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PROJECT FACT SHEET

Niger: Health System Strengthening with Emphasis on
Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health services

Country Context

- The project is in line with the Niger's Health Development Plan (HDP) 2017-2021, as well as the roadmap for accelerating the reduction of Maternal and Child Mortalities (2006- 2015).
- The Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health(MNCH) sub-sector faces many challenges and the most acute ones are: uneven distribution of healthcare services in the country with the underserved being the regions of Zindcr (37.7%), Maradi (41.6%), Diffa (41.4%), Tillabery (44.6%), Dosso (45.4%) regions, lack of functional referral and counter referral system (RCR), especially for Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (EmONC), severe shortage of human resources for health particularly midwives and obstetricians, inadequately staffed and poorly equipped healthcare facilities and local training institutions, lack of skilled staffs at the community level for MNCH services.

Project Rationale

- Despite efforts to improve maternal and child health through the implementation of several high-impact interventions to accelerate the reduction of maternal and neonatal mortality, the results obtained were below expectation, in which in 2015, 525 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births for a target of 175.
- This situation is largely explained by the poor health coverage in Niger, which stands only at 48.67%.
- Niger needs to strength the capacity of home-based and community-based organizations to increase demand and support for MNCH services.



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Project Objectives

- Accelerate the reduction of maternal, neonatal and child mortalities and improve the health system functioning in Niger.
- Improve access to quality Maternal, MNCH services in the country.
- Promote Maternal and Child Health services seeking behavior through community mobilization.

Project Components

The project activities are based on the following components:

- **Component A** = Strengthening the health system to improve maternal, neonatal and child health.
- **Component B** = Community mobilization for Maternal, Neonatal and Child health services.
- **Component C** = Support to the Project Management.

Key project information

- Total Project Amount: EURO 37.02 million
- **LLF Financing:** US\$ 40.0 million, OCR US\$ 28.0 million, grant US\$ 12.0
- **Co-financing** EURO 2.14 million (Government)
- Effective Date: March 2018
- Project implementation period: 3 years from effectiveness

Expected Outcomes

- Increasing uptake of primary health services in 28 health districts.
- 95% of pregnant women have access to quality MNCH care.
- 3,104 health staffs trained on relevant disciplines related to Maternal, Neonatal and Child health services. MNCII.
- Operational RCR system for EmONC established.
- 65 HPs upgraded and equipped.
- At project completion, 1,863,134 women of childbearing age will have access to comprehensive MNCH services.

Benefits and impact

- The project benefits over nine million inhabitants of the 28 districts where it is rolled out.
- Community awareness programs, 65 integrated health centers equipped and operationalized, 4 MNCH training sites equipped, and the referral counter referral system upgraded with 55 four-wheel drive ambulances along with over 6000 healthcare workers trained.
- This leads to 90% of the pregnant women having at least four prenatal consultations relative to the previous 37%, and 80% of the live births attended by skilled health personnel relative to the previous level of 29%.



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Key Stakeholders and Implementing Partners departments and services

- Ministry of Public Health
- UN Agencies (WHO, UNFPA, and UNICEF)



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Donor Partners

- **Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD)**

The Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) is an aid agency established by the government of Abu Dhabi in 1971. ADFD aims to help developing countries to achieve sustainable socio-economic growth; through financial assistance in the forms of concessionary loans, managing government grants and equities. ADFD also peruses investments in order to encourage the private sector in the recipient countries to play an essential part in accelerating the economic development process, and at the same time playing a pivotal role in strengthening and diversifying the future resources of the Fund.

- **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) is an American private foundation based in Seattle, Washington. The primary goal of the foundation is to enhance healthcare and reduce extreme poverty across the globe and to expand educational opportunities and access to information technology in the U.S.

- **Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD)**

The Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) is dedicated to reducing poverty in its member countries by promoting pro-poor growth, emphasizing human development, especially improvements in health care and education, and providing financial support to enhance the productive capacity and sustainable means of income for the poor, including financing employment opportunities, providing market outlets especially for the rural poor and improving basic rural and pre-urban infrastructure.

- **King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSRelief)**

Saudi Arabia established the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSRelief) in 2015. KSRelief works in 46 countries around the world with a focus

on humanitarian and relief work in the Middle East and North Africa region.

- **Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD)**

QFFD is a public development institution committed, on behalf of the State of Qatar, to improving the livelihood of communities around the world by Providing financial tools to developing countries in the Arab and Muslim world and beyond for responsive and effective humanitarian and development aid.

- **UK Aid – The Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO)**

UK Aid Direct is DFID's main centrally managed funding mechanism for small and medium sized civil society organizations, based in the UK and overseas, who are working to achieve the global goals. Formerly known as the Global Poverty Action Fund (GPAF), the fund was relaunched in 2014 as UK Aid Direct.