Progress and challenges on RMNCH

Progress:
- In 2007 maternal death rate was 994/100,000, 2013 maternal death rate reduced to 770/100,000 live birth which represented reduction of 224 in six years
- In the same period infant mortality rate was dropped by 10 from 72 to 54 deaths per 1000 Live birth
- 111 under 5 mortality rate was reported and reduced to 94 and by 17 deaths per 1000 Live birth

Challenges:
- Even though, maternal, infant and under 5 deaths scope progress 2007-2013, it is still a huge social challenge and unacceptable.
- 39% of pregnant women were assisted by unskilled service providers, 61% by skilled providers while 56% of fatality birth was by skilled providers and 44% was by unskilled providers.
- 57% of all deaths to children under 5 take place before 1st birthday
- 19% of married women age 15-49 are currently using modern contraceptive method which means 81% are not using modern contraceptive method.
- Under 5 mortality is 112 deaths per 1000 live birth
- Only 37% of delivery occurs in healthy facilities
- Teenage pregnancy rate is one of the highest in Africa little over 40%
- Public financing of reproductive, maternal, Sexual and Child health in Liberia is low and even limited allegation disbursement is a challenge.

Who we are summary:
Brighter Initiatives for Revitalization & Development (BIRD-Liberia) is a national NGO in collaboration with the below listed organization campaigning to end the maternal, infant, child death rates or crisis. It calls for a substantial increase in resources and Government of Liberia in line with what is required to achieve the Aft and SDGs goals and targets on reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health.

BIRD-Liberia particularly calls for:
Considering Liberia’s current maternal death rate of 770/100,000 and global targets for countries to cut death rate to 70/100,000, we call on the Government of Liberia and Development Partners to do the following:

The national Legislature:
Ensure national Budget allocate direct line for Reproductive, maternal, Newborn, Child health (RMNCH) and human resource health working on RMNCH
Request or ensure the Ministry of Health present to the relevant committees of the national Legislature current performance level of the RMNCH Roadmap 2011-2015 to inform oversight and appropriation decision.

RMNCH SDGs Goals & Targets

Global Targets (SDGs)
By 2030, reduce the global ratio (maternal mortality) to less than 70/100,000
By 2030, end preventable death of newborn and children under 5
All countries should reduce maternal mortality 12/1000 and children under 5 to 25/1000
By 2030, substantially increase health financing and recruitment, development, training and retention of health workforce
✓ Establish the level of the Ministry of Health allocation in the draft National Budget 2019/2020 visibility on RMNCH Specifically, establish the ministry allocation in the draft national Budget link to the RMNCH Roadmap Financing or costing plan.

**Ministry of Health**

✓ Should consider revision and the participatory development of a new RMNCH Roadmap tailor to the vision 2030, National Health policy, Africa Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable development Goals

✓ Family planning is vital to good sexual reproductive health behavior and reduction of maternal, infants and newborn deaths. The infrastructure, drugs and human resource needs for Family planning is often challenged. MOH, other statutory bodies and development partners must take practical measures to decentralized infrastructure programs, services and make adequate drugs and resources.

✓ The MOH, national Legislature and Partners must collaborate to derive regulatory frameworks for the use of Family planning drugs, methods and engage in sexual activities in the way that vulnerable groups (Children) are protected.

✓ Social enforcement measures must have to be taken by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with other statutory ministries and agencies in the full application and endorsement of the Marriage Law which specify age quality for Marriage

**Who we are List:**

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**NATIONAL TARGETS**

Reduce mortality and stunting by 25% and increase immunization coverage by 25% for under 5 population (Aft)

Reduce maternal mortality rate from 770/100,000 to 25% (Aft)

Overall objective: “to reduce by 2021 maternal mortality from 770 to 497/100,000 (roadmap)

To reduce by 2021 newborn mortality from 38/1000 to 19/1000 (Roadmap 2011-2015)

Increase by 50% the number of skilled attendants for reproductive Health services at all levels of Health Care Delivery System (Roadmap 2011-2015)

Increase access to and utilization of Family planning services (Roadmap 2011-2015)

Strengthen community participation for maternal, newborn, Child and Adolescent care (roadmap 2011-2015)