

# SPHEC-MCH Project Report 2021



**Project Title:** Strengthening Primary Health Care System for an Improved Maternal and Child Health (SPHEC-MCH)

- 1. Country:** Nigeria
- 2. Project Pilot location:** Igabi and Chikun LGA, Kaduna State
- 3. Date of Report:** 12<sup>th</sup> January,2022

## Introduction

Nigeria's estimated Maternal Mortality Ratio MMR is 814 per 100, 000 live births and, the lifetime risk of a Nigerian woman dying during pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum or post-abortion is 1 in 22. Northern Nigeria has the highest child mortality rate and the highest fertility rate, using hard to reach communities within states of Nigeria as project location

This is a pilot Study of the SPHEC-MCH Project, where two local government areas were tested to see the impact of the MNCH project, these LGAs were Igabi LGA and Chikun LGA, this state was selected due to the high recorded data of neonatal and child mortality rate in the country and due to poor ANC service attendance.

## 1. Project Activities Implemented

### Section 1: Strategic planning meet

The strategic planning meeting was held at the FAROF head office, Kaduna on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 to strategize on the execution of the SPHEC-MCH. Using a breakdown of the work plan, the project manager outlined the activities to be carried out and the strategies to be employed for executing the project and individual duties were reinstated. Prior to the meeting calls have been made to schedule dates for advocacy visits. Organisations for partnership were suggested, such proposed partners include the target project community heads, Primary Health Care board, Ahmadu Bello teaching Hospital and the Barau Dikko General Teaching Hospital. At the end of the meeting strategies, advocacy and contingency plans were put in place. The meeting had 5 persons in attendance comprising of the CEO, development manager, communication officer and the M&E Officer.



*Presentation during strategic planning meeting*

### Section 2: Continuous advocacy visits

The project team carried out a series of advocacy visits to various stakeholders. The objectives of these visits were to familiarize the stakeholders on the SPHEC-MCH project, seek ways of collaboration and for the provision of technical support for the project.

### Narrative of advocacy conducted

**Section 2: a:** The first point of call was the primary health care agency Igabi, Local Government Area. The project manager (Mrs. Eunice Adams) introduced the project and proceeded in briefing the director and staff of the primary healthcare on the activities planned for the project which includes, the provision of Emergency Transport System ETS for easy transportation of pregnant women for deliveries at the facilities, training of healthcare workers in the delivering quality maternal and child health service, provision of delivery kits to pregnant women who attend atleast 75% of ANC. The facilities selected in Igabi Local Government Area; PHC Farakwai and Model Health Clinic NDC. The director expressed appreciation for the project especially for the ETS which will go a long way in helping women from remote communities to access the facility. A focal person in person of the reproductive health coordinator was appointed to work with project team in the achievement of project goals. The director also put a call through to the local government chairman to schedule a date for an advocacy visit. The meeting was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2021, the meeting had a total of 12 persons in attendance comprising of 3 males and 2 females.



*Familiarizing the Igabi primary health agency stakeholders on the project*

**Section: 2: b:** The project team also visited the district head of Rigachikun, Igabi Local Government Area on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February,2021. The district head was intimated on the project and the role of the district council in the project implementation. The district head will provide drivers for the emergency Transport system. The ETS will be under his custody but will be parked at the Primary healthcare facility. He will also ensure the maintenance of the ETS. The district head pledged his support and promised to ensure reliable drivers are provided for the ETS. There were 8 persons in attendance at the meeting comprising of 4 males and 4 females.



*Discussing with the District Head Rigachikun*

**Section: 2: c:** The project team met with the village head of Farakwai on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. The meeting had 10 persons in attendance comprising of 6 males and 4 females. The team led by the project manager introduced and intimated the village head on the project to be carried out in the community and the role that the community leaders will play in the sustainability of the ETS. Which includes: provision of volunteer drivers from the community and also maintained the ETS to avoid breakdown. The ETS will operate only within the Farakwai community. The village head promised to work closely with FAROF to ensure project sustainability.



*The village head of Farakwai's residence*

**Section: 2: d:** The team proceeded to the Farakwai primary healthcare centre on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021, where the officer in charge and staff of the clinic were intimated on the project. The Facility officer in charge expressed her joy over the intervention for Farakwai community and ensures FAROF that all data will be accurate and properly documented. The project Team proceeded to the Health Clinic NDC, at this facility it was discovered that women from remote communities access this facility to attend ANC, while some of these communities do not have a health care facility, the ETS will be utilized for

these communities also. The meeting had 20 persons in attendance comprising of 10 males and 10 females.



