

Newsletter, December 2023

Safe Deliveries for Somali Mothers

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Access to skilled birth attendants in targeted Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (EmONC) centers is crucial for ensuring safe deliveries. This initiative aims to significantly improve the number of normal deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendants, promoting maternal health and reducing complications during childbirth.



Key Initiatives and Achievements (December 2023)



Reproductive Health Services



- Provided reproductive health services to **15,914** women and girls.
- **70** women have undergone obstetric fistula repair surgeries.
- **5,471** beneficiaries reached through four integrated reproductive health outreach campaigns.
- **5,620** pregnant mothers benefited from antenatal checkups.



Access to Skilled Birth Attendants



- Assisted **2,340** normal deliveries by skilled birth attendants
- Conducted **340** Cesarean sections in targeted hospitals.

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Quality Reproductive Health Services for Somali Women and Girls

Strengthening National Institutions, Service Providers and Supply Chain Management for Reproductive Health



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The reinforcement of the healthcare system by strengthening national institutions and service providers is essential for creating a robust healthcare system. This initiative contributes to the long-term well-being of women and girls by building local capacity in reproductive health services.

Additionally, this includes procuring and distributing essential reproductive health supplies to targeted locations, ensuring accessibility and availability. An efficient supply chain is crucial for delivering essential healthcare services.

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Strengthening Healthcare System:

- **Two** Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC) facilities have received supplies.
- **Three** ambulances acquired to strengthen referral systems between field clinics and hospitals.
- Ongoing process of procuring neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) equipment to address pre-term and complicated newborn cases.
- Operationalization of the national Obstetric Fistula Center

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