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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: 31st October, 2016 Total duration (in months): 9 months	AMOUNT ALLOCATED by MPTF: USD 1,499,980.00 <i>UNFPA: \$ 519,860.00</i> <i>WHO: \$481,000.00</i> <i>UNICEF: 498,000.00</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)	EXTENSION DATE: March 31st, 2018	FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS <i>UNFPA: \$199,487.1</i> <i>WHO: \$56,275</i> <i>UNICEF: \$56.911.73</i>	IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S): Ministry of Health (MoH), R.L., Liberia Prevention of Maternal Mortality (MoH), Montserrado County Health Team
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Strategic Objective (STEPP) SO3 - Description: Ensure Essential Services Recovery Strategic Objectives RSO# - Description: 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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¹ The date project funds were first transferred.

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OUTPUT INDICATORS					
Indicator	Geographic Area	Established Baseline and Projected Target (as per results matrix)	Quantitative results for the reporting period (Oct - Dec, 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)	48	118	56%
	Nyehn Health Center	Baseline = 137 Target = 80% (109)	38	91	83%
	Bensonville Hospital	Baseline = 314 Target = (251) 80%	59	215	86%
Proportion of women attending ANC 4 visits	Koon Town Clinic	Baseline = 138 Target = 70% (96)	36	95	99%
	Nyehn Health Center	Baseline = 160 Target = 70% (112)	42	107	96%
	Bensonville Hospital	Baseline = 669 Target = 70% (468)	119	465	99%
Proportion of obstetric complications managed at EmONC	Koon Town Clinic	Baseline = 6 Target = 85% (5)	2	5	100%
	-Nyehn Health Center	Baseline = 5 Target = 85% (4)	3	10	250%
	-Bensonville Hospital	Baseline = 37 Target = 85% (31)	13	22	71%
Output 2: Maternal and newborn death surveillance and Response are functional as evidenced by timely reporting, death reviews and effective response					

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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				
Number of targeted health facilities with functional MNDSR committees	Koon Town Health Clinic,	Baseline=0 Target = 1	1	1	100%
	Nyehn Health Center	Baseline=0 Target = 1	1	1	100%
	Bensonville Hospital	Baseline=0 Target =1	1	1	100%
Number of health facilities with complete IPC SOPs and utilizing them	Koon Town Health Clinic,	Baseline = 0 Target = 1	1	1	100%
	Nyehn Health	Baseline =0 Target = 1	1	1	100%
	Bensonville Hospital	Baseline = 0 Target = 1	1	1	100%
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	At completing stage, pending water treatment facility		96%
	Nyehn Health Center		At completing stage pending water treatment facility		96%
	Bensonville Hospital		Completed		100%
Number of health facilities with	Koon Town Health Clinic	Baseline = 0	0	0	0% (Training is being planned for implementation.
	Nyehn Health				



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WASH operation and maintenance (O&M) structures	Bensonville Hospital	Target =3			
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 =0 Target = 1	1	1	100%
	Nyehn Health Bensonville	Baseline= 0 Target = 1	1	1	100%
	Hospital	Baseline = 0 Target = 1	1	1	100%
Number of communities with Community Health Development Committee (CHDC) participating in maternal death reporting and response activities	Koon Town Health Clinic	Baseline =0% Target = 100%	1	1	100%
	Nyehn Health Center	Baseline =0% Target = 100%	1	1	100%
	Bensonville Hospital	Baseline =0% Target = 100%	1	1	100%
Proportion of maternal and newborn referrals conducted by community health workers	-Koon Town Health Clinic,	Baseline = 13/13 Target = 60%	12/12	25/25	100%
	Nyehn Health	Baseline = 7/13 Target = 60%	47/53	121//165	73%
	Bensonville Hospital	Baseline = 17/45 Target = 60%	18/21	18/45	40%
Number of active CHVs/TTMs providing home based maternal and newborn services	Koon Town Health Clinic	Baseline = 64/143 Target = 60%	64/64	64/64	100%
	Nyehn Health Center	Baseline = 51/65 Target = 60%	51/51	51/51	100%
	-Bensonville Hospital	Baseline = 64/83 Target = 60%	43/64	43/64	67%

