



# Increasing State Government's investment in Family Planning –The role of the Advocacy Core Group (ACG) Delta State

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# Outline

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# Delta state Context:

Indicators	NDHS 2013			MICS 2017		
	National	Regional	Delta	National	Regional	Delta
TFR	5.5	4.3	4.1	5.8	4.2	5.2
	15.1	28.1	28.7	13.8	16.7	10.9
CPR	0.98	16.4	16.8	10.8	11.2	8
Unmet	16	15.3	12.2	27.6	35.5	44.8
U-5 Mortality	128	91		120	59	



# Background

- Like in other regions of the country, in the past four years, the Family Planning (FP) programme in Delta State was not prioritized.
- Almost all FP interventions were funded by donor agencies with little or no state governmental investment.
- The work aims to examine the how the activities of the Advocacy Core Group influenced the creation of a budget line for family planning in Delta state.



# Changing the tide:

- The Challenge Initiative (TCI) supported the formation and inauguration of the ACG with members drawn from Civil Society Organizations, Technocrats, traditional rulers, Media representatives etc.
- Members of the ACG were trained on SMART Advocacy and tasked with engaging key state actors on the need to create and fund a specific budget line for Family Planning at both the State and LGA levels.
- TCI supported the training of selected members of the ACG on budget processes and tracking .



# Changing the tide:

- Key technocrats who are budget holders from the State Ministry of Health, Ministry of Budget and Planning, Ministry of Finance and the State Treasury were among the beneficiaries of the BTT training and thereafter were inaugurated into the Budget Track Team.
- Using pretested Media Advocacy Spots, key policy makers were targeted on the benefits of conscious state investment in Family Planning.
- Using Contraceptive Technology Updates(CTUs) survey results of Performance Improvement Assessment was disseminated among Policy Makers and technocrats highlighting



# Results

- As a result of the learnings from the budget processes training, budget holders and technocrats who are members of the ACG facilitated the engagement with policy makers for the creation and funding a specific budget line for FP.
- The Honourable Commissioner for Health approved the creation of a specific budget line for FP with a proposed funding of over 7 Million Naira outside of the RH budget line which forms part of the 2019 state annual budget presented to the State House of Assembly for passage by the Executive Governor.



# Results:

- The State Ministry of Health solely funded the development of their FP Costed Implementation Plan (CIP) to guide implementation.
- LGA chairmen for Warri South and Warri North West commit to funding FP outreaches in their domain to better the lives of women and children.
- Reproductive Health programme spearhead collaboration and leveraging with other health programme and ministries in order to maximize limited resources while still achieving desired results.
- FP becomes more visible in all MMCH activities in the state



# Conclusion

- For a successful and sustainable FP programming in any setting, states and LGAs should consciously invest in FP.



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