



# Rural Health Mission Nigeria

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## PRESS BRIEFING ON GOMBE COMMUNITY PROJECT REPORT

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Good morning all

My Name is Muhammad Ahmad Saddiq, the CEO of RHEMN.

It's my pleasure to brief you on our just concluded first round of our famous community project tagged **"Raise a Healthy Child"** in Gombe community.

First of all, as a background to our organization, Rural health Mission Nigeria is a nongovernmental and a health volunteer organization founded in 2014 by Muhammad A. Saddiq and few others purposely to provide basic health care services in rural and hard-to-reach communities including underserved areas across Nigeria. Our goal is to address the menace of maternal and child mortality and improve access to healthcare service in Nigeria.

Raise a healthy child is a five year community project which started in 2015 and it focuses on women and children of 5 year and below.

This organization have implemented similar projects in several communities since its establishment including but not limited to mambilla plateau in Taraba state, communities in Jalingo LGA, Deba in Gombe state etc

The first round of Gombe project was launched in six communities under Gombe LGA on 17/12/2016 including; Jauro Abare, Kagarawal, Nassarawo, Gabukka, Unguwa Uku and Manawachi communities. These communities were selected base on their needs and health challenges as compared to other communities that were not covered in this round. The first round ended on 01/01/2017 with a remarkable success.

Over the period of three weeks we were able to reach out to the total of 5513 women and children out the 8000 target across the six communities.

Below is the intervention table of the first round and the achievement so far.

<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Total achieved</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Vitamin A Supplement	2000	1470	73.5%
Albendazole deworming	2500	1845	73.8%
Pre/Post natal supplement	200	132	66%
Malaria Prophylaxis (fansidar)	1000	677	67.7%
Malaria treatment (coartem)	1000	426	42.6%
Malaria Screening	1000	788	78.8%
Nutritional training	300	175	58.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8000</b>	<b>5513</b>	<b>68.9%</b>

During our assessment tour in the six communities, we identified few social challenges affecting access to quality healthcare in those

communities that need urgent attention. Among the challenges were poor water supplies in Nassarawo, Kagarawal and Manawachi maternity clinics, lack of functional laboratory facilities to run quick diagnostic tests such as PCV, Malaria etc. in Nassarawo clinic.

At the organizational level, we were able to secure the drilling of one borehole in Kagarawal maternity by a good Samaritan and efforts are made to complete the construction of a laboratory facility in Nassarawo maternity and construction of temporal consulting rooms in Manawachi maternity clinic. All these projects will be commenced very soon.

We want to use this opportunity to appeal to the Federal government step up the ongoing effort to revitalize the primary healthcare facilities across the rural communities in the country to curtail the rate of maternal and child mortality. We also want to appeal to the state government to partner with NGOs like ours as we are ever ready to compliment government effort in providing basic healthcare service to underserved communities. We are appealing to the general public more especially the philanthropists and other well to do individuals to join hands with the government to assist the community in terms of healthcare delivery as government alone cannot do all. The task of raising a healthy child is on all of us in other to ensure a healthy community.

On behalf of RHEMN, I may like to extend our sincere appreciation to His highness, the senior District Head of Gombe (Yeriman Gombe) and his entire cabinet for their overwhelming support given to us throughout the entire project.

My appreciation also goes to all participants in this project and the entire members of RHEMN for sacrificing their time and resources to ensure that this project was a successful one.

Thank you all and God bless you for coming.

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