*Advocacy at PHC Farakwai*

**Section: 2: e:** An advocacy visit was made to the chairman Igabi Local Government Area. The project manager briefed the chairman on the SPHEC-MCH project and the role of the local government in the implementation and sustainability of the Emergency Transport System. The local government chairman assured the maintenance and fuelling of the ETS. If there is an irreparable damage to the ETS, the Local government will provide a replacement. The Chairman who was readily available to sign the memorandum of understanding MoU that will be prepared by FAROF to ensure what has been spoken is put into writing. The chairman expressed his support and he repeatedly assured the FAROF team of the continued support of the local government and his readiness to sign the memorandum of understanding when it is brought to his table, he also assured that further meetings will be held with relevant stakeholders of the LGA, such as the health director Igabi Local Government on project sustainability. The meeting was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February, 2021 and 7 persons comprising of 3 males and 4 females were in attendance.



*Intimating the Igabi LGA chairman on the SPHEC- MCH project*

**Section: 2: f:** The project team paid a visit to the Chikun Local Government Council during one of its council meetings on 26<sup>th</sup> of February, 2021. The team was welcomed by the administrator, Chikun Local Government Area. The council members were familiarized on the project and the roles that the local government will carry out. The local government chairman will provide allowance for maintenance and fuelling of ETS. They will monitor the activities of the district and village heads to ensure that the ETS is properly utilized. The administrator commended the selection of the facilities because he believes that the selected communities are underserved in the area of ANC service delivery and the intervention will go a long way in breaching the gap. The local government is willing to partner with FAROF to help eliminate maternal and child mortality in Chikun Local Government. The meeting had 16 persons in attendance comprising of 10 males and 6 females.



***Advocacy to the Chikun LGA council member and the Administrator Chikun LGA representing the acting Chairman***

**Section: 2: g:** The team also paid a visit to the Director of Health Chikun Local Government on 2nd of March, 2021. The team were welcomed by the director of health, the health superintendent and the reproductive health coordinator. The program manager stated the purpose of the visit and briefed the director on the SPHEC-MCH project and the facilities selected under her jurisdiction to benefit from the project; he also outlined the activities to be carried out comprising of the provision of ETS, training of healthcare workers, provision of delivery kits to women who attend at least 75% of ANC. The director pledged the support of her department to FAROF, and note that the intervention was a welcome development to Chikun Local Government because according to a survey done by the Kaduna State Government, Chikun Local Government had one of the highest rate of maternal and child mortality, and they have been mandated to address the issue, the project will assist the department in increasing the number of ANC uptake and hospital deliveries, particularly at the Nasarawa facility selected by FAROF. The social mobilization officer was assigned as a focal person to accompany the team into the targeted communities and facilities. A total of 8 persons comprising of 4 males and 4 females were in attendance at the meeting.



***Advocacy Meeting with the Director of Health Chikun LGA***

**Section: 2: h:** The project team visited the village head of Nasarawa on 4th March, 2021, the team was welcomed by the secretary to the Village representing the village head. The program manager stated the purpose of the visit. The highlight of the briefing includes the provision of the ETS which the village was highly excited. The program manager made the village head aware of the role he is to play in the maintenance of the ETS. The village head expressed his commitment to ensure that volunteer drivers from the national union of road transport workers (NURTW) are provided; he assured FAROF that the community development committee of which the NURTW drivers are a part of will be linked to the project. A short visit to the Nasarawa facility was done with an escort from the Village head, the facility staff were briefed on the project, the Facility officer in charge of the clinic expressed joy over the intervention. And stated some of the challenges of the facility, which includes facility location was moved and many residents do not visit the facility due to ethno religious reasons and some women find it difficult to come to the facility for delivery due to financial constraints, therefore, the provision of the ETS will enable the women access the facility during delivery. A total of 16 persons comprising of 4 females and 12 males were in attendance at both the village's residence and the PHC.



***Advocacy meeting with Village Head Nasarawa***



***Advocacy meeting at PHC Nasarawa***

**Section 2: i:** The team paid a visit to the Executive Secretary (ES) Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Service Agency/board on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 , the ES was not able to join the meeting physically, but he joined the meeting virtually

via zoom. After self-introductions were made, the program manager went ahead to state the purpose of the visit, he familiarized the ES on the SPHEC-MCH project which is aimed at increasing the quality of maternal and child health care delivery in Kaduna state. And listed the selected Local Government Areas eligible/selected as Beneficiaries of the intervention (Chikun LGA (Nasarawa ward –“PHC Nasarawa” and Kujama Ward “H/C Dokan Maijamaa”) were selected while while for Igabi LGA (Rigachikun community-PHC N.D.C and Turunku community-PHC Farakwai) were selected. The three main purposes for the visit are; to partner with agency for the training of health workers on emergency maternal obstetric and neonatal care, to partner with the agency project sustainability and the handing over of the ETS. The program manager made some request to the ES concerning the project which are; provision of an enabling environment and security and consultant on obstetrics and gynaecology. The ES expressed his commitment to the success of the project, he asked how many ETS will be provided, and the program manager responded that two will be provided for Nasarawa and Farakwai. He also gave some recommendations; the position of the ETS drivers should be well defined to avoid future complications whether the drivers will be permanent or ad-hoc drivers. All contingencies concerning the MoU should be addressed before it is signed; the curriculum for the training should be sent to the agency to ensure that it aligns with the capability of the PHC staff. He assured the project team that the agency is committed to supporting every means of improving the primary healthcare system in Kaduna State. A total of 8 persons (4 males and 4 females) were in attendance at the meeting.

