

**Table 2 Roles of CHWs and populations served**

	<b>Egypt</b>	<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>Afghanistan</b>
CHWs' main responsibilities	FP education and promotion (7) Write referrals (12) Promote vaccination (8) Postnatal care (8) Health education (8) Community development projects (12) Collecting demographic data for catchment area (8) Record keeping (8)	FP promotion (16) FP provision Write referrals (16) Ante/postnatal care (16, 17) Pregnancy recording (16) Breastfeeding promotion (16, 17) Growth monitoring (16) Diarrhoea treatment (16) Malaria treatment (16) Acute respiratory infection treatment (16) Intestinal worms treatment (13) DOT for TB (16) Polio surveillance (18) Promote vaccination (16, 18) Promote nutrition (16) Promote hygiene (16) Health education (13, 16) Record keeping (16) Emergency relief (16)	FP promotion (10) FP provision (11, 15) Write referrals (10) Ante/postnatal care (10) Breastfeeding promotion (10) Administer vitamins (10) Diarrhoea treatment (10) Malaria treatment (10) Acute respiratory infection treatment (10) DOT for TB (10) Promote vaccination (10) Promote nutrition (10) Hygiene education (11, 15 ) Mental health and substance abuse education (10) Health education (10) Record keeping (10) Community development projects (10) Community mapping (10)
Mean no. households in catchment	400–600 (8)	131 (12) Target = 200	78% serve < 150 (11) Target = 100–150
Mean no. individuals in catchment	7665–11 562 (7)	919 (12) Target = 1000	No data
Village households visited by CHW	60% (8)	85% in last 3 mo (14)	No data
Households visited per week	Target = 30 (8)	27 (14)	Generally 10–50 (11)
Estimated no. CHWs	14 000 (2004) (8)	90 000 (2008) (14)	19 000 (2014) (13)

CHW = community health worker; DOT = directly observed treatment; FP = family planning; TB = tuberculosis.