



NIGERIA GRANTEE BRIEF

ACTION HEALTH INCORPORATED

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ABOUT ACTION HEALTH INCORPORATED

Action Health Incorporated (AHI) is a non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting young people's health and development to ensure their successful transition to healthy and productive adulthood. AHI advances this agenda by working with young people, parents, community opinion leaders, youth-serving organizations, government agencies and policymakers. AHI's organizational focus areas include adolescent and child health, gender equality, education, sexual and reproductive health, and youth rights and empowerment.

RMNCAH ADVOCACY

Project Title: "Advocacy for the Integration of Youth Friendly Services at Olojowon Flagship Primary Health Center, Apapa Igamu, Lagos Nigeria"

Project Dates: September 15, 2015 – September 15, 2016

Geographic Focus: Apapa-Igamu Local Council Development Area, Lagos State

KEY IMPACT

Built political will among key decision makers to integrate youth friendly RH services targeted at 200,879 adolescents in Olojowon Flagship Primary Care Centre, as outlined in the National Policy on the Health and Development of Adolescents and Young People in Nigeria.

Lagos State has an estimated population of 20 million people, out of which 30% are young people aged 10-24. 25% of adolescent girls in Lagos slum communities are reported as pregnant or have begun childbearing. Badia community is one of the urban slums in Apapa-Iganmu Local Council of Lagos state. The Local Government has an estimated population of 693,597 (2015) with an adolescent population of 200,879. This project seeks to increase adolescents' access to reproductive health information and services to reduce adolescent birth rates and ultimately reduce maternal and infant mortality in the Apapa Iganmu community.

The project goal is to improve reproductive health services for young people in slum communities, particularly girls aged 10-24, at Olojowon Flagship Primary Healthcare Center in Badia in Apapa-Iganmu Local Council Development Area of Lagos State.

The project's objectives include:

1. By July 2016, gain the support of the Permanent Secretary of Lagos State Primary Health Care Board, Local Council Development Area(LCDA) Executive Secretary and other key government and community stakeholders to integrate youth-friendly health Services at Olojowon Flagship Primary Healthcare Centre in Badia.
2. By July 2016, strengthen the knowledge and capacity of health care providers, local government staff, and community leaders on reproductive health services that promote young people's overall health and well-being in Badia.
3. By the end of the project period, increase adolescent girls', ages 10 to 24, access to youth-friendly reproductive health services that promotes overall health and well-being of girls in Badia.

Rise Up's Champions for Change (C4C) initiative improves the lives and health of women, children, and youth in Sub-Saharan Africa. C4C achieves large-scale impacts by investing in visionary local leaders and organizations through advocacy, leadership development, organizational strengthening, and grantmaking. In Nigeria, C4C's national network is advocating for improved reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health. In Kenya, C4C's national network is advocating to improve young people's health by preventing and combating non-communicable diseases. For more information please visit <http://www.championingchange.org/>

IMPACTS TO DATE

- Lagos State Primary Health Care Board (LSPHC) approved the integration of youth friendly reproductive health services in Olojowon PHC and ensured its implementation is within the national policy guidelines on the Health and Development of Adolescents and Young People in Nigeria.
- The Community Accountability Watch group (CAW) was established to monitor the quality of service delivery and utilization of adolescent reproductive health services at Olojuwon.
- Increased knowledge and skills of 13 key health providers and 12 Ward Health Committee members from Apapa Iganmu LCDA on the application of the National Guidelines on Promoting Access to Adolescent and Youth Friendly Health Services (AYFHS) at the primary health care level. The increase in knowledge and skills of the community health care providers has resulted in the delivery of quality youth-friendly reproductive health services at the Olojowon PHC.