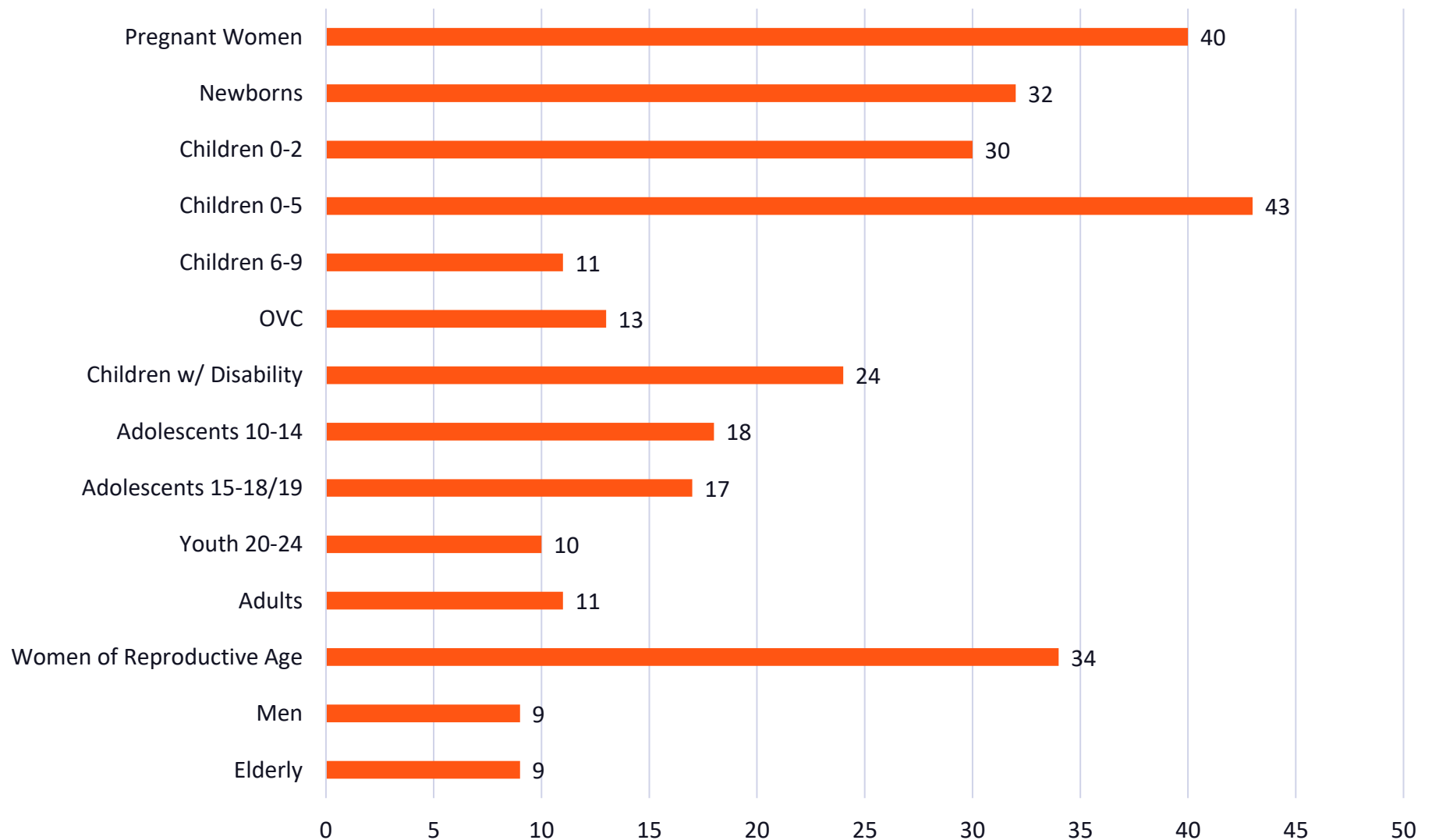
CHW Thematic Content: Number of FOs



CHW Target Groups

The graph below shows the target groups that CHWs reach, by numbers of Field Offices where CHWs reach the identified target group.

