



# TY DANJUMA FOUNDATION EXTENDS ITS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE TO AKWA IBOM STATE

THROUGH ITS HEALTHY MOTHER HEALTHY CHILD PROJECT IMPLEMENTED BY ARRDEC IN ORON, UDUNG UKO AND OKOBO LGAs OF AKWA IBOM STATE



## PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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### PROJECT BACKGROUND

**H**ealthy Mother Healthy Child Project is a TY Danjuma Foundation Funded Project being implemented by Antof Rural Resource Development Centre (ARRDEC) in three LGAs namely: Oti-Oro and Ekeya communities of Okobo LGA; Eyoabasi, Idua Assang and Esin Ufot Communities of Oron LGA; and Eyokponung, Eyibia and Ekim Communities of Udung Uko LGA of Akwa Ibom State. The project is being implemented under the sub-title, "Promoting uptake of ANC and PMTCT services at 2 PHCs each in Oron, Udung Uko and Okobo LGAs for improved IMNCH in 11 months", and the primary target populations are pregnant women and HIV exposed infants.

The objective of the Project is to contribute to reducing the prevalence of under-five and maternal mortality in Akwa Ibom State, therefore to achieve this, the project worked with the beneficiaries, host communities, engaged the various community structures that impact women's care-seeking behaviour to promote uptake of ANC and PMTCT services at the selected Primary healthcare Centres in the project locations. Results-focused activities carried out included: Community-based Outreaches to create demand for uptake of ANC and PMTCT, HIV Counseling Services, referrals and follow-up for adherence to treatment for HIV-positive women.

## KEY PROJECT OUTCOMES



**293**  
pregnant women

attended ANC  
between Sept., 2019 &  
Dec., 2019



**13** HIV +  
pregnant women

enrolled for PMTCT  
services at the facilities  
between Sept., 2019 &  
Dec., 2019

**11**

HIV negative  
Pregnant Women

delivered of  
their babies  
successfully  
btw. Sept. 2019 &  
Dec., 2019



**1** HIV+ Pregnant Woman

Delivered of her  
baby successfully  
on 1st Sept. 2019 at  
Health Centre,  
Ekeya, Okobo LGA

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BETWEEN SEPT. 2019 TO DEC. 2019

### QUARTERLY CLUSTER MEETING WITH PHCWS, PPMVS, TBAS/MISSION HOMES, AND MENTOR MOTHERS



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#### Meetings held

On 16th, 17th & 20th Sept. 2019  
at Eyokponung Health  
Centre, Udung Uko, ARRDEC's  
office, Oron, & Okopedi Health  
Centre, Okobo LGA respectively

**45** Persons

Participated in  
meeting, 37 females  
& 8 males

#### Meeting Outcomes:

- Participants reported on feed backs on tracking, referral made, and challenge encountered
- linkages between TBAs and facilities was strengthened tremendously as some of the TBAs go with their clients to the facilities.



ARRDECs Program officer, Mr. Joshua addressing participants at PHC, Eyokponung



Cross section of women groups during the health talk

### BI- MONTHLY HEALTH TALK AND HIV TESTING SERVICES (HTS) FOR WOMEN GROUPS



#### Meetings held

On 29th, 30th & 31st Oct. 2019  
at Udung Uko, Oron &  
Okobo LGA respectively

**19** Persons

Participated in  
meeting, 14 females  
& 5 males

#### Key Outcomes:

- Increased knowledge of the women on importance of ANC, PMTCT, family planning and Immunization.
- Increased commitment of participants to play role in reducing maternal and child mortality.

### QUARTERLY MEETING WITH MALE PARTNERS FOR BEHAVIOUR CHANGE AND HTS (Men care forum)

**3**

Meetings held  
In November 2019  
at Udung Uko, Oron &  
Okobo LGA

**8** males  
tested  
negative

to **HIV**



#### Other outcomes:

- Increased knowledge of participants on importance of ANC.
- Increased awareness on HIV/AIDS, factors fueling HIV transmission.
- Increased sense of responsibility among male partners to contributing to reduction of maternal & child mortality

**19** Persons

Participated in  
meeting, 14 females  
& 5 males



ARRDECs AO, Mr. Etim Ndeks, addressing participants



ARRDECs Program Officer, Mr. Joshua Inim, addressing participants

## PROJECT CLOSE-OUT AND AWARD CEREMONY, on 17th Dec., 2019

- Held at Antofitel Hotel & Suites, 13 Ebong Street, Oron, Akwa Ibom State.
- Over 50 persons comprised of direct beneficiaries (pregnant women, nursing mothers), representatives from State Ministry of Health (Public Health Directorate), Akwa Ibom State Agency for Control of AIDS (AKSACA), healthcare providers, community heads, etc.
- 12 persons; 5 TBAs, 1 PPMV, 1 Community Chief, 1 Mentor Mother, 1 Case Manager and 3 Community Volunteers, (CVs), were awarded as Healthy Mother, Healthy Child Champions for their commitment to promoting Antenatal Care (ANC) attendance and Child Immunization.
- Project sustainability mechanisms and next steps communicated.