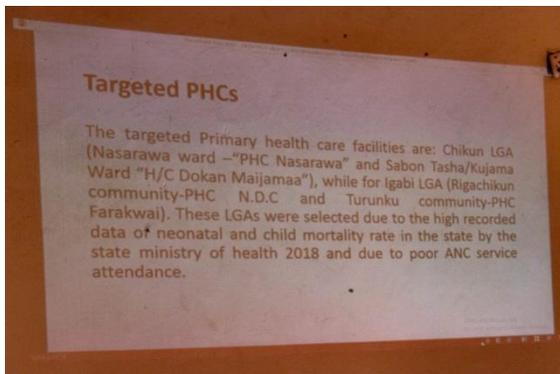


### **3. Sensitization meeting**

**a.** The project team organized advocacy and sensitization meetings in Igabi and Chikun Local Government Areas respectively on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. These meetings had a total of 36 stakeholders in attendance (local government chairmen, community leaders and traditional leaders). The purpose of these meetings was to introduce and sensitize the community members in each LGA, discuss their roles and responsibilities and seek their support for successful implementation. In each meeting the community leaders were saddled with the following responsibilities:

- The local government chairman to support the ETS scheme by providing allowance for fuelling and maintenance and monitor the implementation across communities.
- The ward focal person to coordinate and report on community intervention activities, participate in review meetings and present program reports during review meetings with FAROF, transmit data to FAROF.
- The facility to be the custodian of the ETS and schedule drivers' movements in collaboration with district head.
- Community leaders to identify NURTW drivers at community level as volunteer drivers.
- Community leaders were sent link to FAROF social media platforms to enable them receive notifications on project activities.

The participants in the meeting were 16 in Chikun, and 20 in Igabi.



***Sensitization presentation to stakeholders***



**Stakeholders Sensitization meeting at chikun LGA**

**b.** Sensitization meetings were also conducted at the various primary health care facilities during ANC, to sensitize the pregnant women on the need for ANC attendance and hospital deliveries to avoid complications that may arise during labour and delivery. The meetings were carried out at the selected primary healthcare centres (PHC Nasarawa, Health Clinic NDC, and PHC Farakwai). The women were sensitized on the project, which is aimed at increasing the uptake of ANC in the various facilities. The women are the main beneficiaries of the project. For women that attend 75% ANC, deliveries kits will be given to them, mosquito nets will also be given to women that refer other women to the facility for ANC. The women were given referral forms

which they will use to invite other women who are pregnant in their neighbourhoods. The women were also sensitized on what maternal and child (MCH) is, which is the overall health of the woman during pregnancy, childbirth and postnatal period. Complications that may arise during pregnancy, labour and delivery can be prevented and managed if women are managed by skilled health care workers during ANC. The women discussed some of their challenges; some women attend ANC during pregnancy but deliver at home because they cannot get to the facility on time due to the distance. Some women said for their previous deliveries they have not been able to afford delivery kits, they look forward to receiving the FAROF/TYDF delivery kits. The sensitization was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021 at PHC Nasarawa and 17 pregnant women were in attendance. For PHC Farakwai, it was held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, with 25 pregnant women in attendance. The sensitization was conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and 20 pregnant women were in attendance.



***Sensitization at PHC Nasarawa***



***Sensitization at PHC Farakwai***



***Sensitization at Health Clinic  
NDC***

**4. Identification and selection process for health workers:**

This was carried out in partnership with the Primary health care board, in which eligible candidate were nominated by the reproductive coordinator of each LGA, using a criterion set by FAROF, These criteria’s include:

- a. Candidate who had previously undergone EMONC training from the year 2018 and below
- b. Midwives
- c. PHC Managers
- d. Candidates work within the targeted communities and/or LGA Primary health care centres.

### **5. 3 days training on emergency maternal obstetric and neonatal care (EMONC) for health workers in Kaduna state**

The training for health workers in Kaduna state commenced on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2021 to 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. The objective of the training is to strengthen the capacity of health care workers to provide quality maternal and child health service. The three days training took place at the primary healthcare agency conference room. Participants were drawn from five facilities from Chikun and Igabi LGAs respectively. 11 participants were trained from each local government. Thus a total of 25 health workers including from the Primary health care board were trained on EMONC.