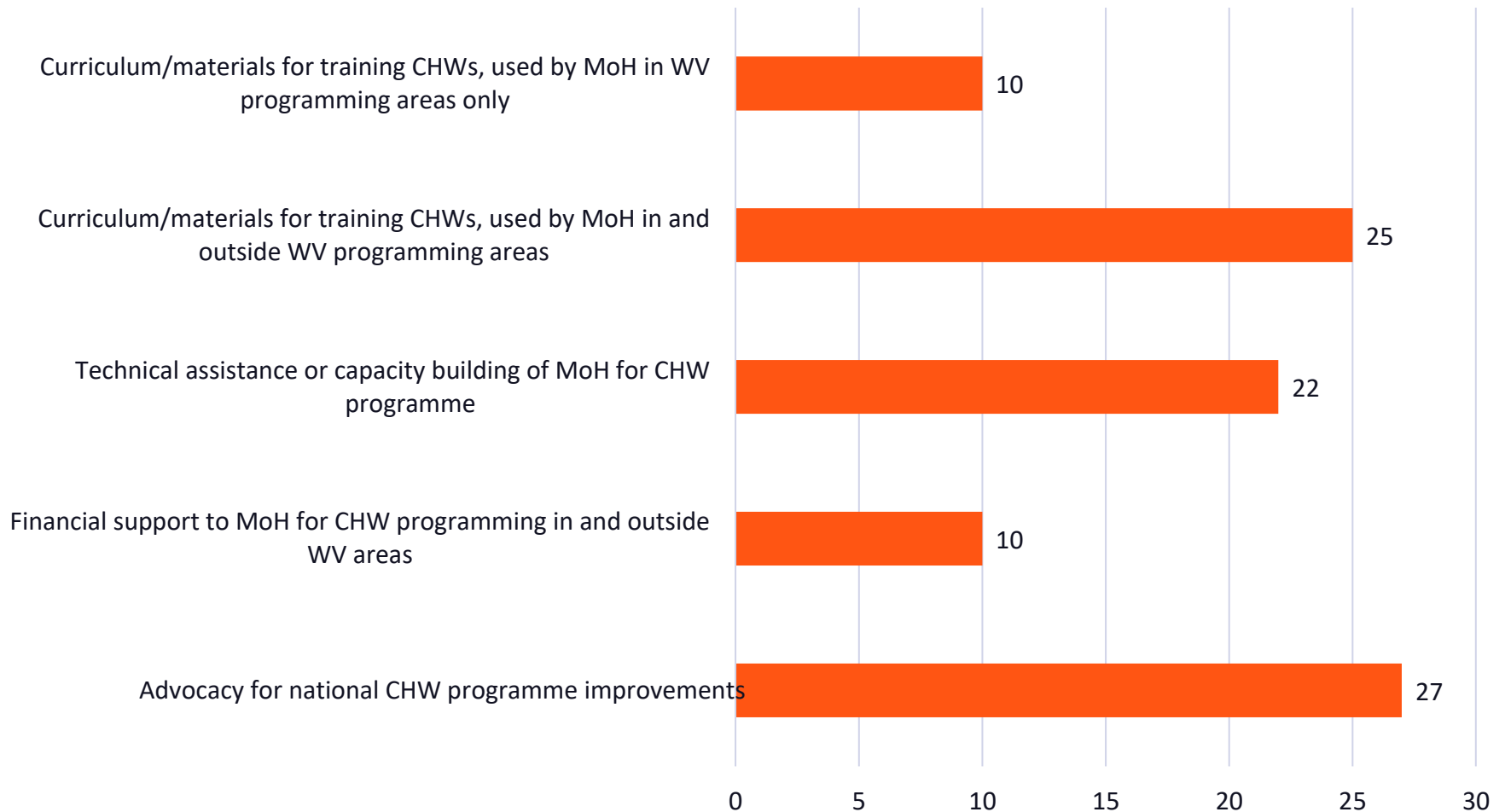
CHW Target Groups: Number of FOs



Results: WV Support to MoH

While WV is active in training and supporting CHWs to deliver services, WV is also increasingly involved in systems support to the MoH as shown in the graph.

Types of Support to MoH: Number of FOs





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