The Democratic Republic of Congo is the second most populous country in sub-Saharan Africa, with an estimated total population of 71 million people—47 percent of which are under the age of 15. In the past, DRC has experienced significant political turbulence and instability, particularly in eastern Congo and as of 2014 was placed at 186 of 187 countries, according to UNDP’s Human Development Index. IMA World Health began working in the DRC in 2000 and is a recognized leader in partnering with the Ministry of Health, donors, faith-based and non faith-based organizations to strengthen health systems for improved delivery of services. The Access to Primary Health Care Project, known locally as Accès aux Soins de Santé Primaires or ASSP, has achieved great success in strengthening the health system by focusing on priority interventions such as the treatment of malaria, pneumonia and diarrhea; nutrition; obstetric and neonatal care; family planning; immunization; and water, hygiene and sanitation that are delivered through the health system.

ASSP supported an estimated 9.7 million people across 52 health zones.

On average, ASSP programs exceeded targets by six percent.

- 1,614 health facilities are submitting routine monthly reports using DHIS2.
- 66,343 health workers have been registered in iHRIS health-force management software.
- ASSP has completed 286 health centers, including 109 new construction and 177 completed renovations.
- 2.29 million Bed nets distributed.
- Over 1.35 million pregnant women and children under five received direct and intensive nutrition interventions.
- 1.6 million pregnant women received two doses of intermittent preventative treatment in pregnancy.
- 1.68 million new acceptors of modern methods of family planning.
- 26 million people have visited our health centers and Community Care sites for curative consultations.
- 1.85 million Births attended at a health facility.
- 1.7 million Children vaccinated against measles.

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ASSP has seen a steady increase in annual service utilization since the start of the project, from 2.5 million per year at baseline to six million at Year 6. The majority of ASSP’s indicators have also seen a steady increase since the start of the project.

At the end of Year 6, ASSP successfully integrated the community scorecard program in all 52 assisted health zones. This process aids in developing plans to improve a variety of factors that impact health uptake.

894 CODESAs are currently operational

892 health areas completed community scorecards

11 indicateurs sélectionnés par le focus-group pour évaluer la performance des centres de santé