



AFRICA

STRENGTHENING ACCESS TO NUTRITION AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND NEWBORNS THROUGH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

CHALLENGE

In 2015, approximately 300,000 women around the world died due to pregnancy-related causes and almost 3 million newborns died in the first 28 days of life. Many of these causes are preventable and have affordable and proven solutions.

To better understand the problem & find better solutions to increase access to quality, essential healthcare services for pregnant women & newborns, four hard-to-reach communities in Africa were selected: Afar, Ethiopia; Kakamega, Kenya; Kolda, Senegal; and Zinder, Niger.

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APPROACH

A PACKAGE OF CARE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN & THEIR NEWBORNS WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH PILOT PROJECTS & IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH

STRENGTHENED CARE DELIVERY



779

Number of facility-based health personnel trained



7,549

Number of community-based health personnel trained

COMMUNITY TO FACILITY LINK



11,427

Number of pregnant women brought to health facility by Birth Companions



39,424

Number of community antenatal care services by facility nurses

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION



1,501

Number of community peer groups formed

MONITORING SYSTEMS



Number of health monitoring systems strengthened

INCREASED GLOBAL EVIDENCE



Number of manuscripts to be submitted to peer reviewed journals

KEY RESULTS

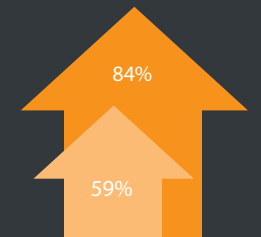
OVER 5 YEARS (2011-2015), WORKING WITH EACH COUNTRY'S MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND THEIR 13 PARTNERS

198,846

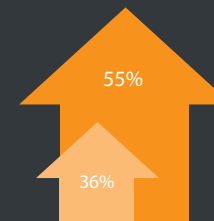
Number of pregnant women and newborns reached



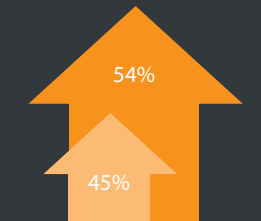
First study conducted to assess nutritional status of pregnant women



Pregnant women taking any iron-folic acid supplements: increase from 59% to 84%



Delivery at health facility: increase from 36% to 55%



Women receiving postnatal care with skilled attendant: increase from 45% to 54%