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How UKaid partners with Lagos State government to deliver life-saving skills at reduced cost

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Midwives being trained on Advanced Life-Saving Skills in Lagos

Mrs. Ganiu Ajasa is a social worker and the Chief Nursing Officer at the Ogudu Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Kosofe Local Government Area in Lagos State. The PHC provides 24-hour services to an estimated 70,000 people (Facility Micro Plan Survey, June 2013), mostly women and children. In February 2012, Mrs. Ajasa improved her life-saving skills during a three-week training sponsored by the Partnership for Transforming Health Systems Phase Two (PATHS2).

The training Mrs Ajasa took emphasised the use of delayed cord clamping, use of partographs, demonstration of breathing exercises, and positioning options during delivery. Afterwards Mrs Ajasa was able to train five midwives working at the PHC. “I taught my colleagues the new things from the workshop. It is easier to teach others using the manual,” says Mrs. Ajasa, “and I can produce simple wall charts from the manual that people can consult



Participants of ALSS training in Lagos

when I'm not around. We run two shifts here. Some of us hardly see the others.”

Twelve service providers in Lagos State took the same training as Mrs Ajasa and then cascaded the training

down to eighty-five colleagues, thus multiplying the effect of DFID's investments in life-saving. PATHS2 worked with the Lagos State government to reduce the cost of training by 85 percent, from 877,494.47 naira (£3,510) per participant in February 2012, to 307,530.83 naira (£1,230)

The training's benefits are evident: Ogudu PHC is now witnessing more deliveries and visits for antenatal care. The number of deliveries improved from 36 between January to December 2011 to 152 between January to December 2012. The PHC also recorded a landmark 137 deliveries between January to June 2013 compared with 92 deliveries within the same period in 2012.

PATHS2 is a six-year DfID-funded programme focused on improving the planning, financing and delivery of sustainable, replicable, pro-poor services for improved health outcomes for women and children in Nigeria.

Over the past four years, PATHS2 has been working closely with the federal and the five state governments to strengthen health systems in order to improve health care delivery.

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The Partnership for Transforming Health Systems Phase Two (PATHS2) is a six-year development initiative that aims to ensure Nigeria achieves important health-related Millennium Development Goals.

Funded by UKAID from the Department for International Development, PATHS2 is working in partnership with the Government of Nigeria and other stakeholders to improve the planning, financing, and delivery of sustainable health services for those most in need. In addition to its work at the federal level, the PATHS2 programme is implemented in the five states of Enugu, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, and Lagos. PATHS2 follows the successful PATHS programme, which was implemented from 2002 to 2008.

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