

PARTNERING TO SAVE LIVES



Save the Children

THE PROBLEM

Cambodia has made considerable progress in reaching and at times exceeding its targets for reducing the leading causes of death and illness for women and babies. Many women are delivering their babies in health centres and children are finding themselves protected from life threatening illnesses. However, these successes are not realized everywhere in Cambodia. Women and babies who represent the poorest, most geographically hard to reach populations with the lowest education completion rates still find themselves vulnerable to preventable causes of death and illness. This is particularly true of the north eastern provinces of Cambodia, where the pregnancy rate for teenage girls is twice the national average and only half of women deliver their babies with a skilled health provider. These stark variations, particularly in the most remote villages in the

north eastern provinces, have informed the project's target priorities and Save the Children's ambition to reach every last child.

OUR RESPONSE

Partnering to Save Lives is a consortium of agencies including CARE, Marie Stopes International Cambodia and Save the Children. Save the Children is working in Kratie and Stung Treng

provinces in north-eastern Cambodia, which have been identified by the Ministry of Health (MoH), PSL NGO partners and The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) as a focus area for partnership activities to support the MoH's Fast Track Initiative Road Map for Reducing Maternal and Newborn Mortality (FTIRMN). We are improving the quality of services provided by the health workforce,



through supporting MoH modular in-service training for midwives, mentoring and supportive supervision, and quarterly Midwifery Coordination Alliance Team (MCAT) meetings. We are supporting selected infrastructure improvements, equipment and supplies and introducing feedback mechanisms through Community Score Cards and Village Health Support Groups (VHSGs). We are supporting capacity development of VHSGs, Community Based Distributors and Health Center Management Committee members (HCMCs) through trainings, supportive supervision and coaching, and working with partners on the delivery of behaviour change and communication activities, including innovative mobile strategies.

PARTICIPANTS

Save the Children is supporting newborns under 28 days, more than 5,900 pregnant women, post-partum women, and over 48,000 women of reproductive age. We are also supporting parents, caregivers and

community members.

PARTNERS

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