

# ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

October 2020 – September 2021 | Mother and Child Health Fund

## SUMMARY

Fiscal year 2021 was an exciting one for our Mother and Child Health projects in Niger and Zambia. In Niger, the project was fully rolled out, and while implementing full activities in just the second half of the year, we already are seeing positive changes in the way women and children receive healthcare and use services. Residents, health volunteers, medical staff, and local leaders are highly pleased with the work your partnership is supporting.

“The one who tries to help you walk with your own feet is better than the one who always wants to carry you on his back,” said Abdoul Kader Kouré, a chief from Kornaka in Niger, during a project launch event.

“That is to say that, unlike other projects that come to make

distributions, [World Vision’s Mother and Child Health project] comes to help us with sustainable solutions to allow us to get out of these difficulties ourselves, ... taking charge of maternal, infant, and neonatal health.”

Both countries launched an initiative in FY21 to improve water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services in project health facilities. Thanks to significant progress on this work and successful fundraising efforts, we were able to increase the number of clinics targeted for WASH improvements over the life of both projects, from 33 to 53. Select facilities also received more extensive upgrades and rehabilitation for dilapidated buildings.

The following pages share news on more of the good work your support is making possible.



“Thank you, World Vision, for training and giving medicines to the [community health workers], who are now able to screen and treat under-5 children in the community. Before, our clinic was ever busy with ill children, particularly those with malaria. But now, the number of children seeking care at the facility has reduced.”

—Gabriel Kaluma, director,  
Tungati Rural Health Center,  
Zambia

## GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

**1,034,054** **PREGNANT WOMEN, NEWBORNS, AND CHILDREN UNDER 5\*** have received essential healthcare, nutrition support, and treatment since October 2015, including 116,331 between October 2020 and September 2021.



**7,883**

community health workers and volunteers were trained to provide health information and basic care to their neighbors.



**834**

nurses and midwives in health facilities received training to improve the quality of care they provide.



**162**

clinics received support to provide improved mother and child healthcare, such as water, hygiene, and sanitation facilities; training; and equipment.



**993**

faith leaders were trained to advocate for the use of mother and child healthcare services.

\*The total number of direct participants reflects some people who might have received more than one service. For example, women who delivered their babies in a health facility often also received prenatal care services. These numbers reflect our active work as well as projects in Somalia, Uganda, and Zambia that have been completed, and similar projects in Kenya and Zimbabwe that were funded by a foundation donor.

# ZAMBIA

## SUMMARY

We are pleased to share a few of our accomplishments of note during FY21:

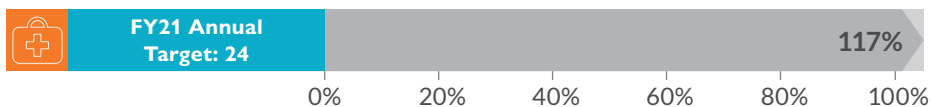
- 680 babies were safely delivered in FY21 by 28 healthcare workers who were trained on essential newborn care. This training created a strong corps of care providers who can safely deliver babies and provide postnatal care.
- Improvements were made at several health facilities, including water systems at seven of nine clinics, with comprehensive WASH improvements on track to be completed at all nine FY21-targeted sites by December 2021. In addition, a model facility with a maternity wing, clinic, and semidetached staff house was constructed at Menga Health Post, serving nearly 7,000 people. A maternity wing at the Laurent Chita Health Post now serves nearly 5,100 and a rehabilitated maternity annex at Ipusukilo Health Center is serving nearly 4,000 people.
- A midterm evaluation showed that community confidence in care at local facilities has grown, leading to an increase in institutional deliveries of nearly 13% in our project areas.
- 10,784 children were screened and treated in their homes by community health workers who received the supplies and medicines needed for cases of malaria (6,969), diarrhea (1,751), and pneumonia (2,064).
- 20,155 adults heard messages on preventing and managing childhood illness from 145 community health workers.
- 2,910 children were assessed for malnutrition, and 672 were diagnosed as underweight. They were enrolled in nutrition rehabilitation sessions, and 551 graduated. Ninety remain in the program, 22 dropped out or moved away, and nine who were severely underweight were referred to a health facility.



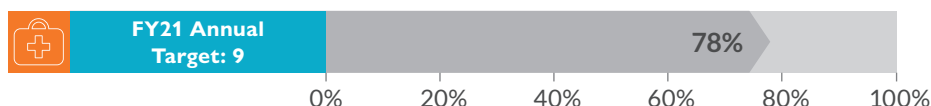
Elizabeth Banda washes her hands after treating a patient at the Kasonde-Kombokombo health facility. Seven mechanized water systems added 15 taps at health facilities, bringing clean water to critical points of care, such as delivery and exam rooms and bathrooms. Water supply has improved cleaning of equipment and all areas of the clinics. Fikonkota Health Post reported that improvements there led to an increase from an average of 15 deliveries a month to 20.

## PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES\*

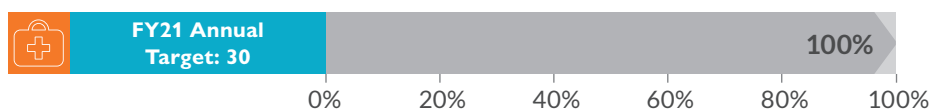
28 nurses and midwives in health facilities received continued training to improve the quality of care they provide.



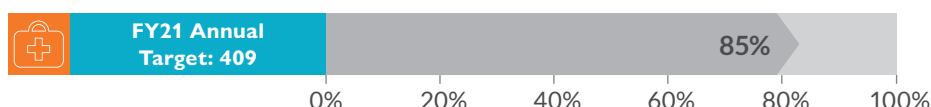
7 clinics received comprehensive WASH improvements to enhance mother and child healthcare services.



30 faith leaders were trained to advocate for the use of mother and child healthcare services.



348 community health workers and volunteers were trained.



# NIGER

## SUMMARY

Our project in Niger is now up and running, and after just six months of full programming, we have seen exciting results. Here are just a few of our accomplishments from FY21:

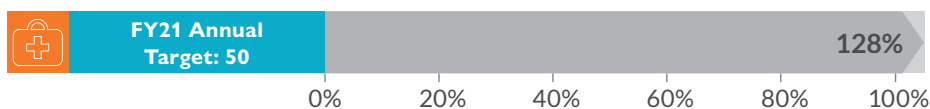
- 67,500 children younger than 5 have better access to healthcare, thanks to a cadre of 303 trained community health workers serving in 206 villages.
- Treatment of ill children by community health workers was made possible despite initial delays in procuring the necessary medicines. Supply chains dried up—due in large part to the COVID-19 pandemic—but project staff proactively worked with UNICEF and the National Malaria Control Program to obtain these vital medicines and testing supplies. This resulted in potentially life-saving care for 4,509 children presenting with malaria, pneumonia, or diarrhea. Health workers also referred 306 children who were severely ill to the nearest health facility for appropriate care.
- All 10 health centers targeted for improvements in FY21 received hygiene and sanitation equipment and supplies, helping to keep the facilities clean and safe for patients and staffs.
- Work was nearly completed to bring clean water to eight health facilities. Water was expected to be flowing at those facilities by the end of November 2021.
- More than 1,000 people were actively serving on 47 committees established to ensure project communities are getting the quality of health services desired. Committees in six communities began managing complaints and feedback on care quality.



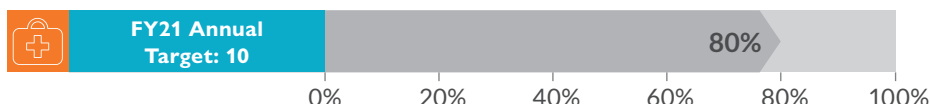
*The head of Kayan Integrated Health Center and World Vision's water, sanitation, and hygiene facilitator show visitors some of the waste management, cleaning, and hygiene equipment and supplies provided by this project to make health facilities cleaner, safer places to receive care.*

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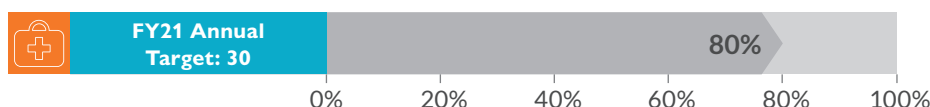
64 nurses and midwives in health facilities received continued training to improve the quality of care they provide.



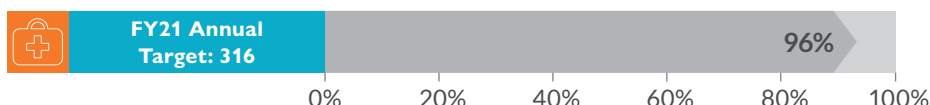
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## FINANCIALS

Mother and Child Health Fund  
(October 2020 through September 2021)

\$5,332,768 program-to-date funding

\$4,216,215 spending to date

79%

## THANK YOU

World Vision joins happy parents in celebrating their healthy babies, thanks to your support of programming that gave them a strong start in life. Learning about the importance of good nutrition for pregnant women and young children, prenatal care, and having babies in a health facility with medical staff members on hand is a start. Making those health facilities clean, safe, and staffed by trained and efficient healthcare providers is another step in that journey. You are playing a vital role in making this all come together. May God richly bless you for sharing your blessings with others.



*Never again will there be . . . an infant  
who lives but a few days.*

—Isaiah 65:20

After losing her first two babies, Zara holds tight to her son, Sani, who was born healthy with the aid of a midwife at the health clinic in Bouloungue, Niger. “I am very happy that we have motivated health agents to treat us, because thanks to the care of Roukaya, our midwife, I finally have my little Sani,” Zara said.



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