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<b>Project Number and Title:</b> 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 Montserrat County	<b>PROJECT START DATE<sup>1</sup>:</b> 01-10-2016	<b>AMOUNT ALLOCATED by MPTF</b> USD 1,500.00  UNFPA: 519,859.50 WHO: 481,500.00 UNICEF: 498,620.00	<b>RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION</b> UNFPA, WHO, and UNICEF  <b>IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S):</b>
<b>Project ID:</b> 00102805 (Gateway ID)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Health (MoH), Republic of Liberia</li> </ul>
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<b>Strategic Objective (STEPP)</b> SO3 - Description: Ensure Essential Services  <b>Recovery Strategic Objectives</b> <b>RSO# - Description:</b>	<b>PROJECTED END DATE:</b>  July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	<b>EXPENDITURES as of [31 December, 2017]</b>  <b>US : \$ 1,281,940.43</b>	
<b>Mission Critical Action</b> MCA6 – Description: Access to basic services			
<b>Location:</b> Country or Regional: Liberia	<b>Sub-National Coverage Areas:</b> Full list of countries and/or districts: Careysburg and Todee districts, <b>Montserrat County</b>		
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<b>OUTPUT INDICATORS</b>					
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Geographic Area</b>	<b>Projected Target (as per results matrix)</b>	<b>Quantitative results for the reporting period</b>	<b>Cumulative results since project commencement (quantitative)</b>	<b>Delivery Rate (cumulative % of projected total) as of date</b>
<i>Description of the quantifiable indicator as set out in the approved project proposal</i>					
<b>Output 1:</b> 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	<b>80% (210)</b>	48	118	56%
	Nyehn Health Center	<b>80% (109)</b>	38	91	83%
	Bensonville Hospital	<b>80% (251)</b>	59	215	86%
Proportion of women attending ANC 4 visits	Koon Town Clinic	<b>70% (96)</b>	36	95	99%
	Nyehn Health Center	<b>70% (112)</b>	42	107	96%
	Bensonville Hospital	<b>70% (468)</b>	119	465	99%
Proportion of obstetric complications managed at EmONC	Koon Town Clinic	<b>85% (5)</b>	2	5	100%
	Nyehn Health Center	<b>85% (4)</b>	3	10	250%



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	Bensonville Hospital	<b>85% (31)</b>	13	22	71%
<b>Output 2: Maternal and newborn death surveillance and Response are functional as evidenced by timely reporting, death reviews and effective response</b>					
Proportion of maternal death audits/reviews carried out routinely by targeted health facilities	Koon Town Clinic	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 Clinic	60%	0	0	0% ( no death reported)
	Nyehn Health Center				
	Bensonville Hospital				
<b>Output 3: Health facilities implement infection prevention and control (IPC) in line with national protocols and SOPs</b>					
Number of targeted health facilities with functional MNDSR committees	Koon Town Clinic	1	1	1	100%
	Nyehn Health Center	1	1	1	100%
	Bensonville Hospital	1	1	1	100%
Number of health facilities with complete IPC SOPs and utilizing them	Koon Town Clinic	1	1	1	100%
	Nyehn Health Center	1	1	1	100%



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	Bensonville Hospital	1	1	1	100%
<b>Output 4:</b> 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 Clinic	3	3	3	97.3%
	Nyehn Health Center				
	Bensonville Hospital				
Number of health facilities with WASH operation and maintenance (O&M) structures	Koon Town Clinic	3	0	0	0%
	Nyehn Health Center				
	Bensonville Hospital				
<b>Output 5:</b> 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 Clinic	1	1	1	100%
	Nyehn Health Center	1	1	1	100%
	Bensonville Hospital	1	1	1	100%
Number of communities with Community Health Development Committee (CHDC)	Koon Town Clinic	100%	1	1	100%
	Nyehn Health	100%	1	1	100%



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participating in	Center				
	Bensonville Hospital	100%	1	1	100%
Proportion of maternal and newborn referrals conducted by community health workers	Koon Town Clinic	60%	12	25	100%
	Nyehn Health Center	60%	47	121	73%
	Bensonville Hospital	60%	18	18	40%
Number of active CHVs/TTMs providing home based maternal and newborn services	Koon Town Clinic	60%	64	63	100%
	Nyehn Health Center	60%	51	51	100%
	Bensonville Hospital	60%	43	43	67%
Proportion of FP client that receive FP commodities through community based distribution	Koon Town Clinic	25%	209	209	4.3%
	Nyehn Health Center	25%	201	201	8.1%
	Bensonville Hospital	25%	67	67	12.3%
Percentage increase in CYP in family planning in Todee and Careysburg districts	Koon Town Clinic	15%	180.3	601.3	55.8%
	Nyehn Health Center	15%	167.8	290.3	64.7%
	Bensonville Hospital	15%	115.6	372.6	37%

**EFFECT INDICATORS (if available for the reporting period)**



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**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. The Mission Critical Action of this project is to ensure the provision of essential services and increase access to basic services. The joint programme funded under MPTF # 62 aims at supporting the Government of Liberia's efforts to restore essential reproductive maternal and neonatal health (RMNH) services in Todee and Careysburg Districts of Rural Montserrado County. The project also supports adolescent health (RMNCAH) services and ensures infection prevention and control to prevent the spread of EVD and other transmittable diseases; ensuring that pregnant women have access to hygienic/sanitary environments to deliver their babies safely. The project seeks to ensure the reduction of maternal and newborn mortality by improving the provision of quality services both at facility and community levels through the enhancement of service providers' capacities through trainings, technical support, and supervision logistics.

