

Box 2 Actions for community-based child care

For Member States

1. Finalize comprehensive plans on community-based child care in coordination with other relevant stakeholders and share them with WHO and partners. These plans should include activities beyond awareness-raising and training.
2. Ensure coordination between different stakeholders (including communities) and partners in order to have one plan for community child care to avoid fragmentation, duplication of work and inconsistencies.
3. Consider community health workers, whether paid or volunteer, as part of the health system and fully support them.
4. Review the terms of reference of community health workers so that they become focused and specific with a clear monitoring plan.
5. Address the quality of community health worker training focusing on competency-based methods.
6. Address strengthening and ensuring linkages with different levels of the health system, in particular for supervision, within the local context.
7. Include evaluation as part of the overall implementation plan and conduct it after reasonable coverage has been achieved.

For WHO and partners

8. Facilitate policy dialogue to ensure that all the priority countries have policies to support implementation of community-based child care in accordance with the regional framework.
9. Finalize the regional framework on community child care based on the discussions and share it with countries.
10. Coordinate with partners in providing technical support to the development of policies, and the implementation and monitoring of the maternal and child health acceleration plans.
11. Assist countries in advocating and mobilizing resources for the community child care initiative and implementation of the plans.
12. Provide the required technical support to countries in adaptation of the regional training package.
13. Facilitate documentation and sharing of best practices