

Table 2 Conceptual framework of levels of community participation in health programmes

| Level of participation | Process | Outcome |
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| Ownership (the ideal) | Community takes full responsibility as owner and implementer. Government becomes facilitator | Full community empowerment for decision-making/self-reliance |
| Partnership/ contribution | Community recognized as a partner. Community contributes to costs and infrastructure | High level of empowerment. Community involved in decision-making |
| Involvement | Community recognized as facilitator involved in selection, monitoring, security and accountability | Community empowered to a limited extent |
| Awareness | Community recognized as a utilizer of services only | Community becomes "aware utilizer" of services |
| Passive utilization | No recognition of community role. Community is passive utilizer of services | No community empowerment |