

SUSTAINING HEALTH INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES IN GHANA: THE ROLE OF THE 'COMMUNITY' IN THE COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH PLANNING AND SERVICES



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INTRODUCTION

The Community-based Health Planning and Services is an initiative to improve access to quality healthcare and family planning services for rural communities. Although several studies have been conducted in this area, attention has not been focused on managers at the community level and this has created a gap in literature. This research sought to examine the activities embarked on by the community to sustain the Community-based Health Planning and Services at the Barekese sub-district in the Ashanti region of Ghana.

METHOD

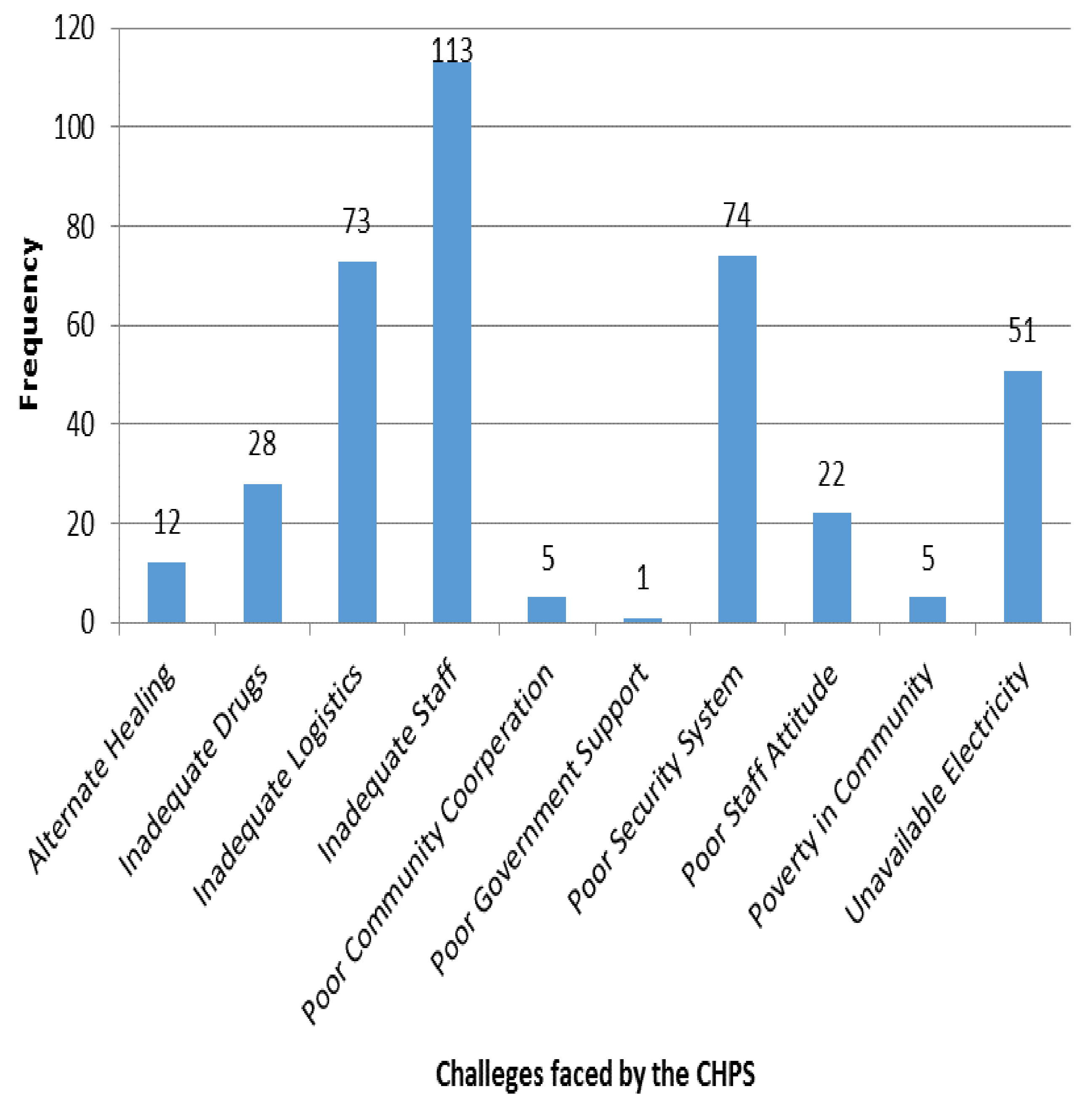
Mixed method was used. Using systematic random sampling and simple random sampling 384 respondents were assessed. A total of five Focus Group Discussions and In-depth interviews with eight stakeholders were conducted. Stata was used to analyze the quantitative data while the qualitative data was analyzed using thematic analysis.

