What is CQI?
Continuous quality improvement (CQI) is an iterative process to improve health system performance and health outcomes.

Our principles for CQI?
CQI is critical to meeting patient needs, ensuring patient safety, and enabling an efficient health care system. Five key principles to PATH’s approach include:

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<th>PRINCIPLE 1:</th>
<th>The use of multiple, existing data sources.</th>
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<td>PRINCIPLE 2:</td>
<td>A commitment to building the capacity of health workers and lay providers to analyze and make sense of health data.</td>
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<td>PRINCIPLE 3:</td>
<td>A coherent, systematic process that contributes to a culture of quality improvement.</td>
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<td>PRINCIPLE 4:</td>
<td>A human-centered design (HCD) approach that places local knowledge from the end users—health workers and their patients—at the center of the process.</td>
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<td>PRINCIPLE 5:</td>
<td>A responsive and rapid approach to improvement.</td>
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Our approach to CQI?
Successful CQI improves health system performance and contributes to better health outcomes through four incremental and iterative steps toward change.

- **STEP 1 | UNDERSTAND**
  - Identifying and understanding the problem, then documenting the goals for improvement.

- **STEP 2 | IMPLEMENT**
  - Identifying and implementing solutions to respond to health system gaps and challenges.
  - Measuring solutions to learn what works, including collecting relevant information to monitor progress toward improvement goals.

- **STEP 3 | MEASURE**
  - Adapting the solution as necessary and scaling what works to meet evolving needs.

- **STEP 4 | ADAPT**
  - Identifying and implementing solutions to respond to health system gaps and challenges.