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Improving Reproductive Health through Community-Based Services:

25 Years of Pathfinder International Experience

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Pathfinder International believes that reproductive health is a basic human right. When parents can choose the timing of pregnancies and the size of their families, women's lives are improved and children grow up healthier.

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For over 50 years Pathfinder has provided women, men, and adolescents throughout the developing world with access to quality family planning and reproductive health information and services. Pathfinder works to prevent HIV/AIDS, provide care to women suffering from the complications of unsafe abortion, reach adolescents with services tailored to their needs, and advocate for sound reproductive health policies in the U.S. and abroad. Pathfinder collaborates with communities, partner organizations, and government at all levels to strengthen local skills and foster lasting change.

Community-Based Services

In the late 1970s Pathfinder was one of the first organizations to develop programs supporting the community-based distribution of family planning commodities. Since then, our community-based programs have reached dozens of countries throughout the developing world. Pathfinder works with communities at the grassroots level to expand access and knowledge, stimulate acceptance, and create awareness and ownership of family planning and reproductive health services.

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