Community leaders in Nagboo selected 14 people to serve on the Innovation Site committee, including two representatives from each of the six sections, one chief, and one assemblyman. Committee leaders were assigned the titles of Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary. They convened for five meetings before making an intervention decision.

After weighing several intervention options (e.g., purchasing a motorized tricycle to transport women for deliveries; a new water access pipe), committee members opted to build lodging for the region’s midwife to stay near the health clinic overnight. The woman was often called upon to travel the long distance from her home outside of the village to Nagboo, a journey that was not safe for her to make alone after dark. Providing housing for her to remain in the community during the week (rather than returning home each night) would greatly increase access for the area’s expecting mothers.

The community came together to donate their time to build the lodge. Women fetched water while local men dug the foundation and provided material support. Even local school children helped move blocks to the site for the construction. Unfortunately, the community ran out of funds to complete the project and is now in the process of collecting their own money to complete the structure. Thus far they have collected $635 GH¢ (about $142 US) to use toward the project, which they expect to complete in 2018.

“We are in this town and we know ... what can help us more than if they were to decide for us. So I can say the way they allowed us to take our own decisions was very good.”

- Nagboo PREMAND Innovation Site Committee member