



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

## Rural Health Mission Nigeria

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rural Health Mission Nigeria is a nonprofit organization based in Gombe Northeast Nigeria. The organization was founded in 2014 with the goal of eliminating barriers to quality healthcare access in hard-to-reach and underserved communities.

In order to continue serving our communities, we focus on the following strategic approaches at multiple levels including; providing access to quality maternal healthcare services in the community, supporting the primary health system through the facility support program, public health policy advocacy to promote public awareness, robust organizational development, innovative financial models and effective communication.

This year, our activities focused on primary health system strengthening, promoting access to quality maternal, child and neonatal healthcare in remote communities and policy advocacy to promote the attainment of universal health coverage. Under our Lifesaving Intervention Project, we trained over 200 community health workers on basic lifesaving skills and introduced them to our newly designed SMS-based mHealth tool to guide clinical decision-making in remote communities. We also trained about 150 birth attendants on pre and postnatal home health counselling to support pregnant to a safe child birth in rural areas. We distributed over 1500 free clean birth kits and supported over 1000 safe child births. In addition, we donated over 200,000 doses of micronutrients for pregnant women and under-five children 40 primary healthcare centers across four states of Gombe, Yobe, Plateau and Taraba state.

Under our policy advocacy project, we organized a one-day stakeholders' engagement dialogue in Gombe where over 20 civil society organizations, 5 media organizations, 6 government agencies and community/religious leaders as well as the representatives of youths, women and that of the people living with disability participated in this dialogue. The dialogue was designed to commemorate the universal health coverage day, 2021 with the theme; "Leave No One's Health Behind: Invest in health systems for all".

In the coming year, we are looking forward to consolidating on the successes of this year to sustain the ongoing projects and if possible, scale up to more communities to save more lives. We hope to recruit more volunteers, build team capacity through trainings and continue to engage critical stakeholders to support our mission and vision.

## CEO'S Message

Dear Friends,

I am excited that despite numerous challenges, we still remained true to our mission. As always, our major goal is to save lives.

At Rural Health Mission Nigeria, we thrive to be transparent and accountable to our beneficiaries, donors, volunteers and staff as these are some of our important core values that we always uphold.

As an organization, we are committed to our mission, vision and core values as well as our strategic approaches to deliver service to the community.

This year, with support from our donors, partners and volunteers we scaled up the Lifesaving intervention from one state (Taraba state) to three additional states including Gombe, Yobe and Plateau states. Each of these project locations received separate small grants from different donors. We received fundings from the world connect, Global giving foundation (online crowd funding platform) and we partnered with the CHIIN organization as well as the Primary Healthcare Agencies in all the four states.

It is exciting to mention that I and the organization were selected to participate in the 2021 Atlantic Fellowship for equity at the George Washington University, USA because of this Lifesaving Intervention Project. This fellowship opened up opportunity for me and my team to develop our leadership skills and learn some team work best practices to strengthen and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our organization.

I like to sincerely thank all our donors, supporters and volunteers for believing in our cause and taking a step further to support it in your own different ways. I invite you to continue to support our efforts to ensure that we eliminate the barriers that prevents access to qualitative healthcare in hard-to-reach and remote communities in Nigeria.

Thank You!



**Muhammad Saddiq Ahmad**

**Chief Executive Officer**

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# OUR COMMITMENT

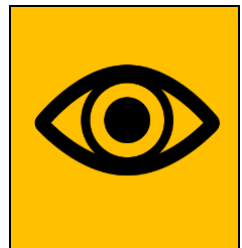
## Mission

We focus on eliminating barriers preventing access to quality healthcare in underserved and hard-to-reach communities.



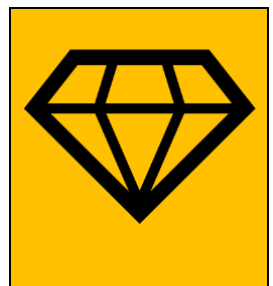
## Vision

To see every community in Nigeria attains a sustainable access to basic and qualitative primary Healthcare.



## Core Values

Accountability & Transparency, Equality & Justice, Integrity & respect for personal dignity, innovation & creativity, Humanity and commitment to community service.



# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

## Objective 1: Supporting Primary Health System

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Goal: To support primary healthcare facilities and strengthen their capacity to provide high quality basic health services to the community.



## Objective 2: Providing access to quality maternal & Child health care

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Goal: To support access to basic maternal healthcare in rural, hard-to-reach and underserved communities to reduce maternal, child and neonatal mortality.



