INTEGRATED PATHWAY FOR IMPROVING MATERNAL, NEW-BORN AND CHILD HEALTH PROJECT (InPATH)

In 2019, JCM and CowaterSogema joined forces in Malawi where both Canadian companies are active. At the time, CowaterSogema had been implementing a maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) initiative for the previous two years in Chitipa and Kasungu districts. Recognising the companies' shared values and commitment to support the social, environmental, and economic development in Malawi, a partnership was formed through the CowaterSogema-led Integrated Pathways for Improving Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (InPATH) initiative.

Through the establishment of this partnership, and project funding to the value of $299,405.14, provided by JCM, additional funding was leveraged from the Government of Canada to expand the InPATH operations to Salima, the district which is host to the project. For context, the total value of the project, which was funded by Global Affairs Canada (GAC), OneDrop and JCM, was $25.8million. JCM identified this unique opportunity which allowed us to join an existing consortium of private, public and civil society stakeholders, including Cowater

International, OneDrop, Global Affairs Canada, The Government of Malawi, The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologist of Canada, and Plan International Canada Inc., and to benefit from established, strong working relationships with national and local governments in Malawi.

The goal of the 2016-2021 InPATH project was to contribute towards the reduction of maternal and child mortality in Kasungu, Chitipa and Salima by strengthening local health systems and improving governance and accountability for results in Rural Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH).

The estimated total number of direct and indirect beneficiaries of the InPATH Project was 1,5 million, of which 601,871 were direct beneficiaries. 173,440 of these direct beneficiaries were based at the Salima District, while 258,629 of the indirect beneficiaries were from the Salima District.

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