The facilitators for the training were; Amb. Eunice Adams (CEO FAROF), Dr Joel Adze from Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital Kaduna, Dr Afolabi Koladade from Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, Zaria and Hajia Binta Mohammed, Chief Midwife Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital, Kaduna.

The first day of the training focused on the following topics:

- Evidence based interventions for reduction of maternal mortality and morbidity
- Problem solving method
- Bleeding in early pregnancy

On the second day of the training, the following topics were considered:

- Bleeding in late pregnancy
- Pre-eclampsia and eclampsia
- Admitting a woman in labour and partograph
- There was a practical session on plotting the partograph.

On the final day of the training the following were the topics presented

- Prevention and management of sepsis
- Infection prevention
- Neonatal sepsis
- Prolonged obstructed labour
- Birth asphyxia including helping babies breathe.

During the training, the facilitators engaged the use of case studies, interactions, lectures and practical sessions. The participants were evaluated at the end of the training via an evaluation form. 75% of the participants have an improved maternal and child health skills with better understanding on delivery skills.

**The key outcomes of the training were:**

- Lessons learnt from the training will be utilized by the participants to provide better maternal and child health service in a friendly and conducive atmosphere.
- Participants strongly agree to always apply the use of the partograph in documenting the labour progress which some of them have not been doing before the training and some participants learnt how to plot the partograph at the training.
- The participants were trained timely referrals of pregnant mother during labour to a secondary facility where there is a critical complication.
- The participants to use the problem-solving method to care for a patient before referral to a secondary facility.
- Participants to conduct step down training at their various facilities for an improved maternal and health care service delivery.
- Certificates were issued to participants at the end of the training.



***Facilitator delivering presentation***



***a cross section of participants***



***Use of partograph demonstration (practical session)***



***FAROF CEO & ES addressing participants***

## **6. Handover of Emergency Transport System (ETS)**

The Emergency Transport System (ETS) was handed over to the facilities on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 at the Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Service Board premises. In attendance were; the Director Primary Healthcare representing the Executive Secretary Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Service Board, the CEO FAROF, Amb E.E Adams, and the Health Secretary for Chikun and Igabi Local Government Areas respectively, officers in charge of Primary Health Centre PHC Nasarawa and PHC Farakwai, NURTW volunteer drivers and staff of FAROF. The handover was carried out at the Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Service Board (KSPHCB) premises. The ETS handing over was conducted as a result of the challenge with the first ETS that was not manufactured according to the required specification which led to its replacement. During the handover, the MoU was read again and the CEO to FAROF Amb. E.E Adams handed over the ETS keys to the Director Primary Healthcare KSPHCB who in turn handed it over to the Local Government to be handed over to the facilities. 20 persons were in attendance at the meeting comprising of 9 males and 11 females



*Handover of MOU and ETS keys*

**7. One sensitization/training of volunteer NURTW drivers:**

10 NURTW volunteer drivers 5 per LGA were trained on safe transportation of pregnant women and obstetric emergencies (from the commercial work mind set to an outlook of offering specialized health care delivery transportation service) to the nearest health care facility. Training was conducted at each Facility.

**1. Monthly distribution of delivery Kits**



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Delivery kits were distributed to women who attend at least 4 ANC visits with preference to those with 75% of ANC at PHC Nasarawa, PHC Farakwai and Model Health Clinic NDC. Delivery kits comprising of sanitary items, methylated spirit, cotton wool, chloryxl gel and misoprostol tablets were distributed. The objective of the distribution was to increase the number of women who attend ANC. The women expressed their appreciation and promised to invite other women. Women that have not been able to afford delivery kits for their past deliveries were placed at top priority. 294 delivery kits have been distributed from March to December across the three facilities. Below is a chart showing the distribution of delivery kits:

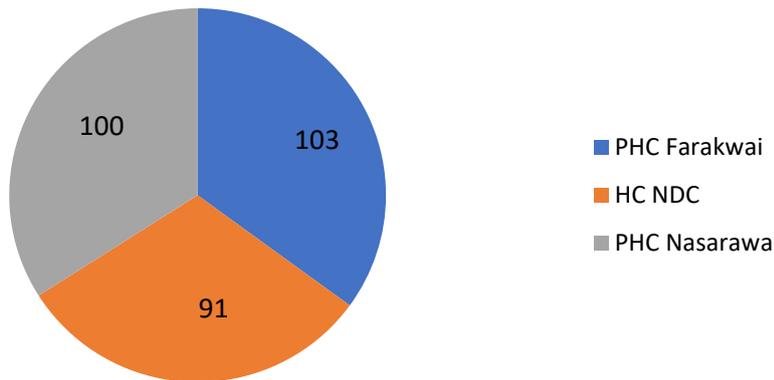


***Pregnant women excited to receive delivery kits***



***Delivery kits ready for distribution***

## Distribution of delivery kits



**PHC FARAKWAI**



**HEALTH CLINIC NDC**



**PHC NASARAWA**

### **8. Awareness Creation through social media campaign**

The FAROF media team carried out continuous and rigorous social media awareness campaign on different social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter through posting and sharing of pictures and videos to raise awareness on antenatal care during pregnancy. Jingles were also aired through the Kaduna State local radio stations.

