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Project Highlights - Q1 2026

Communities and Civil Society Engagement (CCSE) Updates

Welcome!

Welcome to the first quarterly CCSE update of the SUPREME-SECURE project. This update showcases and brings to life the community and civil society engagement activities embedded in SUPREME SECURE, reminding us that at the core of our work are communities and people with lived experiences for whom we can truly make an impact. We hope you enjoy reading more about this work!

Spotlight: Centering Community Voices Through Focus Group Discussions

A major highlight this quarter was the successful implementation of Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) across Kenya, Tanzania, and Ghana. Conducted in partnership with Action on Preeclampsia Ghana, Zuri Nzilani Foundation, and Thrive Beyond Preeclampsia Foundation, these discussions brought together over 60 participants.

Participants included pregnant women, survivors of pre-eclampsia, community health workers, community leaders, and other community representatives, ensuring a diverse range of perspectives and lived experiences.

The FGDs generated valuable insights into barriers and opportunities related to access to healthcare, with a particular focus on diagnostics and therapeutics for pre-eclampsia and maternal anemia.

These findings will play a critical role in informing the SUPREME SECURE initial market assessment, ensuring that future strategies and interventions are grounded in real community needs and experiences.

WACI Health extends immense thanks to Koiwah Koi-Larbi (APEC Ghana), Ashley Muteti (Zuri Nzilani Foundation, Kenya), and Catherine Kakolo Mongella (Thrive Beyond Preeclampsia Foundation, Tanzania) for their collaboration and facilitation of this work.



Photos from the Focus Group Discussions in Tanzania, Kenya, and Ghana

Looking Back: Quarter 1 Highlights

CCSE activities in support of the SUPREME SECURE Project:

- Actively participated in three country co-creation workshops in Kenya, Tanzania, and Ghana, contributing to collaborative project design and implementation approaches.

- Attended and contributed to the Unitaid/EWENE IMNHC 2026 Pre-conference Symposium, including facilitation of the discussions at the 'Demand Generation'table for the case study exercise.

- Facilitated connection to community representatives to participate and speak at the IMNHC 2026 Pre-conference Symposium.

- WACI Health Executive Director, Rosemary Mburu, moderated "Speed to Scale Up" at IMNHC, a session highlighting the critical gap in global health between innovation and impact.



- Hosted a pre-IMNHC webinar with over 150 participants to raise awareness on pre-eclampsia and amplify survivor voices, followed by publication of a reflective blog.

- Developed a stakeholder mapping tool and conducted mapping at both global and country levels, identifying key actors including community and civil society organisations, as well as MNH coordination mechanisms.

- Identified and onboarded in-country partners to support implementation of FGDs, including conducting briefing sessions and establishing contracts. Co-created comprehensive FGD materials with CHAI, including discussion guides, consent forms, reporting templates, and facilitation guidance.



- Participated in the SECURE project kick-off meeting in Nairobi, contributing to alignment among partners.

- Amplified the launch of the SUPREME project through social media engagement and a media release on the WACI Health website.

- Launched a call for applications for small grants to identify community partners who will lead advocacy and engagement efforts, including hosting Community Advisory Boards.

Impact Snapshot

- **3 countries and 60+participants** engaged through Focus Group Discussions
- **150+participants** reached through the pre-IMNHC webinar
- **Multiple stakeholders mapped** across global and national levels

Community Celebration: Elevating Community Voices at IMNHC 2026

We celebrate the powerful representation of community voices on a global stage during IMNHC 2026.

We are especially proud to recognize Ashley Muteti (Zuri Nzilani Foundation) and Koiwah Koi-Larbi (Action on Preeclampsia Ghana), who contributed as speakers during key sessions.

Their participation ensured that community perspectives and lived experiences were not only included, but meaningfully centered in global maternal health discussions.

This milestone reflects the importance of investing in community leadership and creating opportunities where those most affected can shape the conversation and influence solutions.





Koiwah Koi-Larbi and Ashley Muteti speaking at IMNHC 2026

Looking Ahead

Building on this momentum, join us for these exciting activities ahead!

- Commemorating **World Preeclampsia Day** on 22 May through advocacy and awareness activities, including an upcoming webinar
- Leading advocacy during the **Global Preeclampsia Conference**, continuing to elevate community perspectives
- Formalising **partnerships with community partners** in project countries, following the small grants applications
- Co-launching five **Community Advisory Boards** with country partners in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Senegal, Tanzania to strengthen community engagement and accountability

Stay tuned for our next update in the Q2 2026 edition!

Publications and News Items

- WACI Health press release about joining SUPREME SECURE consortium: https://wacihealth.org/joins-supreme-secure-consortium/
- Amplifying Unitaid's LinkedIn post about SUPREME: https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7441750314543726593
- WACI Health LinkedIn post with reflections from IMNHC 2026: https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7442622126190391297
- Blog: 'No Woman Should Die While Giving Life: A Reflection on Pre-Eclampsia and Maternal Health': https://wacihealth.org/a-reflection-on-pre-eclampsia-and-maternal-health/
- Call for applications for grants for CCSE activities under SUPREME: Call for applications for grants for CCSE activities under SUPREME: English here and French here.

Snapshots from the Focus Group Discussions









Shout out to our webinar speakers!













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