

Progress Report

May 2022
The Lifesaving Intervention
Project



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Executive summary

The Lifesaving Intervention project is designed to support pregnant women in remote communities to access quality healthcare to reduce maternal, child, and neonatal mortality. This is achieved by distributing single-use clean birth kits and training birth attendants on basic lifesaving skills.

The project was launched in 2019 with the population target of reaching 10,000 pregnant women and training 2000 birth attendants and health workers within 4 years period. To achieve our funding need, we started a fundraiser on the Global giving an online platform to reach donors to support this project. In addition to the global giving platform, we also applied for grant funding from several organizations to meet our financial needs. With the initial funding target of fifty thousand US dollars (USD50,000), we have raised USD6,124 from the Global giving fundraiser, USD10,960 from corporate donations, and USD8,838 from grant awards. To date, we have raised a total of USD25,922.

Over the last 3 years, we have supported 2800 pregnant women with lifesaving birth kits resulting in the successful and safe delivery of 2800 pregnant women with their newborn babies. We have also trained 340 community health workers, and 310 birth attendants across 48 remote communities in Nigeria. These communities are spread across four states including Gombe, Plateau, Yobe, and Taraba states.

Our volunteers have conducted over five thousand home visits to provide prenatal counseling for pregnant women on birth preparedness and complication readiness.

Distribution of free birth kits

We procured 3000 clean birth kits and distributed 2800 clean delivery kits and over 200,000 doses of prenatal micronutrients for pregnant women who are monitored by home health volunteers.

Training

One-day training for birth assistants and community health workers was conducted on basic lifesaving skills facilitated by experts. They were also trained in-home health counseling, birth preparedness, and complication readiness. After training, the birth attendants were recruited as home health volunteers for the project. They are responsible for identifying, counseling, and referring pregnant women in their community to the nearest health facilities for antenatal care to ensure safe pregnancy and delivery. Each volunteer has been tasked to support 10 pregnant women throughout pregnancy.

A total of 340 community health workers and 310 birth attendants have been trained over the past three years.

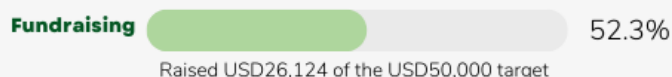
The Impact Report

Activities	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
No. of Birth kits distributed	300	200	1300	1000	2800
No. of health workers trained	30	30	200	50	310
No. of birth assistants trained	50	40	200	50	340
No. of pregnant women supported	300	200	1300	1000	2800
No. of newborn babies saved	300	200	1300	1000	2800

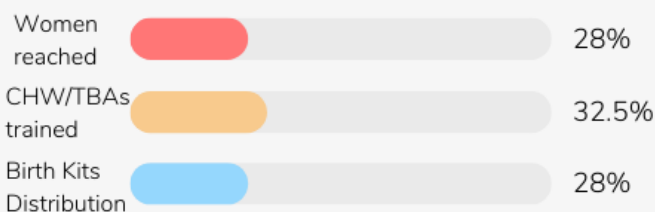
Funding

S/N	Donor	Date	Amount (in USD)
1	World Connect	2019	\$4000.00
2	Union Bank PLC	2020	\$700.00
3	Global Giving	2019 - 2022	\$6124.00
4	CHIIN Organization	2021	\$10300.00
5	World Connect	2021	\$5000.00
Total			\$26124.00

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Impact Report



Pregnant Women

We have supported 2800 pregnant women out of the 10,000 target

Birth Kits

We have successfully distributed 2800 clean birth kits.

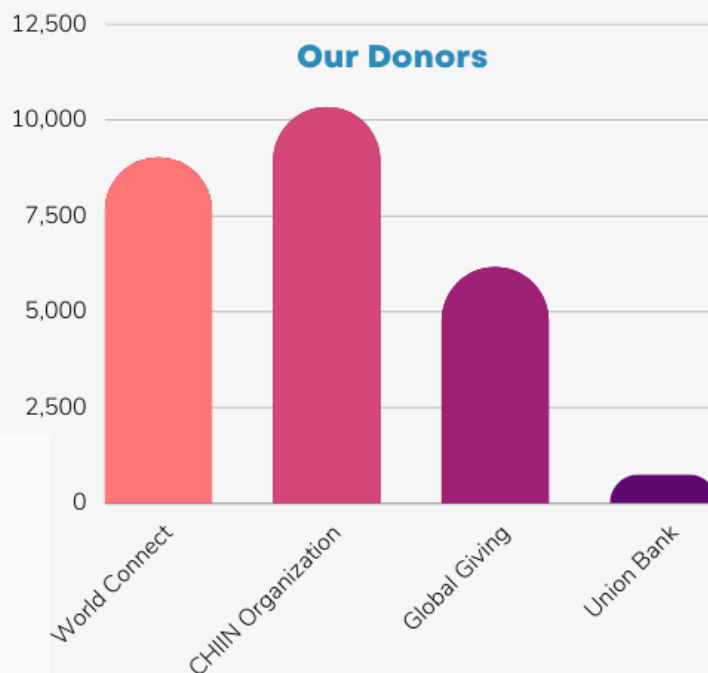
Training

Of the 2000 target, we have trained 650 CHW and birth assistants

Babies saved

Through this project, we have saved 2800 newborn babies in the past 3 years

Our Donors



Challenge

- Covid-19 pandemic: The covid-19 pandemic necessitated prioritization of our activities leading to the allocation of a significant junk of our resources channeled toward the implementation of the covid-19 response project.
- Most donors also prioritized supporting covid-19 projects at expense of other critical projects including the lifesaving intervention project.
- The poor road network makes it difficult to access the communities for monitoring visits.
- Decrease access to funding to meet our financial needs to execute this project.

Recommendations

- To make this project more sustainable, we are considering creating a social enterprise around the project where the birth kits will be sold to the beneficiaries at a very low cost such that rural women can afford
- We will recruit and train local volunteers to support in terms of project monitoring
- We will intensify our crowdfunding strategy and explore other funding sources such as grants and corporate donations.

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