



## Transaid participates in workshop on community health systems in Madagascar



*Workshop on community health systems in Morondava, Madagascar, March 2017*

In March this year, a workshop on the strengthening of **community health systems** was organised in Morondava, Madagascar in the context of the USAID Community Capacity for Health Program. The workshop brought together community health actors and government counterparts from the region to discuss good practices and lessons learned on **emergency transport**, community health insurance schemes and logistics for health commodities in order to identify efficient strategies for the strengthening of these activities within their communities. After a fruitful exchange, each commune identified key actions to be implemented within the next months. The workshop was facilitated by the central and regional Program teams, with the support of local representatives from regional authorities.

The USAID Community Capacity for Health Program, locally known as **Mahefa Miaraka**, is a five-year (2016-2021) initiative to strengthen the local public health system's capacity to manage community health activities and to support **community health volunteers** (CHVs). The Program works in seven remote regions in north and west Madagascar (Analanjirofo, SAVA, DIANA, Sofia, Boeny Melaky, and Menabe). The Program builds on the former USAID-funded Community-Based Integrated Health program (CBIHP), also known as [MAHEFA](#), which worked in six of these regions. The Program is being implemented by JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. in partnership with FHI 360, Transaid, and Action Socio-sanitaire Organization Secours (ASOS) of Madagascar.