## Objective 3: Promoting public health policy advocacy & awareness

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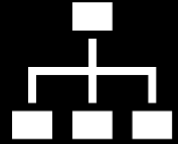
Goal: To increase policy advocacy and operational collaboration between local and national organizations. Strengthen local influence on decision-making at national, regional and international policy levels.



## Objective 4: Robust organizational development

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Goal: Robust and resilient local and state branches accessing the RHEMN collaboration platform, along with learning and resources for **strengthened organizational capacity and improved accountability.**



## Objective 5: Innovative financial models

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Goal: Increased access to direct traditional and non-traditional funding and innovative and sustainable financing models for the organization.



## Objective 6: Effective communication

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Goal: Increased public awareness of work of the organization through effective communication, and through gathering and dissemination of systematic evidence.



# ACTIVITIES REVIEW



## Lifesaving Intervention Project

### Overview

This project is designed to support pregnant women and newborn babies to ensure clean and safe delivery. We distribute free clean birth kits, train birth attendants on basic lifesaving skills and also distribute essential micronutrients to pregnant women and under-five children. This year, in partnership with the CHIIN organization (a U.S-based nonprofit organization) we introduced a free-for-use SMS-based medical tool that helps health workers in remote communities to access essential medical resource to guide their clinical decision-making to improve their clinical practice.



Birth Assistants training in Wase community



Community Health workers training in Wase community





## Birth Assistants

In 2021, we trained 145 birth assistants who were also trained on home health counselling and complication readiness as well as basic lifesaving skills.

## Home Visits

The birth assistants have conducted over 2000 home visits and have counselled and supported over 1000 pregnant women to access free antenatal services in the health facility.

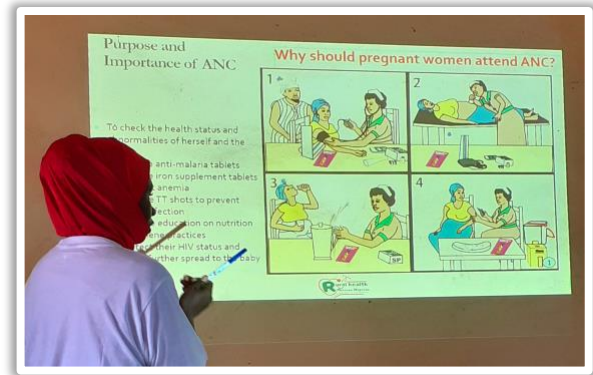


## CHW Training

Within the year under review, a total of 255 community health workers were trained on basic lifesaving skills and clinical decision making.

## CHIIN mHealth tool

Community Health Information Integration Network (CHIIN) is an SMS-based medical tool that for community health workers to access medical database without the need to use internet. In 2021 we trained over 500 CHW on the mHealth tool and generated over 2000 users of this tool the year under review.



## Policy Advocacy

The stakeholders' engagement and dialogue were launched in December 2021. This dialogue provides a friendly platform for advocates and policy makers to identify opportunities and areas of collaboration to promote public health policies that address universal health coverage in Nigeria.

## Baseline survey

The baseline survey was conducted in Gombe state in collaboration with Epi Afric and Nigeria Health Watch to determine the supply and distribution of maternal medicines in the state. The project also aimed at strengthening the procurement system of the state to deliver quality maternal care services.



## IMPACT SUMMARY

Project	Activity	Impact	Location	Status
<b>Lifesaving Intervention Project</b>	Birth Kits Distribution	300	Nafada LGA, Gombe state	Ongoing
	Health workers training	65		
	Birth assistants training	30		
<b>Lifesaving Intervention Project</b>	Birth Kits Distribution	550	Sardauna LGA, Taraba state	Ongoing
	Health workers training	80		
	Birth assistants training	45		
<b>Lifesaving Intervention Project</b>	Birth Kits Distribution	450	Wase LGA, Plateau state	Ongoing
	Health workers training	65		
	Birth assistants training	45		
<b>Lifesaving Intervention Project</b>	Birth Kits Distribution	300	Fika LGA, Yobe state	Ongoing
	Health workers training	50		
	Birth assistants training	30		
<b>CHIIN Project</b>	Training & enrollment of health workers on the SMS-based tool	400	Gombe, Plateau, Taraba & Yobe states	Ongoing
<b>Policy Advocacy</b>	Stakeholders' engagement & dialogue	56	Gombe	Ended
<b>Policy Advocacy</b>	Baseline Survey	-	Gombe state	Ended

# OUR TEAM



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