Doba is a large community, and while assembling a committee with broad representation was difficult, five dedicated committee members called upon various sectional leaders and elders to assist with the project. Potential interventions discussed included the construction of permanent midwife housing or building a new area for antenatal care.

Ultimately, the committee decided to implement dual interventions: plumbing water to the health facility to improve sanitation, and providing a meal of zomkoom, a combination of millet, shea butter, and water, to pregnant mothers utilizing the health clinic. Locals helped dig a trench to run a water line to the clinic. For the provision of meals, the committee purchased a cylinder, a burner and bowls, as well as the millet and shea butter.

Leaders plan to ask each household to contribute a nominal monthly sum to provide needed support to the health center and the midwife. Women will contribute millet or shea nuts to keep the zomkoom in supply at the clinic after the pilot funding is depleted. Finally, community leaders learned a great deal through the PREMAND mapping data and interviews, including a need for antenatal care emphasis and education.

"When they came with the health information to give us, it was received with much joy."
- Doba PREMAND Innovation Site Committee member

"When you are taught how to fish, it is better than when you are just taught how to eat it."
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