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[www.youtube.com/freehearts-Africa-reach-Out-foundation](http://www.youtube.com/freehearts-Africa-reach-Out-foundation)

## 9. Monthly data collection

The M&E team has been carrying monthly data collection visits to the primary healthcare facilities to determine the growth of ANC attendance and the utilization of the Emergency Transport System. During monitoring and evaluation visits, ANC sessions are observed to assess the quality of service being rendered to the clients and also the attitude of the staff towards the clients. Following the monthly data collected and verified from the PHC ANC register and M&E data collection form. It was observed also that the provision of delivery kits improve the attendance of ANC by pregnant women from February to December 2021 Below is the summary of total ANC attendance and deliveries across the Primary Healthcare Centres from January:

### PHC FARAKWAI

MONTH	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	ANC	DELIVERIES
January	95		11
February	90		8
March	118		11
April	100		26
May	114		25
June	191		22
July	85		20
August	143		28
September	172		30
October	148		33
November	130		38
December	142		36

### PHC NASARAWA

MONTH	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	ANC	DELIVERIES
January	112		15
February	112		18

March	175	20
April	119	25
May	83	15
June	1217	48
July	106	53
August	161	55
September	173	58
October	178	33
November	181	38
December	160	36

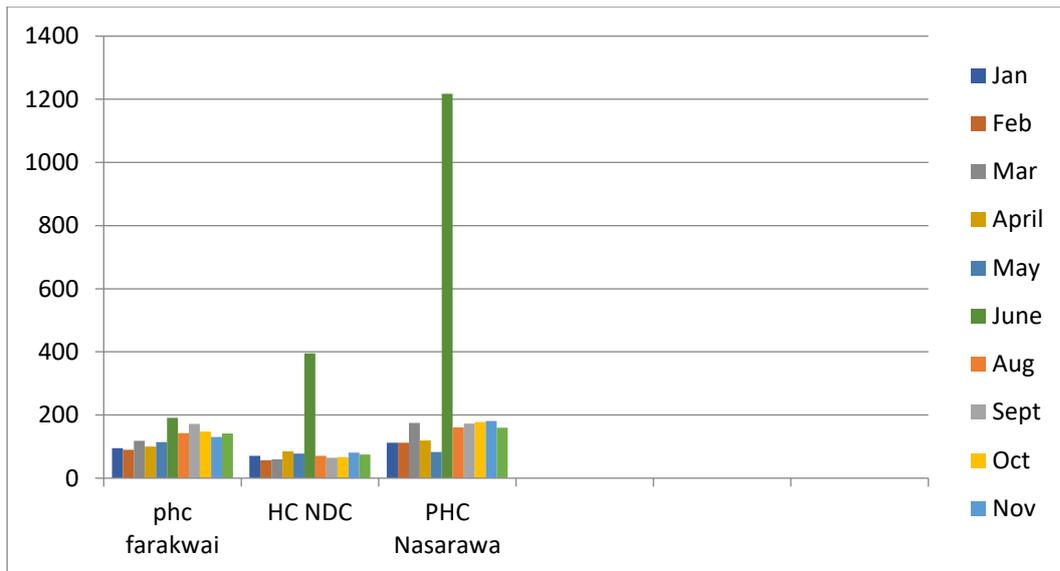
### HC NDC

MONTH	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	ANC	DELIVERIES
January	71		2
February	57		5
March	60		5
April	85		10
May	78		6
June	395		16
July	48		11
August	71		10
September	65		5
October	67		5
November	81		7
December	75		6

