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30 September 2017**

Project Number and Title: MPTF 62- Title: Improving maternal and newborn health through the delivery of a standard package of maternal newborn interventions in the remotely-located Todee and Careysburg Districts of Montserrado County	PROJECT START DATE¹: 31 Oct 2016 Total duration (in months): 9 months	AMOUNT ALLOCATED by USD 1,499,980 <i>UNFPA: \$ 519,860</i> <i>WHO: \$481,500</i> <i>UNICEF: 498,620</i>	RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION 1. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) 2. United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) 3. World Health Organization (WHO)
Project ID: 00102805 (Gateway ID)			
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Strategic Objective (STEPP) SO3 - Description: Ensure Essential Services Recovery Strategic Objectives RSO# - Description:	PROJECTED END DATE: 30 th Dec. 2017	EXPENDITURES as of 30th September 2017 <u><i>UNFPA Expenditure:</i></u> <u><i>US\$ 203,852.93</i></u> <u><i>WHO Expenditure:</i></u> <u><i>US\$337831.00</i></u> <u><i>UNICEF Expenditure:</i></u> <u><i>US \$189,014.50</i></u>	
Mission Critical Action MCA6 – Description: Access to basic services			
Location: Country or Regional Liberia:	Sub-National Coverage Areas: Full list of countries and/or districts: Careysburg and Todee districts, Montserrado County		
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OUTPUT INDICATORS					
Indicator	Geographic Area	Established Baseline and Projected Target (as per results matrix)	Quantitative results for the reporting period (July – September, 2017)	Cumulative results since Project commencement (quantitative)	Delivery Rate (cumulative % of projected total) as of date
Output 1: Access to and utilization of EmONC services, routine RMNCAH and referral services for women and girls 15-49 years of age is increased.					
Proportion of safe health facility deliveries	Koon Town Clinic	Baseline = 263 Target = 80% (210)	33	70	33%
	Nyehn Health Center	Baseline = 137 Target = 80% (109)	21	53	49%
	Bensonville Hospital	Baseline = 314 Target = (251) 80%	66	156	62%
Proportion of women attending ANC 4 visits	Koon Town Clinic	Baseline = 138 Target = 70% (96)	28	59	61%
	Nyehn Health Center	Baseline = 160 Target = 70% (112)	39	65	58%
	Bensonville Hospital	Baseline = 669 Target = 70% (468)	149	346	74%
Proportion of obstetric complications managed at EmONC	Koon Town Clinic	Baseline = 6 Target = 85% (5)	1	3	60%
	-Nyehn Health Center	Baseline = 5 Target = 85% (4)	0	7	175%
	-Bensonville Hospital	Baseline = 37 Target = 85% (31)	8	9	29%

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Output 2: Maternal and newborn death surveillance and Response are functional as evidenced by timely reporting, death reviews and effective response					
Proportion of maternal death audits/reviews carried out routinely by targeted health facilities	Koon Town Clinic	Baseline = 50% Target = 60%	0	0	0% (no death reported)
	Nyehn Health Center				
	Bensonville Hospital				
Proportion of neonatal death audits/reviews carried out routinely by targeted health facilities	Koon Town Health Clinic	Baseline = 50% Target = 60%	0	0	0% (no death reported)
	Nyehn Health				
	Bensonville Hospital				
Output 3: Health facilities implement Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) in line with national protocols and SOPs					
Number of targeted health facilities with functional MNDSR committees	Koon Town Health Clinic,	Baseline = 0 Target = 3	3	3	100%
	Nyehn Health Center				
	Bensonville Hospital				
Number of health facilities with complete IPC SOPs and utilizing them	Koon Town Health Clinic,	Baseline = 0 Target =3	3	3	100%
	Nyehn Health				
	Bensonville Hospital				
Output 4: Improved public health and environmental sanitation through expanded access to safe drinking water, basic sanitation, solid waste management services and hygiene education.					
Number (3) of health facilities with WASH facilities meeting national standard	Koon Town Health Clinic	Baseline = 0 Target =3	Close to completion		65%
	Nyehn Health Center		Close to completion		70%
	Bensonville Hospital		Completed		100%
Number of health facilities with	Koon Town Health Clinic			0	0%



