

Leaders represent the community

A leader is the face of the community. As an ASHA, when you discuss the health concerns of your community with the health service provider, you are representing your community. Share their points of view rather than merely yours.

For example, you have to develop a comprehensive village health plan along with the Panchayat and health and sanitation committee. While developing a plan you need to share the concerns of the poorest of the poor of your community. Share their feelings and opinions, and make sure that whatever decision is taken to develop the health plan, reflects their voices. If some segment of the community has shared that the source of drinking water is not accessible to them, it should become a point of discussion while developing a comprehensive health plan for the village.

As a leader some of the skills you need to build are

- Communication
- Decision-making
- Negotiation
- Coordination