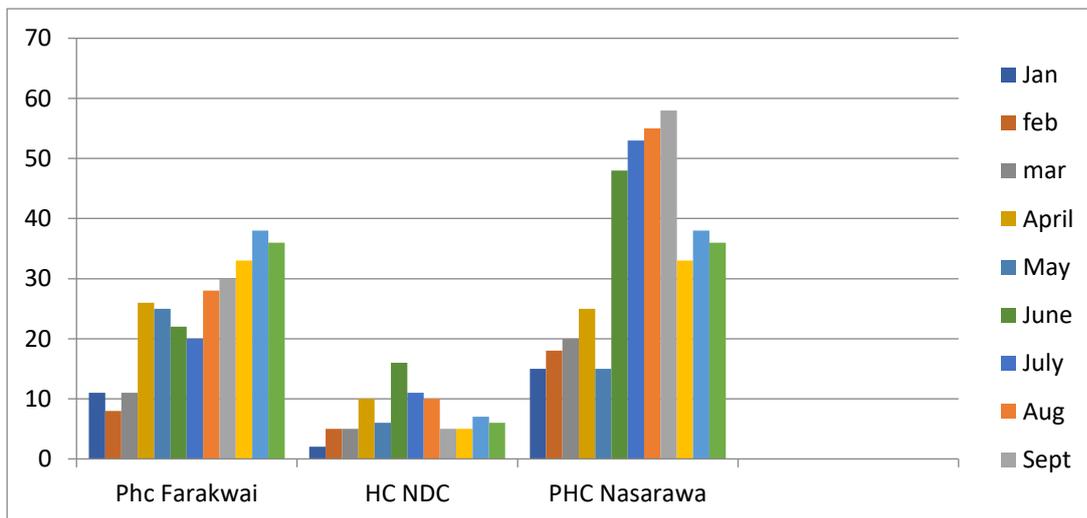
### NARRATIVE

In PHC Farakwai, there has been an increase in ANC attendance and deliveries from January, more women were attending as a result of the distribution of delivery kits and the provision of the Emergency Transport System, same with PHC Nasarawa were the number of women in attendance from the second quarter have increased. There has also been an increase in attendance in Health Clinic NDC from the second quarter.

### *Chart showing ANC attendance across facilities*



**Chart showing deliveries across facilities**



❖ **Referrals**

Referral forms were distributed to the women to refer other pregnant to the healthcare centre for antenatal care. The women have shown their cooperation, a total of 392 pregnant mothers were referred for ANC across the 3 facilities. The table below shows the number of referrals from March 2021- December, 2021.

Month	PHC FARAKWAI	PHC NASARAWA	HC NDC
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March	5	10	5
April	10	8	8
May	10	10	10
June	21	50	60
July	9	8	8
August	12	15	10
September	10	12	10
October	18	9	6
November	13	11	9
december	12	8	5

### **Utilization of Emergency Transport System (ETS)**

A total of 42 women have delivered at PHC Farakwai using the ETS and a total of 43 women have delivered at PHC Nasarawa using the ETS. There has been an increase in the number of women who deliver at the health center due to the availability of the ETS.



### **10. Distribution of long lasting insecticidal nets (LLIN)**

LLIN were provided for women at the facility during sensitization and they are taught the proper usage to prevent malaria infection for both the mother and the child. The LLIN is mostly distributed to women who deliver at the facility, breastfeeding mothers and women that were very active in referring other pregnant women.



***Beneficiary Of LLIN HC NDC***

### **11. Quarterly review meetings**

**a. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter review meetings**

The first quarter review meeting was held on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2021 at the Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Service Board conference room. The meeting brought together stakeholders from the Chikun and Igabi Local Government Area, health NGOs and the Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Service Board. A total of 30 persons were in attendance comprising of 14 females and 16 males. The second quarter review meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. The following were the highlights at both meetings:

- Presentation of progress report of ANC registration and deliveries using data collected from the facilities.
- Presentation of success stories using videos and pictures of beneficiaries.
- Impact of the distribution of delivery kits on the growth of ANC attendance.
- Presentation of testimonials from the facilities.

The following were the outcome of the meetings:

- Proper monitoring of women during pregnancy to delivery by the facility staff and FAROF to ensure that women do not deliver at home through provision of LLIN to women who deliver at the facility especially at Farakwai and NDC clinics
- Ensure that ETS is always stationed at the facility in readiness for an emergency.
- Increased Referral being encouraged at the facility level by facility staff for an increased growth.

**b. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter review meeting:**

The third quarter review meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 at the Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Service Board conference room. The meeting brought together stakeholders from the Chikun and Igabi Local Government Area, health NGOs and the Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Service Board. A total of 30 persons were in attendance comprising of 14 females and 16 males. The following were the highlights at the meeting:

- Presentation of progress report of ANC registration, deliveries and the utilization of the ETS using data collected from the facilities.
- Presentation of success stories using videos and pictures of beneficiaries.
- Impact of the distribution of delivery kits on the growth of ANC attendance.
- Impact of the Emergency Transport System on the growth of hospital deliveries.
- Presentation of testimonials from the facilities.

