

Frontline Maternal and Child Health Empowerment Project Phase 2 (Mother Nile Project)



Project Theme:

Basic Human Needs (Health)

Counterpart:

Federal Ministry of Health, States Ministry of Health

Duration:

Sep. 2011 to Sep. 2014

Target Area:

9 States (Khartoum, Gezira, White Nile, Gadaref, Sinnar, River Nile, North Kordfan, Red Sea, Northern)

Project Summary:

The survey (Sudan House Survey 2006) showed that the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) was 1,107(per 100,000) and the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) was 70(per 1,000) in 2006. These were very high rates compared with the global rate (MMR:260/ IMR45 in 2006). There are few health facilities for pregnant women and infant in rural areas, also there is lack of health care providers and lack of awareness regarding the necessity of Antenatal Care (ANC) or Postnatal Care (PNC). To overcome these challenges in rural areas, JICA started technical cooperation in 2008.

During the frontline maternal and child health empowerment project phase 1, also known as the Mother Nile project phase 1 (year 2008-2011), the project conducted Village Midwives (VMW) in-service training for 556 midwives in Sinnar state. Furthermore, the support system for VMWs was strengthened to ensure the quality of service they provide. Based on the tangible achievements from phase 1 in Sinnar state, phase 2 was designed with aim of ensuring quality health services for prenatal care, child birth, and neonatal care in Sudan (All of states except Kassala, Khartoum).

Impact:

The targeted goals were achieved successfully. The project goals were to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Federal Ministry of Health and the State Ministry of Health, to strengthen the capacity of VMWs to provide quality maternal and child care, to establish a model of comprehensive approach in whole states. In addition, with this project more than 2,000 village midwives had been trained.

Comment:

“Community people became more supportive and aware of the maternal health issues. The remarkable improvement is motivation of VMWs, thus they submit report with improved quality. The periodical meetings are very good opportunities for VMWs, to refresh their knowledge and listen to their problems”.

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