Medlink Pathways Funding Helps MamaCare Ghana Organization Strengthen Nutrition and Malaria Outreach in Underserved Communities

PROJECT REPORT

Executive Summary

MamaCare Ghana is strengthening nutrition education and malaria prevention and control in Biakoye and its surrounding communities in Ghana's Oti Region through donor funding from Thailand. (Med Link Pathways). The initiative is equipping health and community workers with practical resources and supporting community outreach to improve access to essential health information and services.

Report:

The support has enabled MamaCare Ghana to develop and provide practical nutrition training and counselling resources for 10 Community health Nurses and community health workers, equipping them with simple, user-friendly materials to support mothers, caregivers and families with essential information on infant and young-child feeding.

The nutrition resources cover important areas including exclusive breastfeeding during the first six months of life, appropriate complementary feeding from six months, food variety, hygiene, feeding sick children, growth monitoring and when caregivers should seek help from a health facility. The counselling approach encourages health workers to listen to caregivers, identify challenges and provide practical advice that families can apply in their daily lives.

Alongside the nutrition intervention, the funding is also supporting malaria control outreach and community education. The malaria resource materials are designed to help community and health workers recognise malaria symptoms and danger signs, understand when an illness may require urgent medical attention, encourage timely treatment-seeking and promote practical malaria prevention measures.

The materials also address common misconceptions about malaria and provide information on reducing mosquito breeding, including draining stagnant water, covering water containers, clearing weeds around homes and properly disposing of containers that can collect water.

These interventions are particularly important in underserved communities where access to health information and other essential services can remain limited. By strengthening the capacity of local health and community workers, MamaCare Ghana is helping to take practical knowledge closer to families and enabling communities to make better-informed decisions about nutrition, malaria prevention and healthcare.

SIAW ABIGAIL, a health worker at Biakoye District TAPA ABOTOASE Clinic and a beneficiary of MamaCare Ghana's ongoing initiative, said**: *"These interventions from MamaCare Organization and their donor partners (Medlink Pathways-Thailand) have gone a long way in strengthening the healthcare systems in our communities, and we're grateful."***

Mr. Emmanuel Pewudie, Founder of MamaCare Organization, expressed his appreciation for the funding from **Medlink Pathways Thailand** and its significant impact on families and communities with limited access to essential health services. ***"We're happy to have received this funding from the Medlink Pathways University of Thailand. It has enabled us to develop nutrition training resources for 10 health workers in Biakoye and surrounding communities, as well as support malaria control outreach. This is what humanitarianism is all about — transforming lives and communities one at a time. Support from institutions and individuals helps us address critical gaps and reach underserved communities where needs remain."***

MamaCare Ghana believes that sustainable community development requires collaboration among government, civil society organisations, development partners, institutions and individuals. The organisation therefore expresses its appreciation to the President and Founder **Kundol Tangruthaiwanich** President, MedLink Pathways and supporters whose contributions are helping to extend essential health and nutrition education to communities that need it most.

The organisation is committed to building on these interventions and reaching more families with practical knowledge and community-based support that can contribute to healthier mothers, children and communities.

Impact of the Project

With your funding support, we are able to provide 15 copies of the resource educational material to 10 Community Health Nurses (CHNs) including community health Workers (CHWs).

Target beneficiaries;

Women, Children, Newborn and the general communities. Approximately about 7,500 women and Newborn is benefiting from the project. About 6,500 are indirect community members beneficiaries.

Scope of the project;

The project will reach about 15 underserved communities in Biakoye District and its enclave.

About MamaCare-Ghana Organization

MamaCare Ghana Organization (MMCGO) is a Ghanaian non-profit organisation dedicated to women's rights, dignity and health, with a particular focus on maternal, newborn and child health in underserved communities. We work with communities, frontline health workers and local health authorities to strengthen health education, practical skills and links to care.

Our work combines community outreach with training and equipment support for frontline services. We invite donors and technical partners to support locally identified needs through clearly defined projects, with agreed responsibilities, budgets and reporting requirements.

Vision and mission

Our vision A society in which women can exercise their rights to health, education and wellbeing, including in rural and underserved communities.

Our mission To strengthen sexual and reproductive health awareness and maternal and child health through community education, frontline capacity building and collaboration with local health services.

Communities we serve

We prioritise women, newborns, children and adolescent girls in communities affected by poverty, distance from services and barriers to timely care. Families, caregivers and community leaders are involved in education and mobilisation. Community selection is undertaken in consultation with district health authorities and local leaders.

MamaCare has a national remit. Its documented programme experience includes Guan District and Hohoe in the Oti and Volta regions, and North East Gonja in the Savannah Region. Activities in additional regions are developed through local partnerships and project-specific resources.

Way forward & Recommendations

We want to commend Founder **Kundol Tangruthaiwanich** President, Medlink for organizing fundraising efforts to support this important project.

We recommend for further funding to be able to develop a resource material for Community Health Nurses in Pre and Postnatal care. The resource materials would help them to able educate the pregnant women, children under-years and the general communities.

Appreciation

We want to Appreciate President and Founder **Kundol Tangruthaiwanich** MedLink including all the students, individuals who took part in fundraising for the success of the project.

We have attached some photographs for your review**.**

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