Pregnancy and childbirth can be a difficult time for many women and newborns in Kolda, Senegal, which has high maternal and newborn mortality and low access to essential healthcare services, such as delivery with a skilled birth attendant. The region’s remote location adds to the challenge of pregnant women accessing quality health care.

**CHALLENGE**

**APPRAOCH**

A package of care for pregnant women & their newborns was developed through a pilot project & implementation research.

**STRENGTHEN CARE DELIVERY**

**TRAINING**

- Number of community-level health volunteers: 2,666
- Number of facility-level health professionals: 208

**HOME VISITS**

- Number of home visits by community actors for pregnant women: 20K

**NURSES OUTREACH INTO COMMUNITIES**

- Number of antenatal care (ANC) services completed by nurse visits to communities: 39,424

**IMPROVING COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

- Number of community health huts renovated: 90
- Number of equipment upgrades at health huts: 244
- Number of women who received misoprostol during delivery: 1,275
- Number of peer support groups created: 1,258

**INCREASE ACCESS TO CARE**

**COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION**

- Number of pregnant women reached by community watch groups (one of the five types of peer support groups): 35K

**COMMUNITY WATCH GROUPS**

- Number of antenatal care (ANC) visits: 14% to 24%

**BEHAVIOUR CHANGE ACTIONS**

- Number of wait-homes for pregnant women: 3

**FINDINGS**

With better health services, more pregnant women sought health and nutrition care.

**INCREASE IN ANTENATAL CARE (BASELINE TO ENDLINE)**

- Pregnant women attending antenatal care (ANC) in first trimester: increase from 23% up to 48%
- Pregnant women taking iron-folic acid supplements for ≥90 days: increase from 53% to 60%
- Pregnant women attending four ANC visits: increase from 14% to 24%

**INCREASE IN BIRTH CARE (BASELINE TO ENDLINE)**

- Delivery at a health facility: increase from 47% to 59%
- Women receiving misoprostol at the health hut: increase from 14% to 51%

**INCREASE IN POSTNATAL CARE (BASELINE TO ENDLINE)**

- Women receiving postnatal care with a skilled attendant: increase from 57% to 78%