



**AFRICA CHA PLATFORM**

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**OUR  
PROGRAMMES**

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## 1. ACHAP AFYA- KENYA AND UGANDA

With support and funding from USAID, ACHAP launched ACHAP Afya, a three-year project focused on reduction of maternal and child morbidity in Kenya and Uganda by implementing high quality high impact community health interventions in Reproductive Health , Family Planning, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Nutrition; and WASH services. The project leverages ACHAP's large faith-based platform provided by its local partner organizations, to build the capacity of local community health teams, community leaders, and the County/ Sub County Health Management Teams to ensure sustainability.

ACHAP Afya is led by ACHAP as the prime, with two sub-awardees, CHAK and UCMB leading in Kilifi County in Kenya and Nebbi and Arua districts in Uganda respectively. The ACHAP Afya project has supported organizational capacity strengthening of ACHAP since July 2020. Working in collaboration with a team of consultants from Accelerating Support to Advanced Local Partners (ASAP), the capacity strengthening focused on ACHAP board processes, organizational interrelationships, staffing, financial management and accounting, procurement processes, and subgrantee management processes.

Through this support, the following was achieved:

- An ACHAP Board Charter was developed. The charter helps the board to operationalize its constitution, enhance good governance standards and promote best practice. It guides board members in their governance roles and responsibilities and inform all ACHAP's members of the governance standards ACHAP aspires to practice and be held accountable to.
- Key ACHAP policy documents were developed. These include ACHAP Human Resources Manual, ACHAP Finance and Operations Manual, ACHAP Procurement Policies Manual, ACHAP Subaward Management Guidelines, and ACHAP Subaward Management Roles and Responsibilities Manual.
- ACHAP staff increased from 2 to 20. Most of the new staff are under the ACHAP Afya project.

### Key Results (West Nile) October 2021 to September 2022

- 294 VHTs trained and supported to provide community health interventions.
- 53 community leaders, 73 male champions and 22 faith leaders trained and supported to create demand for health services.
- 5,225 pregnant women completed at least 4 ANC visits.
- 2,784 pregnant women accessed skilled birth attendance.
- 2,912 newborns followed up in the community within 2 days of birth.
- 4,645 children fully immunized.
- 7,548 children under 2 years were reached with nutrition interventions.
- 8,504 households supported to have handwashing facilities.

## 2. HEALTHY HEART AFRICA – CÔTE D'IVOIRE

In September 2021, ACHAP partnered with AstraZeneca to implement the Healthy Heart Africa programme in Côte d'Ivoire. HHA is an initiative by AstraZeneca that contributes to prevention and control of cardiovascular diseases with a focus on hypertension. The two- year implementation aims to further early detection, prevention, and control, strengthen health systems through training of healthcare providers, and implement local treatment protocols to standardise care in Côte d'Ivoire. The program is implemented in 20 hospitals across 5 regions in Côte d'Ivoire. The project is led by ACHAP's in-country partner, Initiatives Chrétiennes Pour la Promotion Humaine (ICPH).

As of December 2022, the program has achieved the following results:

- 1,010,565 individuals screened for elevated blood pressure
- 142,318 individuals identified with initial BP reading > or = 140/90 mmHg
- 21,088 individuals diagnosed with hypertension & treated with lifestyle advice or medicine

### Key Results (Kilifi) October 2021 to September 2022

- 1012 VHTs trained and supported to provide community health interventions.
- 53 community leaders, 73 male champions and 22 faith leaders trained and supported to create demand for health services.
- 8,557 pregnant women completed at least 4 ANC visits.
- 6,344 pregnant women accessed skilled birth attendance.
- 5,707 newborns followed up in the community within 2 days of birth.
- 11,174 children fully immunized.
- 16,835 households supported to have handwashing facilities.

## 3. HEALTHY HEART AFRICA MULTI-COUNTRY GRANT

ACHAP in partnership with AstraZeneca is implementing the HHA multi-Country grant to scale in 5 countries of Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, Malawi, Central Africa Republic, and Madagascar. Through this partnership, ACHAP will assimilate the lessons learnt and build on its 15 years of work to deepen and scale up interventions that leverage the power of deep-rooted community trust of its member national level faith-based health networks to strengthen capacity of health care workers (HCW) on hypertension management and subsequently improve rates of screening treatment & control of hypertension.

