

Box 1– Activities carried out by CHWs in the Brazilian Family Health Strategy¹

	Area	Specific Activities
Primary Care	Chronic Disease Management	Supporting adherence to medications for diabetes and hypertension Early identification of symptoms and signs of chronic disease and referral into the family health unit Design, organize and deliver group education meetings for individuals with chronic disease e.g. diabetes and hypertension
	Triage	Low level referral support to ensure appropriate use of primary care services Early identification of clinical problems and referral into the family health unit Support with appointment booking, call/recall.
	Clinical Care	Use of Integrated Management of Childhood Illness decision support tool to identify children at risk of serious illness
	Social Determinants	Identification of household determinants of ill health and health seeking behaviour
	Vertical Disease Programmes	TB DOTS service support providing daily home visits
	Healthy Pregnancy /Child development	Ensure early booking and healthy lifestyle during pregnancy Antenatal consultation support Design, organize and deliver low-risk pregnancy health education groups Monthly or bimonthly weight measurement in all children less than 2 years of age
Public Health	Screening	Improve uptake in cervical and breast screening through identification of target groups and signposting
	Immunizations	Identification of children with incomplete vaccine schedules and referral into the GP practice
	Breastfeeding support	Peer support for breastfeeding providing one-to-one advice in the household Design, organize and deliver group education meetings for breast-feeding mothers
	Health Promotion	Delivery directly into the household of healthy lifestyle messages such as stop smoking, hand hygiene, weight loss, healthy diet and physical exercise with referral and signposting where appropriate
	Health Protection	Contact tracing for common infectious diseases e.g. typhoid fever Household risk assessment and advice for vector-transmitted disease e.g. dengue fever
	Household data collection	Monthly collection and update of basic household data on occupancy, socio-demographic data, education levels, occupation, deprivation and predominant health issue including smoking and alcohol use of every member in each household
Community	Health education groups	Includes but not limited to breastfeeding support, diabetes, hypertension, low-risk pregnancy and immunizations health education groups
	Planning and performance	Engaging with the community to ensure health services are satisfactory and appropriate in their design and delivery
	Community Liaison	Acting as a liaison between the health service and community leaders Acting as a community leader