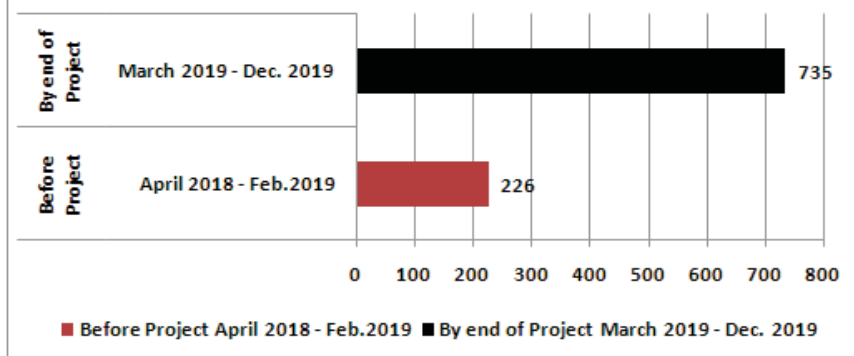
cross section of participants: direct beneficiaries (a pregnant woman, nursing mothers), healthcare providers, community heads, state key actors, etc.



Chairman, BoT of ARRDEC, Mr. Utin Ntofon giving opening remarks, at the event

## PROJECT PERFORMANCE - March 2019 to Dec., 2019

### Number of pregnant women enrolled for ANC



Before Project  
April 2018 - Feb. 2019

**226**

Pregnant women enrolled for Ante Natal Care

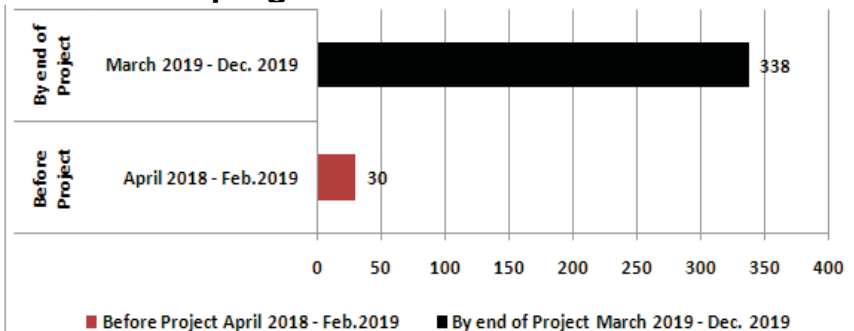
By end of Project  
March 2019 - Dec. 2019

**735**

Pregnant women enrolled for Ante Natal Care

**225.2% Increase**

### Number of pregnant women enrolled for ANC who made at least 4 visits at the facilities



Before Project  
April 2018 - Feb. 2019

**30**

Pregnant women made at least 4 ANC visits

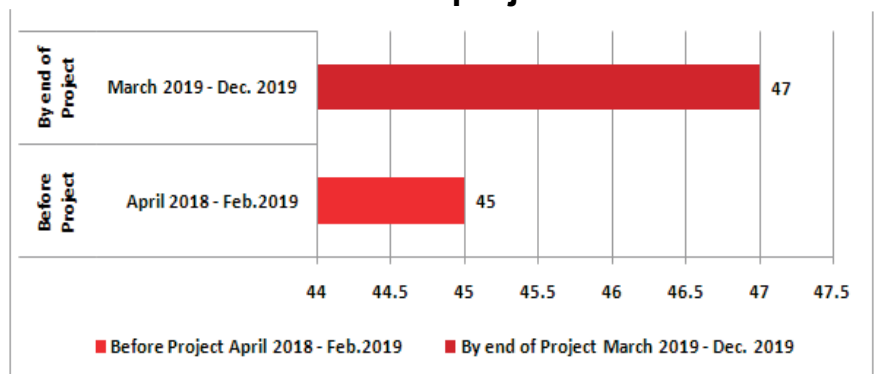
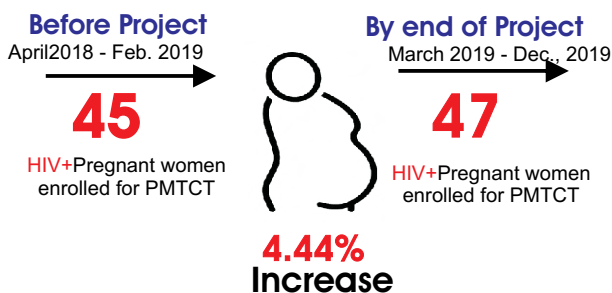
By end of Project  
March 2019 - Dec. 2019

**338**

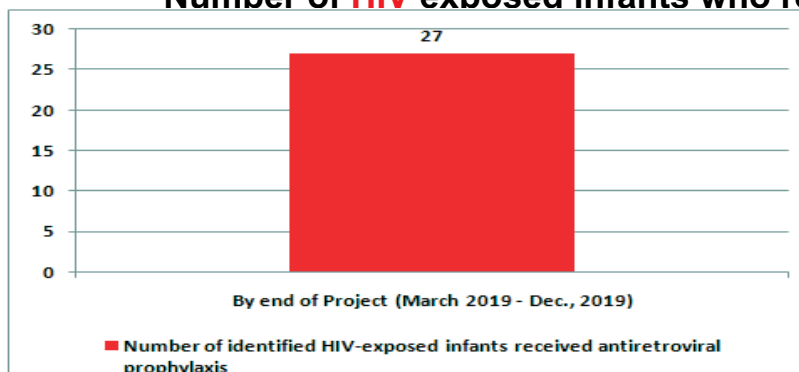
Pregnant women made at least 4 ANC visits

**1026.7% Increase**

### Number of HIV+ pregnant women enrolled for PMTCT at the project selected facilities



### Number of HIV exposed infants who received antiretroviral prophylaxis



By end of Project  
March 2019 - Dec. 2019

**27**

HIV exposed infants received antiretroviral prophylaxis