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WASH operation and maintenance (O&M) structures	Nyehn Health	Baseline = 0 Target = 3	0		(Staff from the three H/F identified for training in next quarter).
	Bensonville Hospital				
Output 5: Community based maternal and newborn health care interventions are implemented through strong community engagement that supports timely identification, reporting and referral of maternal newborn complications at community level					
Number of facilities whose CHDCs held at least three meetings within the last quarter	Koon Town Health Clinic,	Baseline = 3 Target = 3	3	3	100%
	Nyehn Health Bensonville				
	Hospital				
Number of communities with Community Health Development Committee (CHDC) participating in maternal death reporting and response activities	Koon Town Health Clinic	Baseline = 0 Target = 1	1	1	100% CHDC established and functional
	Nyehn Health Center	Baseline = 0 Target = 1	1	1	100%
	Bensonville Hospital	Baseline = 0 Target = 1	1	1	100%
Proportion of maternal and newborn referrals conducted by community health workers	-Koon Town Health Clinic,	Baseline = 13/13 (100%) Target = 60%	0/0 (no referrals done)	13/13 (100%)	100%
	Nyehn Health	Baseline = 7/13 (53.4%) Target = 60%	63/93 (68%)	74/112(66%)	66%
	Bensonville Hospital	Baseline = 17/45 (37.7%) Target = 60%	.5 0/11 (0%)	0/28(0%)	0%
Number of active CHVs/TTMs providing home	Koon Town Health Clinic	Baseline = 64/143 (44%) Target = 60%	10/64(15.65)	37/64(57.8%)	57.8%

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based maternal and newborn services	Nyehn Health Center	Baseline = 51/65(78.5%) Target = 60%	29/51(56.8%)	50/51(98%)	98%
	-Bensonville Hospital	Baseline = 64/83(77.1%) Target = 60%	20/64 (31%)	36/64(56%)	56%
Proportion of FP client that receive FP commodities through community based distribution	Koon Town Health Clinic	Baseline =0 Target = 25%	0/47	0/76	0% (CHWs identified and trained, but supply chain mechanism is a challenge)
	Nyehn Health Center	Baseline =0 Target = 25%	0/57	0/78	0% (CHWs identified and trained, but supply chain mechanism is a challenge)
	Bensonville Hospital	Baseline =0 Target = 25%	0/545	0/821	0% (CHWs identified and trained, but supply chain mechanism is a challenge)

Percentage increase in CYP in family planning in Todee and Careysburg districts	Bensonville Hospital in Careysburg District, Montserrado County	Baseline =235 Target = 15% increase (35.3 additional CYP)	297	321	10.8%
	Koon Town Health Clinic	Baseline=89 Target=15% increase (13 additional CYP)	97	186	20.8%
	Nyehn Health Center	Baseline =105 Target =15% increase (33 additional CYP)	233	257	21.4 16%



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Liberia MPTF partnership comprising of UNFPA, WHO and UNICEF in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MoH) continues to contribute towards the restoration and strengthening of high quality, rights-based reproductive/maternal health services in Liberia, including increasing demand, access to and utilization of maternal and newborn health care services in line with the National Health policy. Funding received by the partnership is being used towards improving maternal and newborn health through the delivery of the standard package of maternal and newborn health interventions in accordance with the national Essential Package of Health service (EPHS) and the National Health Plan for Building a Resilient Health System, concentrating in the remotely-located Todee and Careysburg Districts of Montserrado County.

