

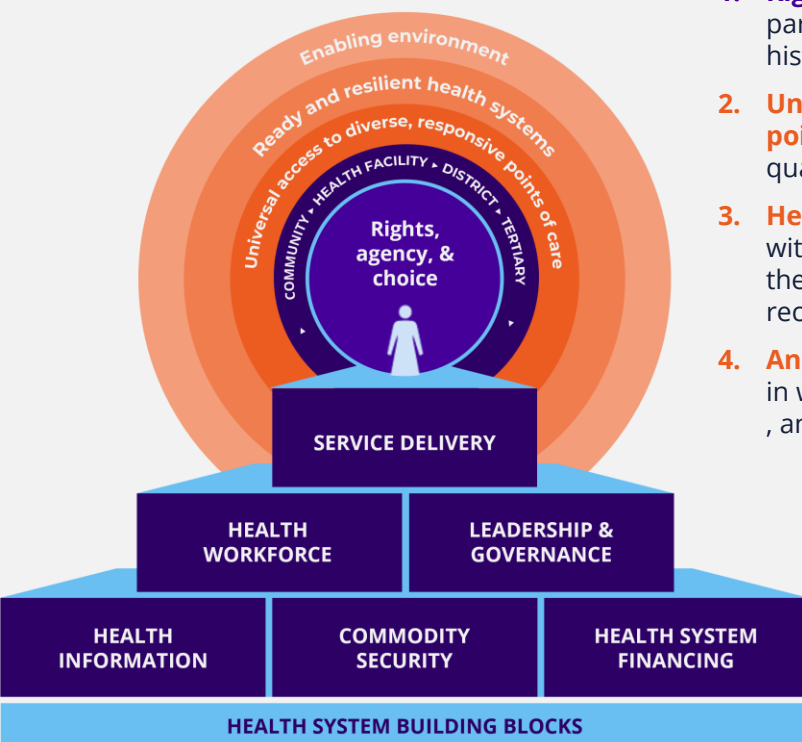
## AT A GLANCE

# Health Systems Strengthening

Pathfinder partners with governments and local stakeholders to make health systems more equitable and resilient, expanding access to quality, gender-responsive health services, including sexual and reproductive health and rights. Building on decades of experience in more than 70 countries, our approach works within health systems, not in parallel, so investments strengthen existing capacity, sustain essential services, and deliver lasting improvements in health outcomes.

## Advancing Outcomes for People, Communities, and Health Systems

Recognizing the complex, multisectoral, and dynamic nature of health systems, Pathfinder expands on the six World Health Organization's health system building blocks, prioritizing four areas for advancement across all levels of the health system:



1. **Rights, agency, and choice for individuals**, particularly women, girls, and other historically marginalized groups
2. **Universal access to diverse, responsive points of care** for a minimum package of quality essential health services
3. **Health system resilience and readiness** to withstand shocks and stressors throughout the cycle of preparation, adaptation, and recovery
4. **An enabling policy and social environment** in which these individual-, community-, facility-, and system-level ideals can be achieved

Pathfinder drives sustainable progress beyond project funding by fostering early collaboration, strengthening partner commitment, applying evidence-based strategies, and providing need based technical assistance to ensure equity, quality, and resilience.

# Our Projects

## UGANDA

### Empowering Women for Better Reproductive Health Outcomes (EMPOWER)

*Donor: Foreign Commonwealth Development Office*

Pathfinder leads the EMPOWER program (2025–2030, £27 million), working across 80 districts in Uganda to strengthen the health system for high-quality reproductive and maternal health services. The project builds public sector capacity, mentors health workers, and addresses misinformation and harmful gender norms to expand informed contraceptive choice and equitable access to care, aiming to avert 2.4 million unwanted pregnancies and 3,700 maternal deaths. In close collaboration with the Ministry of Health and district governments, EMPOWER is laying the foundation for sustainable improvements in women's health and health system resilience.

## EGYPT

### OSRA (Family)

*Donor: USAID*

Pathfinder led OSRA (2022–2025, \$31 million) in partnership with Egypt's Ministry of Health to strengthen public-private partnerships and expand access to family planning (FP) services in rural and underserved areas. The program integrated FP programming into existing health services along the continuum of care for adolescents, youth, women, and men, ensuring access to quality information, counseling, and method provision. The program also transformed Primary Health Centers into Family Development Centers, providing community members with services, life skills training, and gender equity education— all contributing to a stronger, more responsive health system.

## NIGERIA

### GeoST4R & Task-Shifting to Strengthen Primary Health Care Services

*Donor: Gates Foundation*

Pathfinder and partners are implementing the [GeoST4R](#) project (2020–2026, \$4.8 million) to strengthen maternal, newborn, child health, and nutrition services in Kano State, Nigeria. By using digital mapping and planning tools, the project helps health workers and policymakers identify where need is greatest, allocate resources effectively, and ensure women and children receive timely care. This approach drives equity and resilience in the health system.

## PAKISTAN

### Qadam Ba Qadam

*Donor: Gates Foundation*

Qadam Ba Qadam (2022–2025, \$4.5 million) builds on the foundation of the Naya Qadam project to strengthen Pakistan's health system to delivery quality postabortion and postpartum FP services (PPFP and PAFP). The project works with provincial health departments to integrate PPFP and PAFP into routine care, institutionalize gender-responsive approaches, and improve data use for decision-making. In systematically integrating FP services into the perinatal continuum of care, the project supports long-term sustainability and more equitable access to care.

## BURKINA FASO

### Projet Yam Yankré ("My Choice")

*Donor: Large Anonymous Donor*

Projet Yam Yankré (2020–2025) strengthened Burkina Faso's health system by expanding access to contraception and safe abortion services across five regions. Pathfinder provided technical leadership and support to the Ministry of Health's \$48 million program. Building on previous investments, the project trained, mentored, and networked providers via their district management teams, while rehabilitating and equipping facilities to improve service delivery. The project also strengthened public sector provision of safe abortion and FP services, positioning Burkina Faso as a leader in advancing universal health coverage for sexual and reproductive health in West Africa.



*Clinical supervision visit at an OSRA-supported health facility in Egypt.*