



Reduction of Child Mortality through Rotary Projects



RFPD initiates and supports club projects
which contribute to
the reduction of Child Mortality.

Presenters share their expertise and experience
of actions and comprehensive approach for
child survival interventions.

An expert from WHO/THE PARTNERSHIP FOR
NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH will join in
presenting the best practices for Rotary to
reduce Child Mortality

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Existing Rotary Projects

Examples

- 1) Reduction of Maternal and Child Mortality
- 2) Trainings of Skilled Birth Attendants
- 3) Prevention of Transmission of Aids from mother to child (PMTCT)
- 4) Distribution of Mosquito nets



Example 1: Reduction of maternal and child mortality (MDGs 4 and 5)

Needs in Kaduna and Kano states Northern Nigeria

- Target Group: 5 million women of 11 - 45 years
- Extremely high maternal mortality
- 1 million women with obstetric fistula
5.000 new cases/p.a.
- Improve Health Infrastructure + Quality Assurance



„Improvement of Maternal and Child Health - Prevention and Treatment of Obstetric Fistula”



First Comprehensive Approach worldwide

- MG-Project of 4 Districts (Germany, Austria, Nigeria) and 60 German Clubs from 7 other Districts; 1 Rotaract Club, 15 Inner Wheel Clubs; 1 RC F, GB, NL
 - Co-funded by TRF, AVENTIS and German Government
 - Project Amount of core project: 1 Million Euro
 - Rotary Satellite projects and Cooperation with stakeholders increases amount and effect of project
- ▶ Model for TRF Future Vision Plan

Project Activities

- I **Advocacy / Public Awareness / Behaviour change / Child Spacing**
- II **Education and training** of all grades of health personnel
- III **Procurement of equipment** for Rotary VVF centers + State hospitals
- IV **Fistula repairs and rehabilitation** of patients with micro credit and training in literacy, as health worker and i.e. sewing, cooking,
- V **AIDS Routine test-Prevention** of mother to child transmission (PMTCT)
- VI **Distribution of mosquito nets** to babies and their mothers
- VII **Base Line Study and Quality Assurance**
- VIII **Collaboration with Stakeholders_and Sustainability**



Example 2: Training of Skilled Birth Attendants



Goal:

- Increase the number of skilled birth attendants to reduce child and maternal mortality

Project action:

- Train Skilled Birth Attendants (doctors, nurses and midwives) to provide adequate comprehensive maternal and child health care. Also educate them on proper referral procedures in cases of emergencies

Example 3: Prevention of Transmission of AIDS from mother to child (PMTCT)

Goal:

- Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV

Project Action:

- Provide education, information and awareness with the help of local leaders and the media
- Provide HIV testing and counseling to pregnant women
- Offer treatment with anti-retroviral drugs to reduce the viral load and to extend the life expectancy of the HIV infected patient
- Make use of the International Donation program to make antiretroviral drugs more available to women and infants

Example 4: Distribution of mosquito nets to babies and their mothers

Goal:

- Reduce the number of mothers and children that die from malaria, a major cause of infant and maternal mortality

Project action:

- Provide mosquito nets to maternity and newborn wards in selected health clinics
- Hold training sessions on the effects malaria can have on the pregnant woman, the newborn and the family
- Show families how to use the nets correctly and how to avoid getting malaria