

Health Sector

THE PROJECT FOR STRENGTHENING OPERATIONAL CAPACITY FOR PREVENTION OF MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV (PMTCT)

Period: 2012 - 2015

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries of the project are Health Officers engaged in PMTCT and indirect beneficiaries are approximately 140,000 women receiving ante-and postnatal care services and their children in the Greater Accra Region.

Implementing Organization: National AIDS/STIs Control Programme and Greater Accra Regional Health Directorate, Ghana Health Service

Overall Goal: The quality of PMTCT Service delivery is enhanced in Ghana

Project Purpose: The administrative system of providing PMTCT-Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Services are strengthened in the Greater Accra Region.



PROJECT AREA :



Project Sites

Greater Accra Region

- James Town Maternity Home/Ussher Fort Polyclinic
- Princess Marie Louise Children's Hospital
- Ridge Regional Hospital
- Dangme East District Hospital
- 6 Health Centres in Dangme East District

Activity



Mother to child transmission of HIV is main way by which children under five years in Ghana acquire the virus. This makes the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT) programme a very important intervention in Ghana.

In view of this, JICA has commenced the project for Strengthening Operational Capacity for Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV.

The project is expect to strengthen PMTCT service delivery by enhancing the capacity of PMTCT counsellors, HIV&AIDS Coordinators, supervisors, and trainers at the regional, metro/district and sub-metro levels through the development of a PMTCT practical handbook.

The use of the handbook will guide practice of trained health personnel and help standardize operational procedure of PMTCT services and data management at the facility level.

Comment from Counterpart –

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Dr. Nii Akwei Addo, Program Manager, National AIDS Control Program



Ghana has come a long way in the implementation of its comprehensive package to eliminate Mother to Child Transmission of HIV. This Pilot Project with JICA in the Greater Accra Region will strengthen service provision, through the development of, practical and hands-on IEC material and other tools, complementary to other material currently available, strengthen supervision and on-the-job capacity building guided by standardized operational manuals, with a view to rolling the lessons learnt over to the country as a whole.

Comment from Expert – Etsuko Yamaguchi, Sub-Chief Advisor

Ghana is one of the 22 countries with the highest estimated numbers of pregnant women living with HIV. The country is targeting virtual elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (eMTCT) by 2015. Through learning from each other's experiences with the Ghanaian counterparts while working hand-in-hand, the project attempts to contribute to the attainment of the eMTCT target by strengthening PMTCT service delivery in the Greater Accra Region, one of the most populated regions in the country.

