



## NIGERIA GRANTEE BRIEF

### CIVIL SOCIETY FOR FAMILY PLANNING IN NIGERIA

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**Location:** Abuja, Nigeria

**Organization's annual budget:** \$100,000-\$150,000

**Champions for Change Grantee since 2014**

**Total C4C Funding Received:** \$40,000

**Website:** [www.cisfp.org](http://www.cisfp.org)

### ABOUT CIVIL SOCIETY FOR FAMILY PLANNING IN NIGERIA

Civil Society for Family Planning in Nigeria (CiSFP) is a grassroots movement for family planning with member organizations in the 36 states of the country and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). As a dynamic frontrunner in maternal health advocacy with a particular interest in family planning, CiSFP forges partnerships to address various aspects of advocacy for RMNCAH. CiSFP membership comprises individuals in various levels/positions who are family planning champions, and other organizations working on reproductive health in Nigeria. CiSFP's organizational focus areas include: Reproductive health and rights, family planning and gender equality.

### RMNCAH ADVOCACY

**Project Title:** "Advocacy and Financing to Improving Quality Access and Utilization of Family Planning Commodities and Services in Nigeria"

**Project Dates:** August 15, 2015 – August 15, 2016

### KEY IMPACTS

- 25% increase for family planning in the 2016 Federal Ministry of Health budget.
- Commissioner for Health, Gombe State adopts health task shifting policy, which will increase access to quality health services and impact reproductive health 527,000 women.

**Geographic Focus:** At the national level and in Gombe State

The Federal Government of Nigeria (FGON) at the 2012 London Summit on Family Planning pledged to increase funding by an additional \$8.35 million annually to bridge identified gaps in Family Planning (FP), and Reproductive Health (RH) needs in Nigeria. Consequently, the Nigeria Family Planning Blueprint was developed as a roadmap for achieving the FGON commitments. About \$600 million is required to fund the implementation of the Blueprint at the national level. Implementation has been weak at both the national and state level. This project will influence political will to increase spending on family planning which will increase availability of family planning commodities and quality services at the national level and state level. This project will contribute to the reduction of maternal and infant mortality as increased uptake of Family Planning can avert maternal deaths by up to 33%.

CiSFP's project goal is to improve access and utilization of family planning commodities and quality of services in Nigeria.

The project's objectives include:

1. To ensure that the Ministry of Finance includes the Nigeria FP2020 commitments in the year 2016 budget by August 2015 budget preparation cycle to ensure its release.
2. To ensure the new Minister of Health commences the implementation of the Nigeria costed Family Planning Blueprint by September 2015.
3. To ensure that the approved task shifting policy is adopted by Gombe state government by March 2016.

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## IMPACTS TO DATE

- CISFP and other CSO budget advocacy efforts resulted in a 25% increase in the budget allocated for family planning in the 2016 Federal Ministry of Health budget.
- Generated evidence-based research documenting gaps in government spending and commitments to RMNCAH. These documents were presented to the Minister of Health and other key stakeholders and have been used to argue for an increase in budget allocation for Family Planning.
- The Commissioner of Health of Gombe State adopted the Task Shifting and Sharing Health Policy for Essential Healthcare Services in Nigeria and is supporting the development of the operations plan which will guide the full implementation of the policy. The task sharing policy aims to improve access to reproductive health/family planning services and supports skilled Community Health Extension Workers (CHEWS) to dispense Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC) and other life-saving family planning and reproductive health commodities.