



NIGERIA GRANTEE BRIEF

GIRL CHILD CONCERNS

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Location: Kaduna, Nigeria

Organization's Annual Budget: \$5,000,000

Champions for Change Grantee since 2014

Total C4C Funding Received: \$40,000

Website: www.girlchildconcern.org

ABOUT GIRL CHILD CONCERNS

Girl Child Concerns (GCC) is a non-governmental organization in Nigeria dedicated to improving the lives of youth, with a particular focus on girls, through improved educational opportunities. The organization aims to provide holistic interventions to meet the needs of adolescent girls, focusing on their reproductive health and educational needs. GCC's organizational focus areas include: adolescent and child health, civil engagement, education, gender equality, sexual and reproductive health, and women and youth rights and empowerment.

RMNCAH ADVOCACY

Project Title: "Inganta Lafiyar Mata Da Masu Haihuwa (Promoting Reproductive and Maternal Health of Women)"

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

Geographic Focus: Kaduna State

Kaduna State Government is providing free maternal and child health services to reduce the high maternal and child mortality rates mainly at secondary health care facilities. Provision of free maternal and

child health services only at secondary health care facilities limits the access of women and children in rural communities to free maternal and child health services. The project is designed to draw the government's attention to existing gaps and also increase the coverage and scope of the free maternal and child health services to rural communities. This project will contribute to the reduction of maternal mortality among adolescent mothers who have limited or no access to quality RMNCAH services.

GCC's project goal is to increase access to RMNCAH services for adolescent mothers in the Keke community of Chikun Local Government of Kaduna State.

The project's objectives include:

1. To advocate for the assignment of a community health care provider by Chikun LGA to Keke village.
2. To advocate to Chikun LGA to create a health center with RMNCAH services in Keke.
3. To mobilize adolescent mothers in Keke to give birth in health care facilities with qualified healthcare providers.

IMPACTS TO DATE

- The community leader donated space which is currently being staffed and equipped by the Local Government to provide RMNCAH services in the interim as modalities for permanent health facilities are being worked on.
- The Community members have donated land to the Local Government for the construction of a permanent health center.

KEY IMPACT

Allocation of land for the construction of a primary health care facility that will allow 5,000 young women and children to access reproductive and child health facilities .

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