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Proportion of FP client that receive FP commodities through community based distribution	Bensonville Hospital	Baseline =0 Target = 25%	209/382	209/1203	4.3%
	Koon Town Health Clinic	Baseline =0 Target = 25%	102/238	102/314	8.1%
	Nyehn Health Center	Baseline =0 Target = 25%	67/164	67/242	12.3%
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)	280.3(19%)	601.3 (55.8%)	55.8%
	Koon Town Clinic	Baseline =89 Target = 15% increase (13 additional CYP)	167.8 (90.1%)	290.3(64.7%)	64.7%
	Nyehn Health Center	Baseline =105 Target = 15% increase (33 additional CYP)	115.6(4.8%)	372.6 (37%)	37%

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Liberia MPTF partners represented by UNFPA, WHO and UNICEF have continued to contribute to strengthening delivery of quality rights-based health service in Liberia, as well as increase demand and access to and utilisation of maternal newborn health care services in accordance with the national Essential Package of Health service (EPHS) and the National Health Plan for Building a Resilient Health System. The joint programme funded under MPTF # 62 aims to support Government of Liberia's efforts to restore essential reproductive maternal and neonatal health (RMNH) services and reduce maternal and neonatal deaths concentrating in the remotely-located Todee and Careysburg Districts of Montserrado County. The focus is ensuring the reduction of maternal and newborn mortality by improving the provision of quality services both at facility and community levels by enhancing the capacity of service providers through trainings, technical support, and supervision logistics. The process has been buttressed through building the capacity of key staff assigned at the facilities and in the communities; strengthening the referral system, ensuring that pregnant women have access to health facilities that promote hygienic/sanitary environment and practices for them to deliver their babies safely. The

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programme is also building on the existing adolescent health care programme in the target districts, strengthening the linkage between the community and the facilities and also working to minimize stock out of commodities which is a major challenge throughout the country.

The three health facilities have been supply with the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Standard for Operating Procedures (SOPs). A monitoring mechanism has been put in place to strengthen the system through dissemination of the IPC monitoring tools. A training was conducted for monitors (RH Supervisors and County Health Team Managers) and service providers to ensure quality of care, especially Maternal and Newborn Care.

There has been considerable progress since last quarter report which also noted challenges for which a No Cost Extension was requested. At present, the construction works (the maternal waiting homes in Nyehn & Bensonville) have been completed while the construction works of the WASH Facilities at Nyehn and Koon estimated 78% is now at 96% and expected to be completed in three weeks.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. Result: Health Facilities/Human Resource Capacity Building in other focus areas of the project (Adolescent friendly service provision and



Training for health service providers in Adolescent friendly service provision

1.1 UNFPA in collaboration with Liberia Prevention of Maternal & Newborn Mortality (LPMM) and the Montserrado County Health Team (MCHT) conducted a training aimed at enhancing staff capacity in the provision of youth friendly services. The training was conducted in the 1st week of December (4th -8th) which involved twenty service providers from the three facilities (Bensonville Hospital, Koon Town Clinic and Nyehn Health Center) including District Reproductive Health Supervisors (DRHSs) and service providers from other governmental facilities in the districts since they are providing same services to youth in the same districts. The health providers were trained to provide youth friendly services so as to increase youth access to family services and commodities

at their respective facilities.

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1.2 WHO in collaboration with MCHT conducted a training from December 20 – 22, 2017 on the evaluating of the quality of labor and delivery of maternal and newborn services for 48 professionals. The participants of the training included the County and District Reproductive Health Supervisors (CRHs & DRHs), the Administrator of the Bensonville Hospital and service providers from the project’s facilities (Bensonville Hospital, Koon Clinic and the Nyehn Health Center. IPC focal persons as well as RH Supervisors from adjacent Counties (Bomi, Gbarpolu and Grand Cape Mount) also benefitted from the training. Strategies have been put in place to ensure that IPC coaching and mentoring continuous at the facilities to enhance adherence to the national IPC standards.



