

2023

# ANNUAL REPORT

## Rural Health Mission Nigeria



## CEO's Message

### Dear Stakeholders,

I am delighted to present the 2023 Annual Report of Rural Health Mission Nigeria, reflecting a year of significant achievements and impactful initiatives. Our commitment to improving healthcare access in rural communities has driven us to reach new milestones and expand our reach.

In Taraba State, our Water is Health project in the Chana community has successfully provided clean water, addressing a critical need for sanitation and preventive healthcare. This endeavor aligns with our core belief that access to clean water is fundamental to community health and well-being.

The launch of the Community Emergency Volunteer Program marks another milestone, empowering citizens to report emergency situations for swift humanitarian assistance. This program has become a vital link between communities and timely support, showcasing the strength of collaborative efforts in addressing local emergencies.

Our Epidemic Preparedness and Outbreak Prevention Project in Gombe State has yielded significant results. We trained healthcare providers, established infection control committees, and worked closely with the state government to develop an Infection Prevention and Control Manual. These initiatives are crucial in fortifying healthcare infrastructure and response mechanisms against potential epidemics.

In FCT Abuja, our Mental Health Resilient Project is making strides in addressing the pressing need for improved mental health

care in rural areas. Through comprehensive training for healthcare workers, we aim to create a sustainable impact by fostering a network of informed professionals in mental health.

A noteworthy achievement is the initiation of the construction of a maternity facility in Chana Village. This project is a testament to our dedication to improving healthcare access, particularly in maternal and child health.

Looking ahead to 2024, our focus includes completing the Chana Village health facility, supporting additional rural health initiatives, and sustaining ongoing projects. We extend heartfelt gratitude to our donors and passionate volunteers for their unwavering support. Your commitment enables us to bring positive change to rural communities, and we encourage you to continue supporting our cause.

Together, we can build healthier and more resilient communities across Nigeria.



**Muhammad Saddiq Ahmad**  
CEO, Rural Health Mission Nigeria

## Executive Summary

The Rural Health Mission Nigeria proudly presents its 2023 Annual Report, a testament to our tireless efforts in improving healthcare access and community well-being in rural areas.

In Taraba State, our Water is Health project has achieved a significant milestone by successfully providing clean water to the Chana community. This initiative is not merely about improving sanitation; it's a fundamental step towards preventive healthcare. Clean water access ensures a healthier community, reducing waterborne diseases and enhancing overall well-being.

The launch of our innovative Community Emergency Volunteer Program represents a paradigm shift in grassroots emergency response. Empowering citizens to report emergencies promptly fosters a sense of community responsibility and ensures swift humanitarian assistance. This program has proven instrumental in addressing local crises effectively, demonstrating the power of collective action in times of need.

Gombe State witnessed the successful implementation of our Epidemic Preparedness and Outbreak Prevention Project. The initiative included comprehensive training for healthcare providers, the establishment of infection control committees, and collaborative efforts with the state government. Together, we fortified the healthcare infrastructure, ensuring a robust response to potential epidemics. Additionally, our collaboration resulted in the development of an Infection Prevention and Control Manual, a valuable resource for the state in tackling emerging health threats.

In the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja, our Mental Health Resilient Project is addressing the critical need for improved mental healthcare in rural communities. Through a "Training of Trainers" program, we've equipped healthcare workers with the skills needed to make a lasting impact on mental health. This comprehensive approach aims to create a sustainable network of professionals who can champion mental health initiatives in underserved areas.

A crowning achievement of the year is the initiation of the maternity facility construction in Chana Village. This facility is not just a physical structure; it represents our unwavering commitment to improving healthcare access, particularly in maternal and child health. Once completed, it will serve as a cornerstone in addressing the unique healthcare needs of the community.

As we look forward to 2024, our commitment remains strong. We are dedicated to completing the Chana Village health facility, supporting additional rural health initiatives, and sustaining ongoing projects. We extend our deepest gratitude to our donors and passionate volunteers for their unwavering support. Your commitment propels us forward, enabling us to make a lasting impact on rural communities and build healthier, more resilient regions across Nigeria.

Rural Health Mission Nigeria invites all stakeholders to join us in this impactful journey towards a healthier, more equitable future.

## About The Organization

Rural Health Mission Nigeria is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health outcomes and well-being of rural communities in Nigeria. With a strategic focus dedicated to humanitarian interventions, improving maternal and child health, strengthening health systems, and raising public health awareness, all aimed at ensuring better healthcare outcomes for rural communities in Nigeria.



### **Our Mission**

Improving healthcare access and eliminating barriers in remote areas of Nigeria through innovative and sustainable interventions.



### **Our Vision**

Envisioning a Nigeria where quality healthcare is accessible to all, regardless of location, ensuring improved health outcomes and a better quality of life for rural communities.



### **Our Goal**

To ensure that rural communities in Nigeria have access to equitable and quality healthcare services, leading to improved health outcomes and well-being for all individuals.

## Objectives

1. Provide essential healthcare services, specifically targeting maternal and child health, to underserved and remote communities to reduce maternal, child, and neonatal mortality rates.
2. Advocate for public health policies that prioritize rural communities and raise awareness about important maternal and child health issues.
3. Strengthen rural healthcare systems by collaborating with local facilities and professionals to improve infrastructure and quality of care for maternal and child health.
4. Empower and involve local communities, particularly women and caregivers, in planning and implementing sustainable maternal and child healthcare interventions.
5. Enhance the capacity of healthcare professionals in remote areas through training and professional development opportunities, improving the delivery of quality care and reducing maternal, child, and neonatal mortality.