Highlight results for this reporting period include, completion of the training of CHWs to initiate the distribution of Family commodities, progress has been made towards the completion of various construction works including WASH related construction and rehabilitation activities, revitalization of CHWs in all three health facility catchment with the anticipation of greater involvement following training. Additionally, no maternal death has occurred during this quarter. Joint supportive supervisions, coaching and mentoring of services, providers and technical and logistical support to the MOH and the Montserrado County Health Teams are contributing to the achievements. Active distribution of FP commodities and the distribution of various medical supplies are expected to be initiated by the next quarter.

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Result: Health Facilities/Human Resource Capacity Building in Maternal and Newborn Health



Participants in an EmONC Training

UNFPA in collaboration with Family Health Division (FHD) and the Montserrado County Health Team (MCHT) conducted an EmONC training aimed at enhancing staff capacity in the provision of quality maternal and newborn services. The training was conducted in the 3rd week of July (17th -21st) which involved twelve skilled birth attendants from the three facilities including Bensonville Hospital, Koon Town Clinic and Nyehn Health Center. The health providers received training on the delivery of the seven signal functions in the provision of quality emergency obstetric care services. The training is expected to enhance the skills of these providers in adequately addressing basic EmONC services at their respective facilities.



A training in providing community based maternal and newborn services as well as community based distribution of family planning commodities was conducted for 70 community health volunteers (CHVs) from the Todee and Careysburg districts and catchment population of the selected health facilities in rural Montserrado. This training which lasted from (September 25 – October 6) was conducted in collaboration with the MCHT and Reproductive Health partners, which aimed at building the capacity of the CHVs in providing quality home-based maternal and newborn health services to include family planning at the community level.



A cross section of participants during the CHV training in Montserrado.

The existing health facility based Maternal & Neonatal Death Surveillance and Response (MNDSR) sub-committee also benefitted from several trainings sessions thus capacitating them to adequately conduct death reviews and verbal autopsy in collaboration with designated health facilities under the overall guidance of WHO. Regular advocacy forums are held with the MoH to ensure that recommendations from death reviews are addressed if a maternal and newborn audit is performed.

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) coaching and mentoring sessions were also held at the three facilities to enhance adherence to the national IPC standards. IPC materials are being supplied to support quality services provision.



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Joint supportive supervisions, coaching and mentoring of services, providers and technical and logistical support to the MOH and the Montserrat County Health Teams are contributing to the achievements. The support, coordination and supervisions has contributed to the increased in community referral for Antenatal Care visits, health facilities deliveries, Postnatal/postpartum care, the number of clients accessing FP commodities and at the three project supported facilities. Proportion of obstetric complications managed at facilities is increasing

Referencing the FP (family planning) commodities distribution, there has been a huge challenge with the supply chain system which had an adverse effect on the distribution of FP commodities and other essential medicines that not only affected the project sites but the entire county. Seventy community health workers have been identified and trained on the distribution of FP commodities, awaiting commodities. However, in the absence of these commodities, a Family Planning Day campaign was held in the Todee District (which houses Nyehn and Koon). Five hundred and ninety two (**592 women and girls**) benefited from FP information and services.

WHO conducted a training aimed at strengthening the capacity of the already established CHDC's MNDSR committees' team members at all targeted health facilities.

Community engagement & Referral pathway strengthening

The completion level of the maternity waiting home at the Nyehn health facility is currently at 90%. The addition expansion of the post-partum ward, the pharmacy and the ANC room are also nearing completion. Meanwhile, the services are still on-going.

The construction of the maternity waiting home in Bensonville has commenced late because of the legal and logistical issues that had to be resolved before any work could start. In terms of progress, the construction is at 30% completion.

Delivery of procured vehicles are expected by the next quarter. Other procurement as part of plans to improve referral mechanisms, procurement process for ambulance, HF radios and laboratory materials have been finalized pending delivery of the items to the country.

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Improving access to timely referral and maternal and newborn health services

Ongoing construction works of maternal waiting two homes in two health facilities to promote



Above-Before: unfinished maternal waiting home at the **Nyehn Health Center**



Work in Progress at the maternal waiting home in Nyehn estimated at 55% completion.