Group work for presentation

2. Community engagement & Referral pathway strengthening



Touring of maternal waiting home in Nyehn, Todee district.



Touring of maternal waiting home in Bensonville, Careysbrug district.

The maternal waiting homes at the Nyehn health facility and the Bensonville Hospital are all completed at 100%. A joint inspection visit was made to the two homes by a team from UNFPA, MCHT and Planned Parenthood Association of Liberia (PPAL) on January 2, 2018. The buildings have been satisfied by the MCHO and awaiting turnover. However, the turning over is yet to be decided till approval for the project extension is received. Also, as the maternal homes need to be made ready (furnishing) for use and depends on the availability of funds.

2.2 The ambulance procured last year (2017) to improve referral mechanisms will arrive January 26, 2018. All necessary preparations are being made for turnover to the MCHT to be used in the two districts to transfer patients from hard to reach communities to the health facilities and from the facilities to other referral facilities if needed.

Other equipment such as the HF radios and

laboratory materials are yet to arrive.

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2, 3 The project embarked on working tightly with responsible partners to ensure that FP commodities and other essential medicines are supply to facilities so as to support the dispensary of commodities to CHWs for distribution at the community levels. This technical support contributed to com based munity distribution of oral contraceptive and male condom, thou at a minimal level.

Improving access to timely referral and maternal and newborn health services



Constructed Maternal waiting home in Bensonville



Constructed Maternal waiting home in Nyehn



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WASH (Water Sanitation and Hygiene)

At present, the overall rating of the WASH component implementation is estimated at 96% at Nyehn and Koon. Installation of water treatment unit in Koon's town health Clinic to be finalized in next three weeks.

The work at the Bensonville Hospital is completed at 100% as was reported verified by photos in the 3rd quarter's report. Plans for official turnover to the hospital administration through the county health team office is in progress. Training of staff in Operation and Management (O&M) of WASH services has been schedule to be conducted in January, 2018.

Data Analyses

As stated in the third quarter's report; it was been noticed that targets for some indicators were not adjusted following completion of the baseline. We then proposed to adjust the target of the said indicators mentioned herein: **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%.**

The project is making considerable gains which can be attributed to efforts made through enhancing the capacities of health workers both at facilities and communities' levels and ensuring a strong referral linkage, and provision of technical and logistical supports.

Relative to proportion of safe health facilities' deliveries, Koon Town Clinic recorded a total of 48 for this reporting period resulting to 118 deliveries cumulatively which accounts for 56% against the set target. Nyehn Health Center reported 38 deliveries resulting to 91 deliveries cumulatively, representing 83% which has already exceeded the 80% target we proposed to be changed ,while the only hospital, Bensonville, reported 59 deliveries for the quarter under review; bringing the accumulated total to 215 since the project commenced. This accounts for 86% which has also exceeded the set target.

Report for this quarter under review shows that the three health facilities reported obstetric complications which were managed successfully. Koon Town Clinic received 2 obstetric complications, the accumulated total of complication managed since the commencement of the project is now 5. Nyehn health center received and managed 3 obstetric complications bringing the accumulated total also managed to 10, while Bensonville Hospital received and managed 13.

Data for this reporting period demonstrates that the three health facilities have already exceeded the set targets (which were also proposed in the 3rd quarter report to be reset) for women attending



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ANC 4 visits; Koon town clinic reported 36 attendance for ANC 4 visits bringing the total to 95, representing 96%, while Nyehn Health Center reported 42 with accumulation of 107, accounting for 96% and Bensonville hospital reported 119, making up 465 accounting for 99%.

There was no incident of maternal and newborn death. Therefore, audits/reviews for maternal and newborn death were not carried out by targeted health facilities/CHDC, but notwithstanding, the committee is established and is engage with other community activities.