As the result of the capacity development, the linkages between the communities and the facilities have been strengthened, hence contributing to the increase in ANC visits and deliveries. The cumulative result for ANC visits at Koon town clinic and Bensonville hospital now stands at 99% while Nyehn Health center is at 96%. The delivery rate for Nyehn Health Center is 83% while Bensonville Hospital is 86%. The implementation of the project's activities has also contributed to the facilities' capacities in managing complications at their levels. There was no death reported for the reporting period.



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### **Current Situation and Trend**

The project, ‘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’ was designed with aim of supporting the Government of Liberia’s efforts to restore essential reproductive maternal and neonatal health (RMNH) services required to reduce the maternal and newborn deaths. The project targets three health facilities in these two districts with high numbers of maternal and newborn deaths in order to ensure supportive supervision of basic infection prevention and control procedures. As originally crafted, the project has worked to ensure that pregnant women have access to health facilities that promote hygienic/sanitary environments for them to deliver their babies safely and has also build on the existing adolescent health care program in the targeted districts.

#### **Narrative section:**

- **Key Achievements:**

- **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.
  - ✓ Twenty service providers from the project facilities and other government owned health facilities in rural Montserrado were trained to provide adolescent friendly RMNCAH services.
  - ✓ Enhancement of the referral system through procurement of an ambulance and improving communication linkages between the communities and the health facilities to improve referrals by CHW.
  - ✓ The laboratories of the three health facilities and the operating theater of the Bensonville Hospital have been equipped with lab. and operating theater equipment, drugs (including contraceptives) and medical supplies to enhance quality service provision for mothers, their babies and adolescents.
- **Output 2:** Maternal and newborn death surveillance and Response are functional as evidenced by timely reporting, death reviews and effective response
  - ✓ Members of the District Health Team were trained to effectively track all maternal and newborn deaths in line with the existing protocol. However, no maternal death has occurred.



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- ✓ The Maternal and Newborn Death Surveillance structure at district levels is functional and is providing information on reportable diseases and other health conditions to influence decision-makers.
  
- **Output 3:** Health facilities implement Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) in line with national protocols
  - ✓ All health care providers were trained on Infection Prevention and Control guidelines; ensuring safe blood transfusion, standard skin preparation techniques and proper use of antiseptic agents for surgical site preparation, sterilization process are observed.
  - ✓ Project facilities were all equipped with required IPC supplies to keep diseases under control and prevent spread or outbreak of diseases.
  
- **Output 4:** Improved public health and environmental sanitation through expanded access to safe drinking water, basic sanitation, solid waste management services and hygiene education.
  - ✓ WASH facilities have been constructed and are now functional at all three health facilities thereby improving safe drinking water, basic sanitation, solid waste management services and hygiene.
  
- **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
  - ✓ Twelve skilled birth attendants were selected from project facilities and trained on International Confederation of Midwives core competency-based in-service training in emergency obstetrics and newborn care to reinforce their capacity to provide quality care for the mother and newborns.
  - ✓ Procured and installed anesthesia machine, sterilizer, oxygen concentrator, surgical tables, lights, one blood bank refrigerator at the Bensonville Hospital to make the facility fully functional.

**Delays or Deviations**

- ✓ Delay disbursement of funds to agencies (in October 2016 - February 2017). However, a No





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Cost Extension (NCE) was requested and granted up to March, 2018. This action allow for the implementation and completion of some key planned activities.

- ✓ Delay in completion of activities due to current political transitional process as a result of the just ended democratic Presidential run-off elections, has significantly slowed down the overall implementation of health services including the project’s activities. The agencies have written for a NCE up to July for completion and closer of the project.

**Best Practice and Summary Evaluation**

Best practice observed from this project is the close collaboration between the implementing agencies and the communities/health facilities at all levels: the Montserrado County Health Team (MCHT), the health facilities and the communities.

- **Lessons learned –**

- Training conducted for community health volunteers contributed to re-enforcing community engagement which led to the increase in the number of referral to the health facilities for ANC and deliveries; distribution of family planning at the community level and other community base maternal and new born services.
- Close collaboration with all key players (MCHT, Health facilities staff and CHWs) is key to yielding the desire outcome for the improvement of reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health services.
- Designing of reporting template with the CHT makes it easier for reporting.
- An effective monitoring and supervision has contributed to a vigorous feedback mechanism from the community health workers to the health facilities and then to the county level.

- **Story from the Field**

The Medical Health Officer of the Bensonville Hospital expressed how the revamping of the laboratory and the theater has contributed immensely to the smooth operation of their activities as a secondary referral hospital for facilities and communities nearby. He elaborated that the refurbishment has contributed to the hospital’s capacity in responding to complications received from the communities and other facilities. The proportion of obstetric complications managed at the Bensonville hospital is now at 71% (22) nearing the 85% (31) that has been set as target. He also mentioned that the blood bank is contributing greatly, that there is always reserved blood in the bank for emergency use when the need arises. He expressed his enthusiasm for the constructed WASH facilities to ensure that IPC is maintained and the maternal waiting home will



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greatly contribute to resolving the problems of delay in arrival of women in labour to the facility due to inaccessibility. He expressed his thanks and appreciation for the MPTF project and assured us that he and his staff will do their best and work with the community health work force to provide quality services for mothers, neonates and adolescents from catchment communities.