### Core Values

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

## Our Strategic Focus



- ✓ **Supporting Primary Healthcare Systems:** We are committed to strengthening primary healthcare systems to ensure widespread access. By addressing the foundational elements of healthcare, we aim to make quality services more accessible to all.



- ✓ **Enhancing Maternal, Child, and Neonatal Healthcare:** Our efforts extend to providing essential healthcare services for mothers, children, and newborns. Through targeted initiatives, we seek to improve access to basic healthcare, contributing to healthier families and communities.



- ✓ **Promoting Public Health Policy Advocacy and Awareness:** Advocacy is a crucial aspect of our strategy. We aim to actively engage in public health policy discussions, raising awareness and influencing positive change. By advocating for evidence-based policies, we strive to create a healthier and more informed society.



- ✓ **Ensuring Access to Humanitarian and Emergency Services:** In times of conflicts and disasters, swift access to healthcare is paramount. Our focus includes providing support and resources to ensure that affected communities have timely access to humanitarian and emergency services, thereby mitigating the impact of crises.

## Project Overview

In 2023, Rural Health Mission Nigeria embarked on impactful projects, enriching the healthcare landscape in rural communities.



### Maternity Facility Construction (Chana Village):

The initiation of the maternity facility construction in Chana Village, sponsored by World Connect, exemplifies the organization's commitment to improving maternal and child health. This infrastructure project addresses the unique healthcare needs of the community, creating a lasting impact on healthcare access.

As Rural Health Mission Nigeria looks ahead to 2024, the organization is grateful for the support of World Connect and other stakeholders. With plans to complete ongoing projects, support additional initiatives, and sustain impactful work, the mission invites continued collaboration to build healthier, more resilient communities across Nigeria.



### Water is Health Project (Taraba State):

This transformative project, aimed at providing clean water to the Chana community, was made possible through the generous support of World Connect, a New York-based organization dedicated to grassroots initiatives. Beyond addressing sanitation concerns, this endeavor marked a fundamental stride towards preventive healthcare. World Connect's sponsorship exemplifies their commitment to supporting grassroots ideas that make a tangible difference in communities.





## **Community Emergency Volunteer Program:**

The launch of the Community Emergency Volunteer Program was a testament to the power of community collaboration. Empowering citizens to report emergencies for swift humanitarian assistance, this initiative showcased the collective strength of communities in responding effectively to local crises. The program's success was a joint effort with community members, embodying the spirit of solidarity in times of need.

## **Epidemic Preparedness and Outbreak Prevention Project (Gombe State)**

In collaboration with the state government, Rural Health Mission Nigeria implemented the Epidemic Preparedness and Outbreak Prevention Project in Gombe State. This initiative involved comprehensive training for over 30 healthcare providers in infection prevention and control across all general hospitals in Gombe State, including the State Specialist Hospital. The project not only fortified healthcare infrastructure but also underscored the importance of collaborative efforts in safeguarding public health.





## ▾ Mental Health Resilient Project (FCT Abuja)

Under the Mental Health Resilient Project, Rural Health Mission Nigeria trained 20 healthcare providers to serve as trainers-of-trainers. This initiative addressed the urgent need for improved mental healthcare in rural communities. The comprehensive training program equipped healthcare professionals with the skills to create a sustainable network of mental health advocates in underserved areas.



## Our 2024 Focus

In 2024, Rural Health Mission Nigeria is devoted to advancing transformative healthcare initiatives, focusing on the following key areas:

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New

### Telemedicine Program Launch

In 2024, we aim to launch our telemedicine program as a pilot, strategically addressing distance barriers to rural healthcare.

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### Chana Village Health Facility

Our commitment involves completing the Chana Village health facility, reinforcing our dedication to accessible healthcare infrastructure.

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### Lifesaving Project Expansion

We are extending our impact through the Lifesaving Project, a bold endeavor focusing on training birth attendants, community health workers, and midwives in lifesaving skills. Plans are in place to broaden its reach to more communities.

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### Stakeholders' Engagement Conference

Our annual conference in 2024 is pivotal for healthcare advocacy. The focus will be on promoting universal health coverage, ensuring healthcare access for all Nigerians. This serves as a crucial platform to mobilize resources and foster conversations that aim to spark substantial healthcare reform in Nigeria.

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### Quarterly Health Outreach Programs

We aspire to continue and maintain our quarterly health outreach programs, addressing short-term medical and humanitarian needs in the case of disasters or community conflicts.

We extend a heartfelt invitation to donors, volunteers, and stakeholders to join us in this vital journey. Together, we strive to build healthier, more resilient communities across Nigeria. Your support is instrumental in achieving these impactful healthcare goals.

## Our Team



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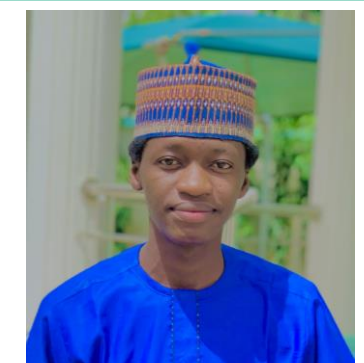
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