The following were the outcomes of the meeting:

- Proper monitoring of women during pregnancy to delivery by the facility staff and FAROF to ensure that women do not deliver at home through provision of LLIN to women who deliver at the facility especially at Farakwai and NDC clinics

- Ensure that ETS is always stationed at the facility in readiness for an emergency and the local government chairmen should ensure that ETS is well maintained to avoid breakdown in the future.
- Increased Referral being encouraged at the facility level by facility staff for an increased growth.
- Strategies for project sustainability

**c. Final Review Meeting**

The final review meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 at the Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Service Board conference room. The meeting brought together stakeholders from the Chikun and Igabi Local Government Area, health NGOs and the Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Service Board. A total of 30 persons were in attendance comprising of 14 females and 16 males. The following were the highlights at the meeting:

- Presentation of progress report of ANC registration, deliveries and the utilization of the ETS using data collected from the facilities.
- Presentation of success stories using videos and pictures of beneficiaries.
- Impact of the distribution of delivery kits on the growth of ANC attendance.
- Impact of the Emergency Transport System on the growth of hospital deliveries.
- Presentation of testimonials from the facilities and FAROF.

**The following were the outcomes of the meeting:**

- Kaduna State Government to partner with FAROF for EMONC training for healthcare workers in Kaduna State.
- Training for ETS drivers and monitoring of ETS drivers in partnership with Kaduna State Government.
- Partnership with other digital antenatal programs.
- Partnership with other partner donors for the scale up of the SPHEC-MCH project and MNCH programs.
- Introduction of digital antenatal risk stratification interventions.

**2. Results Achieved**

S/N	Targeted Output	Output Achieved	Variance	Remark
1	25	25	0	25 health workers trained on EMONC
2	250	294	44	294 delivery kits distributed to pregnant women
3	250	250	0	LLIN distributed to 250 women
	25	25		Advocacy visits
	40	40		Identification and selection of Community Base ANC Mobilisation Committee
	20	20		1day sensitization/training for the established Community Base ANC Mobilisation Committee on ANC in Chikun and Igabi LGA.

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- i. What difference has the project made in the life of beneficiaries?

The project has made an impact in the lives of women in the four targeted communities. A total of 294 women have benefitted from the distribution of delivery kits and a total of 85 women have benefitted from the ETS from the month of August 2021 to December 2021. A total of 250 women have benefitted from the distribution of the long lasting insecticidal net (LLIN). In PHC Nasarawa more women are returning to deliver at the clinic after ANC because they have the items required at the clinic for delivery. More women from remote villages who find it difficult to access the health center during labour around Farakwai and Nasarawa village have been coming to the clinic to deliver with the help of the ETS. Women who cannot afford delivery kits have benefitted from the intervention and they did not have to use unsafe items as an alternative to sanitary items and measures during delivery. Through the sensitizations carried out at the facilities women have been willing to share their experiences with other women to raise awareness on ANC in the Northern part of Nigeria by their willingness to sign a consent form and be interviewed. Below are some of the impact stories:

**(All videos are available on our social media)**

- Hauwa Lawal aged 33 a mother of 7 from Igabi Local Government lost a baby during her last delivery as a result of an infection that was

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importance of attending ANC during the sensitization at NDC Clinic, Igabi Local Government Area, where she had continued attending ANC and delivered a healthy baby at the same facility.

HAUWA LAWAL



*Lantana Udu*

- Lantana Udu, a 32 year old pregnant mother from Farakwai Village in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State, one of the beneficiary of delivery kits is a mother of 8 currently with her 9<sup>th</sup> pregnancy, lost 2 children after delivery, the first child died at the age of 5 from an illness while the second child died at birth and this was as a result of not attending ANC while she was pregnant, she said she did not attend ANC because her husband was not in support of her and refused to give her money for

hospital visits. She has realized the importance of ANC attendance and has been raising money on her own for her hospital visits.

- Maryam Nasiru aged 25 from Farakwai village in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State is a mother of 3 carrying her 4<sup>th</sup> child, she has not been able to afford delivery kit for her past deliveries due to financial constraints. She is excited to be among the beneficiaries of the delivery kit from FAROF and TY Danjuma Foundation. For her older children she used salt to clean the baby's naval but from the pack she received she has chloryxy gel to use. Maryam Nasiru has delivered a healthy baby at the Primary Healthcare Centre in Farakwai.



- Fatima Salisu, a beneficiary of the delivery kit and LLIN from Nasarawa community in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State, is grateful for the sensitization given by FAROF on ANC and she commends the service rendered to her and the efficiency of the staff when she came to deliver at the facility. This is as a result of the training carried out by FAROF for healthcare workers in Kaduna State to ensure quality maternal and child health service delivery.



- Hafsat Idris is a beneficiary of the delivery kit and the Emergency Transport System from Farakwai village Igabi Local Government Area, she said started labour at noon and the ETS driver was called at 2:00 PM and he arrived at her house without delay and she was transported to the hospital where she was promptly attended to and delivered a healthy baby boy. The delivery kit was used for her when she came to deliver at the facility and she is going to encourage more pregnant women to attend ANC at the facility.



