



NIGERIA GRANTEE BRIEF

COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESEARCH INITIATIVE

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ABOUT COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Community Health & Research Initiative (CHR) is a leading NGO in Nigeria working with national, state and local governments to increase the quality of healthcare, especially for women and children. CHR's mission is to stimulate a collective response among relevant stakeholders in Nigeria to address the need for improved quality health care services for women and children through evidence-based advocacy and budget analysis, accountability, mobilization, training, research, and information sharing that influences evidence-based policies and programs. CHR's organizational focus areas include: budgetary advocacy, government accountability, and sexual and reproductive health rights.

RMNCAH ADVOCACY

Project Title: "Enhancing Vaccines and Midwives Service Scheme (MSS) Budget Transparency in Nigeria"

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

Geographic Focus: At the national level

This project aims to improve RMNCAH outcomes in Nigeria through advocacy for timely and transparent

allocation, release and expenditure of funds budgeted for vaccines, prompt payment of funds, as well as monthly salaries of midwives under the midwifery service scheme.

CHR's project goal is to improve RMNCAH outcomes in terms of increased skilled birth attendants, vaccine availability and utilization of services at facility level by ensuring government accountability and transparency of national health budgets.

The project's objectives include:

1. To influence CSOs and media participation in the 2016 National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) budget process.
2. By the end of the project period, catalyze a practice of openness in budget allocation, release, and expenditure for 2016 NPHCDA budget.
3. By the end of the project period, influence a positive change that links improved budget transparency and RMNCAH outcomes.

IMPACTS TO DATE

- Trained 10 CSOs and 5 media practitioners on budget advocacy and strategies to influence the 2016 Health Budget. Advocacy efforts of these trained CSOs and engagements focus on top officials of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency and the Federal Ministry of Health to advocate for increased budgetary allocation.
- Four women from the trained CSOs and media houses sat on a panel session during the 2016 Nigeria RMNCAH Summit to discuss budget advocacy as a tool to improve transparency and accountability in Nigeria.

KEY IMPACT

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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/>