## 4. PROMOTING COVID-19 VACCINE EQUITY THROUGH FAITH-BASED NETWORKS IN AFRICA (COV FAB PROJECT)

CoV FaB is a 2-year (2022-2024) IMA World Health funded project initially implemented in Zimbabwe and Sierra Leone under the consortium of ACHAP, IMA world Health and Internews. The local implementing partners are Zimbabwe Association of Church-Related Hospitals (ZACH) and Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone (CHASL) in Zimbabwe and Sierra Leone respectively. Other countries where the project is implemented include Tanzania, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Central African Republic, and Zambia. The overall project goal is to reduce the loss of life and spread of COVID-19 in Sub-Saharan Africa, contributing to global health security through targeted capacity strengthening of Christian Health Association networks. The project will support this goal with the achievement of three high level objectives or outcomes:

The CoV FaB project aims to fill specific gaps in the country's vaccination efforts as a partner to government efforts including but not limited to: - Procurement of vaccination equipment (cold storage) and supplies, support for mobile vaccination campaigns (vehicle rental, fuel, refrigeration unit, cold boxes, etc.), mobilization of religious leaders and other influential networks to promote vaccine uptake, facilitation of national and sub-national level dialogue/awareness on vaccine efficacy and safety through community radio and other identified mass media channels, expanding access to vaccination by using schools, community social halls, and places of worship as vaccination sites, combatting misinformation using existing digital platforms and other platforms to conduct "social listening;" and engagement of communities in the safe delivery of vaccines and of community and faith leaders to build vaccine and health literacy.

### Expected results:

The project is working towards the following results by March 2024:

- To contribute to the attaining national COVID-19 vaccination coverage of 70% in Mutoko, UMP and Chikomba districts in Zimbabwe and Western Area urban and Western Areas-Rural in Sierra Leone
- To build capacity of 120 health care workers to deliver quality COVID-19 vaccination services Including defaulter tracing.
- To build capacity of Christian Health Associations on Advocacy and Communication including development of media engagement plans on COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Capacity building of local faith leaders and other community leaders in targeted CHA health facility catchment areas are promoting vaccine uptake and evidence-based messaging on COVID-19.
- To strengthen ACHAP's capacity to effectively advocate for CHAs with international institutions engaged in global health security efforts including effective engagements with international institutions on global health security as a representative of the CHAs.

## 5. MOMENTUM INTEGRATED HEALTH RESILIENCE

MIHR is part of a suite of innovative awards funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to holistically strengthen quality voluntary family planning (FP), reproductive health (RH), and maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH) in partner countries around the world.

More than half of all maternal and child deaths occur in countries affected by conflict, disasters, weak governance and institutions, population displacements, and other acute and chronic crises. In these settings, increased illness and death result from disruptions to basic health services and systems, from family planning and immunization to safe deliveries and supply chains. The project's focus on health resilience reduces chronic vulnerabilities and promotes more inclusive health development by addressing risks and responses to shocks and stresses, ensuring the continuity of MNCH/FP/RH services.

Working together alongside local organizations, governments, and humanitarian and development partners in these fragile settings, the project works to accelerate reductions in maternal, newborn, and child illness and death by increasing the capacity of partner country institutions and local organizations—including new and underutilized partners—to introduce, deliver, scale up, and sustain the use of evidence-based, quality MNCH/FP/RH care.

MOMENTUM Integrated Health Resilience contributes to global learning on strengthening MNCH/FP/RH service delivery and resilience. Additionally, the project will increase the availability and rapid, iterative use of resilience metrics and analytics to better understand and adapt to complex pathways involved in improving maternal and child health outcomes.