***Hafsat Idris***

- Fatima Hudu is a beneficiary of the delivery kit and ETS from Farakwai village, Igabi Local Government Area, she is grateful for the delivery kit, initially she used fire to burn the baby's navel to disinfect it but she got methylated spirit in the pack that she can use and without the sanitary pad, she used rags which could result to an infection, the delivery kit has helped her a lot. She is also grateful for the ETS, she started labour at night, the driver was called and he came promptly and she was transported to the PHC where she delivered a healthy baby boy. She resides at the remote part of the village but the driver was able to get to her on time.



***Fatima Hudu***

- Husseina Umar is a beneficiary of delivery kit from Farakwai village Igabi Local Government Area, she has given birth to all her 7 children at home, and she had some complications during those deliveries. Her labour usually begins at night and it is very difficult for her to get to the facility at that time. With the provision of the ETS she can easily get to the clinic to give birth.



***Husseina Umar***

- Maimunatu Idris is a beneficiary of delivery kit in Nasarawa community, she is grateful for the delivery kit and she said men do not allow their wives attend ANC due to the traditional belief that their mothers gave birth to them at home and without ANC she is grateful for the sensitization she has received on ANC.



***Maimunatu Idris***

- Binta Abdullahi from Nasarawa community is a beneficiary of the delivery kit and long lasting insecticidal net. She is grateful for the delivery kit given to her because, when she goes to deliver at the hospital, she is asked to bring a lot of items which she is unable to afford, she and other women in her community would rather deliver at home because they cannot afford all those items but with this delivery kit and the ETS she can go to the hospital when it's time for her to deliver and she will be accepted with just the items in the pack.



***Binta Abdullahi***

- Umma Kabir from Hayin Naiya, attends ANC at the Health Clinic NDC; she comes from one of the remote communities that utilize the clinic for ANC. She is expecting twins; the delivery kit she received from FAROF ease the burden of having to buy delivery items for her twins. She is also a beneficiary of the long lasting insecticide nets.



*Umma Kabir*

**ii. What unexpected results did the project achieve?**

Women who are not resident in communities where project is carried out were going to the PHCs in those communities to attend ANC so that they can also benefit from the intervention.

**4. Stakeholders**

**i. What was the role of stakeholders (Government /Community) in the project?**

- The local government provided support by engaging the social mobilization officers (SMO) to accompany the project team to the facilities.
- The Primary Healthcare staff ensure a quality data on ANC attendance and deliveries in their facilities which provided an ease in data collection.
- The reproductive health coordinators from Igabi and Chikun were helpful in identifying and providing staff from the facilities in each LGA that were eligible for the EMONC training.
- The primary health care board were saddled with the responsibility of participating in the selections of eligible candidates for EMONC trainings
- Provision of enabling environment for project implementation by the local Government.
- The Primary Healthcare Board provided a conducive environment for the quarterly review meetings.

- Monitoring of ETS and taking responsibility towards its maintenance by the Local Government and the state government.
- The Facilities made custodians of the ETS and provision of security for the ETS.
- The Community leaders provided reliable drivers for the ETS who will be available 24/7.
- Community groups such as the village mobilization committee in Farakwai continues the mobilization of community pregnant women for ANC attendance.

**ii. Did stakeholders fulfil obligation/commitment ?**

- Yes they did
- The local government are currently providing maintenance and fuelling for the ETS as stipulated in the MOU.
- The community leaders are providing security for ETS stationed at the facility.

**5. Learnings**

**i. Describe what worked well?**

- The partnership with government agencies such as the primary health care agency provided an ease in the handing over of the ETS and they will ensure that proper monitoring is done for the maintenance of the ETS.
- The engagement of community leaders and men has helped in mobilizing more women in the attendance of ANC. Community groups such as the village mobilization committee has played a key role in helping to raise awareness.
- The distribution of delivery kits has worked well in increasing the number of women that attend ANC at the facilities.
- Integration of pregnant women who attending ANC as referral peer champions with incentives provision in form of (Mosquito nets) worked well.

- ii. Was any modification made in the project? If so, explain  
No modification was made to the project.

**6. Future plans**

What are the plans for expansion/ replication of the project?

- State Government to partner with FAROF for EMONC training for healthcare workers in the State.
- Training for more ETS drivers and monitoring of ETS drivers in partnership with the State Government.
- Partnership with other digital antenatal programs.
- Partnership with other partner donors for the scale up of the SPHEC-MCH project and MNCH programs to other region.
- Introduction of digital antenatal risk stratification interventions through seeking other donor partner support.

### **5. Feedback on the Foundation**

The TY Danjuma foundation has provided financial partnership and participating in all activities

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