RESULTS

The Communities Health Management Team had no strategy to ensure the acquisition of trained staff but had requested for nurses from Ghana Health Service. The Community-based Health Planning and Services does not always have the required logistics. It was identified that, interest of the Community Health Management Team in the Community-based Health Planning and Services is dying out gradually due to the continuous demand of its maintenance by the Ghana Health Service. Again, members of the communities were involved in decision making but they did not cooperate with the health officers.

CONCLUSION

If Ghana Health Service could supervise the formation and activities of the Community Health Management Team, provide staff and logistics coupled with community cooperation could lead to its sustainability.

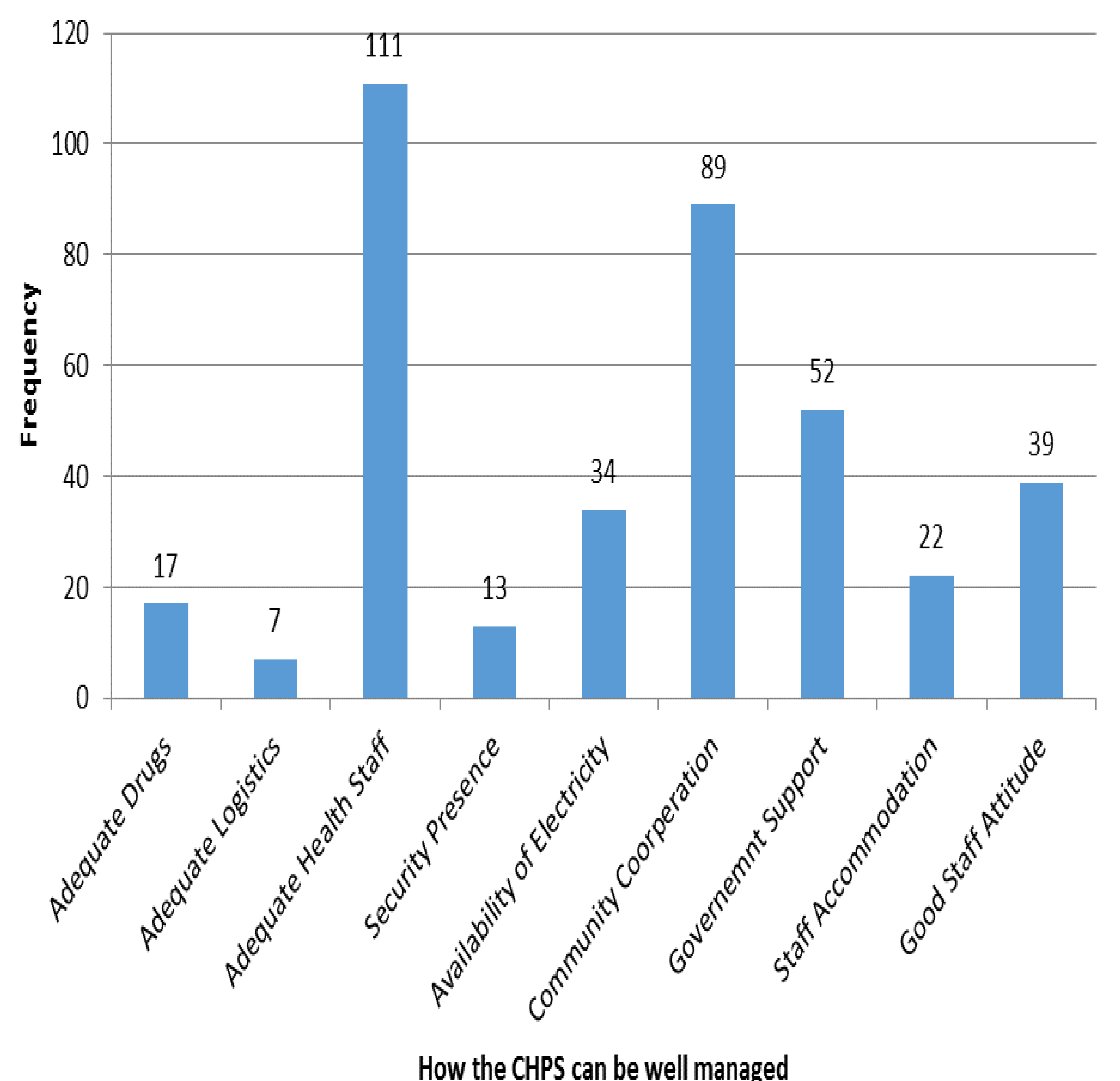


Do Community Members provide any support to the CHPS?

Variable (N=384)	Response	Frequency	Percentage
Do Community members provide any support to the CHPS	Yes	160	41.67
	No	163	42.45
	Don't Know	61	15.89

Support provided by community members

Variables (N=160)	Response	Frequency	Percentage
Which form of Communal support do the community members provides	Labour	96	60.00
	Foodstuff	13	8.13
	Electricity	40	25.00
	Land	3	1.88
	CHPS Logistics	3	1.88
	Money	3	1.88
	Security	2	1.25



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