



## NIGERIA GRANTEE BRIEF

### EARTHSPRING INTERNATIONAL

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**Location:** Abuja, Nigeria

**Organization's annual budget:**

**Champions for Change Grantee since 2014**

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

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

### ABOUT EARTHSPRING INTERNATIONAL

EarthSpring International Outreach (EIO) is a faith-based, non-governmental organization working in Nigeria. The organization was established to provide support services in the area of human rights protection, welfare and pro bono services to inmates in prisons. EIO's organizational focus areas include civil rights, education, reproductive health and rights, reintegration and empowerment of ex-prisoners.

### RMNCAH ADVOCACY

**Project Title:** "Improving Access to quality RMNCAH services in Niger and Nassarawa states prisons"

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

**Geographic Focus:** Niger and Nassarawa States

Prisons in Nigeria, are characterized by inhumane conditions and overcrowding, leading to the poor health of inmates. Female prisoners are the most affected because some are imprisoned with

pregnancies or with infants and children yet lack access to basic health care. This project seeks to protect the human rights and dignity of female inmates by advocating for the provision of maternal, newborn and child health services for these vulnerable women and their children.

The project goal is to improve the provision of RMNCAH services to female prisoners in Suleja and Keffi prisons by establishing a health facility in each of the prisons by July 2016. The project advocates for the provision of maternal, newborn and child health services to women and newborns in prison and contributes to the reduction of maternal mortality among the most marginalized populations in Nigeria.

The project's objectives include:

1. To establish functional health care facilities in Suleja and Keffi prisons by July 2016.
2. To improve the quality of health care services by increasing the number of RMNCAH health care workers in both prisons.
3. To increase provision of and access to family planning commodities to reduce the rate of pregnancies as well as STIs among female prisoners, which are often a result of the sexual assault the female inmates experience in the prison.

### IMPACTS TO DATE

- Advocacy engagement with the Controller of Prison (CP), led to the establishment of maternal and child health (MCH) units within the existing healthcare facilities in Suleja, Keffi and Lafia prisons. The MCH clinics for female inmates provide antenatal, delivery and postnatal care services.

### KEY IMPACTS

- Maternal and child health clinics established in three prisons that will provide antenatal care, maternal health, nutrition and immunization services to incarcerated women and newborns.
- 3000 women and children in prison now have access to health services, including immunization.

*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/>*

- Increased access to lifesaving commodities to enhance the delivery of maternal and child health services in the three prisons. Collaboration with health institutions and organizations such as Malaria Consortium, Federal Ministry of Health, Society for Health, National Primary Health Care Development Agency, Clinton Health Access Initiative and DKT contributed to the increase in lifesaving commodities in the health care facilities.