Bensonville Hospital: Ongoing construction of the maternal waiting home

The foundation of the maternal waiting home at the Bensonville Hospital. This stage is now completed.

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WASH (Water Sanitation and Hygiene)

At present, the overall rating of the WASH component implementation is estimated at 78%. The work at the Bensonville Hospital is completed at 100% and is set to be handed over to the hospital administration; While the remaining two health care facilities (Nyehn Health Centre and Koon Town Clinic) are at 70% and 65% completion respectively; with remaining works mostly involving painting, installation of fixtures and fittings, decommissioning and clearing of debris resulting from construction activities, and other finishing works. Staff from all three health care facilities have been identified for training in Operation and Management (O&M) of WASH services. Planning process for the training is ongoing and expected to be conducted in December 2017.



Two newly constructed hand pumps at the hospital



Above: Hand washing stand at hospital



Above: Newly Constructed Water tower, which did not exist prior to project



Hand washing kiosk at the hospital

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Above: the newly constructed laundry at hospital



6 cubical latrines construction in the compounds of the Hospital



Above is the newly constructed mortuary at the Hospital,



Above is the newly constructed kitchen at the Nyehn Health Center



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Data Analyses

The data used to establish the baseline was gathered from January - December 2016. To visualize progress of our implementation per indicator in nine months period, the targeted percentages were calculated using set figures as percentages of baseline per indicator and displaced as shown in the matrix above. It is worth noting that all of the project targets were predetermined prior to the establishment of actual baselines. As a result it has been noticed that target for some indicators was not adjusted following completion of the baseline. However, we are proposing to adjust the target of the said indicators: **Proportion of women attending ANC4 Visits from 70% – 85%, Proportion of obstetric complication manage at EmONC from 85% - 95%, Proportion of maternal and newborn referrals conducted by community health workers from 60% – 75% and the number of active CHAs/TTMs providing home based maternal and newborn services from 60% - 75%.**

Relative to proportion of safe health facilities' deliveries, Koon Town Clinic recorded a total of 33 for this reporting period resulting to 70 deliveries cumulatively which accounts for 33% against the set target since the commencement of the project. Nyehn Health Center reported 21 deliveries during the period under review compared to 32 deliveries for the last quarter. Both figures amount to 53 deliveries cumulatively; representing 49% ,while the only hospital, Bensonville, reported 66 deliveries for the quarter under review; bringing the accumulated total for quarters one and two to 156 since the project commenced. This accounts for 66% which is above 50% of set target.

Report for the just ended quarter from two health facilities reported obstetric complications. Some of these complications were successfully treated while others that could not be treated were managed and referred. Koon Town Clinic received 1 obstetric complication which was successfully managed Koon town during the implementation period has managed 3 complications making up 60% against set target, while Bensonville Hospital out of 8 treated 7 and then managed and referred 1. The culmination of complication managed since the kicked out of the project implementation is 9, making up 78% against set target. Nyehn Health Center reported zero complication for the period under review, but has over the time managed complications received; exceeding the set target twice.

Reports from the project facilities for the reporting period show that the project is making overwarming progress in the number of women attending ANC visits beyond the set target for Bensonville hospital while the other two facilities are close to achieving the targets; Koon Town Clinic now stands at 61% against set target, while Nyehn Health Center is now 65 against set target and 74% is attributed to the Bensonville Hospital which has exceeded the set target by 4%.

There was no incident of maternal and newborn death during the period reported. Therefore, audits/reviews for maternal and newborn death were not carried out by targeted health facilities/CHDC which led to the retentive 0% delivery rate against this key indicator. Notwithstanding this result on the contrary reflexes positive signals that can be attributed to successful outcome yielded by a component (strengthening of referral pathway between communities and the health facilities) of the project. The increased in ANC attendance and health



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facilities deliveries clearly dictates that there is a considerable reduction in community deliveries which had been one of the major contributing factors to complications as PPH, Sepsis, fetal distress, asphyxiation and etc. emerging during labor thus leading to maternal and newborn death.