



# Maternal and Child Survival Program

## Haiti Fact Sheet



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### Overview

The Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP) Ending Preventable Child and Maternal Deaths (EPCMD) project engages governments, policymakers, private sector leaders, health care providers, civil society, faith-based organizations and communities in adopting and accelerating proven approaches to address the major causes of maternal, newborn and child mortality such as postpartum hemorrhage, birth asphyxia and diarrhea, respectively, and improve the quality of health services from household to hospital. MCSP tackles these issues through approaches that also focus on health systems strengthening, household and community mobilization, gender integration and eHealth, among others.

In Haiti, the MCSP country team is working closely with the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) and other organizations to carry out the following: Provide national technical assistance to the MSPP to create an enabling national policy and coordination environment for improved reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) in Haiti.

**The Maternal Child Survival Program Ending Preventable Child and Maternal Deaths introduces and supports the introduction of high-impact reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health interventions for the ultimate goal of ending preventable child and maternal deaths.**

**Budget:** \$15,000,000

**Life of Project:** Aug 2014 – Sept 2017

**Implementing Partners:** Jhpiego, JSI, PATH, Save the Children

- Establish the guidelines and technical standards for the structure and operation of three Model Referral Networks—Ouanaminthe, Matheux, and St. Michel De L’Attalaye—and support implementation of the Model Referral Network guidelines.
- Increase the capacity of the national RMNCH training and education system, specifically at three National Training Centers and in at least one midwifery pre-service education institution, to support the development of a health provider work force that is equipped with the knowledge and skills to effectively provide high impact priority reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) services.
- Provide national technical assistance to the MSPP to create an enabling national policy and coordination environment for improved RMNCH services in Haiti.
- Promote learning, knowledge sharing and coordination to foster the scale-up of evidence-based community health strategies.

**In its first year, MCSP EPCMD Haiti achieved:**

- The 1) development of communication and transport protocols in establishing operational Model Referral Networks; 2) revision of the National Manual on Referral and Counter Referral Systems; and 3) provision of technical assistance to MSPP and LMG on piloting the referral and counter-referral tools.
- The establishment of three National Training Centers with a pool of 19 staff trained as trainers in MNH skills standardization—including in high-impact interventions such as Basic Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care, Helping Babies Breathe, and Essential Care for Every Baby.
- The advancement of an enabling national environment through the revitalization of technical working groups, the introduction of key policies and guidelines requiring revision—including in Cervical Cancer Prevention, Postpartum Family Planning, and Integrated Community Case Management—and MSPP approval for piloting of high-impact interventions, such as the provision of misoprostol for postpartum hemorrhage as a community intervention.
- The mapping and profiling of 36 civil society organizations engaged in community health.

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