### Key activities

The project undertakes a wide range of activities to improve health resilience in fragile settings;

- Strengthening health systems to expand coverage and use of quality health services.
- Assisting countries in adapting evidence-based policies, guidelines, and practices at national and subnational levels to meet the needs of specific fragile settings.
- Supporting and strengthening local efforts to collect and analyze data and ensure evidence informs interventions.
- Increasing public-private partnerships, and expand partnerships between health and non-health organizations, educational institutions, and corporate and philanthropic organizations to diffuse learning, leverage resources, and scale efforts to achieve better outcomes.

### Key contributions

The project's results contribute to MOMENTUM's goal of improving sustainable MNCH/FP/RH outcomes;

- Supporting the layering, sequencing, and integration of humanitarian and development programming across different sectors to improve health outcomes.
- Strengthening local and national capacities to build on health gains made in fragile settings for mothers, newborns, and children.
- Tailoring all assessment tools and programming approaches to match the needs of MOMENTUM's specific contexts.
- Advancing USAID's learning agenda around health resilience at the health system, health services, community, and individual/family levels in fragile settings, including appropriate and scalable interventions.

## 6. SAVING LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS.

SLL is a three-year partnership between AMREF Health Africa and ACHAP through the Mastercard Foundation and Africa CDC. It is designed to hasten the continent's economic recovery in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic through acquiring vaccines for at least 50 million people, supporting the delivery of vaccinations to millions across the continent, laying the groundwork for vaccine manufacturing in Africa through a focus on human capital development, and strengthening the Africa CDC.

The project is currently being implemented in Lesotho, Rwanda, and Zimbabwe. The implementation will synergize the efforts of the Government, Africa CDC, and other partners in increasing COVID-19 vaccine uptake. The implementation campaign will focus on healthcare workers' sensitization, vaccine capacity, setting of COVID-19 vaccination centers, and vaccine surveillance to enable the countries to reach their COVID-19 vaccination target of 70% vaccination of the total population by 2022.

### Expected results.

The project is working towards the following results by end of December 2024 in Lesotho, Rwanda, and Zimbabwe;

- 21 COVID-19 vaccination centers set up and running in Rwanda
- 299 HCWs Trained as vaccinators to administer vaccines and manage CVC sites in Lesotho, Rwanda, and Zimbabwe
- 152 data clerks hired and deployed to health facilities in Lesotho, Rwanda, and Zimbabwe
- 1,284,366 total doses administered in Lesotho, Rwanda, and Zimbabwe

## 8. RAISE 4 SAHEL

Raise 4 Sahel (R4S) project, is a \$60M, multi-country, and multi partner project funded by GAVI and Implemented by World Vision Inc. and its consortium partners: Food for the Hungry, Core Group and ACHAP. The project aims to contribute to meeting GAVI's 2021-2025 strategy goals for the Zero-Dose Immunization Programme (ZIP) by reaching zero-dose children and under-immunized children in conflict-affected and fragile communities that are beyond government reach. The project will be implemented in 7 countries in the Sahel region—namely, Burkina Faso, Chad, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Mali, Niger, and Nigeria.

ACHAP leads implementation through member CHAs in Chad, Cameroon and Nigeria, while World Vision leads in the remaining four countries. In Cameroon, the project is implemented by the CBCHS in 4 regions; AEST and World vision Chad in 3 regions in Chad, and CHAN in 6 states in Nigeria.

In its inception phase (July – December 2022), the project focused on understanding the country context of Zero dose children through engagement of key partners, literature review and community engagement of understand key drivers of Zero dose children. Based on the available literature, country teams developed an 18-months workplan that was submitted in Dec 2022, awaiting approval. In Phase 2, the project teams will embark on full implementation starting with easily accessible areas, while negotiating for access in high risk areas.

## 7. THE AFRICAN CHRISTIAN HEALTH ASSOCIATION PLATFORM DHIS 2 INSTANCE

ACHAP is seeking to develop a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Platform to use across its countries and projects to collect and maintain critical information (indicators and respective data) across its member CHAs. The M&E platform will be able to add projects, monitor project implementation, track progress and data quality, share trends, provide an interactive Dashboard, GIS, and data management, and generate reports that contribute to transparency and accountability of the organization.

The main objective is to establish an online M&E Platform to align it to ACHAP processes and procedures and additionally build the capacity of relevant staff to enable them to maintain the M&E platform.

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