



## BREAKING GENDER BARRIERS, IMPROVING LIVES

2023

## LIST OF ABERRATIONS

RAWYOD	Roadmap for Women and Youth Development
GPoN	GoalPrime Organization Nigeria
CP	Child Protection
ARFH	Association for Reproductive and Family Health
SCEAP	Strengthening Community Engagement and Accountability in PHCs
FP	Family Planning
DMPA-SC SI	
BMGF	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
DHIS2	District Health Information Software 2
LGA	Local Government Area
NHF	Nigeria Humanitarian Fund
SSV	Supportive Supervision
PHC	Primary Health Care
HSA	Health Strengthening Assistance
ES	Executive Secretary
MHPSS	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
CBCPC	Community-based Child Protection Committee
GBV	Gender-based Violence
CA	Community Actor

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I share our 2023 Annual Report, highlighting our collective efforts and achievements in providing vital services and amplifying citizens' voices. Imprisoning my reflections on our progress each year is deeply meaningful, as I witness the tremendous value we provide to vulnerable communities through our supportive work.

Our focus this past year has been responding to the needs of women and children, especially through educational interventions, Health, child protection, livelihood development, peacebuilding, and a multi-sector approach to serving people across Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states. This impact has only been possible with dedication of our committed team, staff, volunteers, partners, friends and donors. We remain keenly committed to doing even more with your cherished support.

This annual report summarizes our work, interventions undertaken, individuals reached, goals achieved, and geographical areas covered over the past twelve months. We hope it provides a window into our localization strategy of delivering critical services with dignity, while upholding humanitarian and development principles, to create meaningful change.

Despite limited resources and profound challenges, we directly reached and supported over 44,000 people across Borno, Adamawa and Yobe through our relief efforts this year. As we look ahead to the tasks of 2024, we are energized by the prospect of extending our interventions more broadly to the Northwest region of Nigeria and beyond.

I would like to offer my deepest thanks to our donors and partners, whose unwavering support and trust have been indispensable to accomplishing our lifesaving goals. I also wish to recognize our team at headquarters and in the field offices for bringing such rich talent, expertise and determination to this shared purpose every day.

Best regards,



Kachalla Bukar Mustapha  
Executive Director

## **ABOUT RAWYOD**

Roadmap for Women and Youth Development (RAWYOD) is a youth-led independent development and humanitarian non-profit organization aimed to protect women, youth and children's rights. It is an organization established to motivate, organize and unite the people with interest in community development agenda focusing on Nutrition, Protection, Environment, Education, Health and Peace Building. We work to establish a platform where everyone including women has voice to facilitate the improvement of basic livelihood for all while creating safe environment for peaceful coexisting through community activities such as peace building mechanisms for prevention of violence and conflict in Northeast Nigeria and beyond. We believe in the power and potentials of every woman, youth and child, but now this is often suppressed by poverty, violence, exclusion and discrimination of different kinds.

### **VISION**

We strive for a better world where everyone, especially women and children, have equal opportunities and rights, access to education, health, and dignified work.

### **MISSION**

We work for players of change including women and children in every community for a safe and more inclusive world.

### **CORE VALUES**

- ❖ Integrity
- ❖ Neutrality
- ❖ Inclusivity
- ❖ Humanity
- ❖ We are accountable
- ❖ Service
- ❖ Impartiality
- ❖ Independence

## OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS



**2,655**

People reached with Child Protection and Educational Services



**4**

Projects Funded



**22,456**

People reached with Awareness Raising



**15,322**

Women of Reproductive Age Reached with FP Services

## CODSAiN PROJECT

Community-Oriented DMPA-SC/Self-Injection Acceleration in Nigeria (CODSAiN) Project is a program Roadmap for Women and Youth Development (RAWYOD) with support from ARFH is implemented in Yobe State, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). The project aims to increase access to Hard to Reach (HTR) communities through its community-based distribution model to expand the acceptability and accessibility and close the gaps in the unmet needs and missed opportunities for FP through community scale-up of DMPA-SC and self-injection (SI) as a self-care measure within the broader contraceptive method mix.



Figure 1: A picture of RAWYOD Staff & CAs during Health Outreach in Balle Community of Geidam LGA in Yobe State  
Credit: Joy Bartholomew, Project Officer

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

The project achievement so far includes;

- Engagement of 85 community actors across the 17 LGAs of Yobe state.
- Build the capacity of health workers
- Increase the accessibility and acceptability of FP in Yobe state
- Scale up the acceptability of DMPA-SC/SI among other Browder contraceptive methods of FP.
- Increased data accountability across Health Facilities in Yobe State
- Strengthened the capacity of all LGA M&E to improve data quality
- Strengthened LGA team supervision
- Empowered women/men groups through dialogue meetings for demand generation and sensitization on Family planning and general health service provision
- Reach 264 Health facilities through SSV, Data validation, and Outreaches

### KEY LESSONS

- ✓ Supportive supervision visits have increased the following; (i. Facility In-charges are now supervising Community actor's work and they consider them as part of the facility team to work together, ii. Increase the quality of healthcare workers' work in the facility
- ✓ Engaging the LGA Team during the Advocacy visit in some communities has sensitized traditional leaders and increased the acceptability of FP in those communities
- ✓ Dialogue meeting with women/men groups material support has greatly increased the acceptability of FP
- ✓ Engaging community actors for service delivery in the community has greatly improved family planning Data

## SUCCESS STORIES

The acceptance level of DMPA-SC and family planning in general is accelerating in Yobe, and this is attributed to its accessibility through the community actors. It has reached people in remote communities.

- Some facilities that are not on the DHIS2 have been merged with another facility for their data to also be reported and captured.
- Some facility's recorders/providers are misplacing values in monthly summary form, instead of recording DMPA-SC data in its columns they do record on DMPA-IM which led to so much under-reporting data but after our team gave them on-the-job refresher training, we saw a drastic improvement in that aspect.
- The outreach activities have led to increased awareness and acceptance of DMPA-SC and have promoted open discussions for reproductive health.

## SCEAP PROJECT

The Strengthening Community Engagement and Accountability for PHC (SCEAP) Project seeks to improve primary healthcare delivery in Nigeria through community-led advocacy and monitoring of service delivery, financing, and tech infrastructure deployment to improve access and utilization of healthcare services through community advocacy and strengthening the government's commitment to fund and deliver quality healthcare.

This project is deeply rooted in community participation and behavioural change, using an all-inclusive approach to improve primary healthcare service delivery in focus two LGAs of Yobe State (Bade and Nguru LGAs).



Figure 2: A Picture of RAWYOD Staff during Sensitization in Ngilewa Community in Nguru LGA, Yobe State

Credit: Yahaya Ghali, Project Staff

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

The SCEAP project achievement so far includes.

1. Engagement of 30 community Champions across two LGAs of implementation
2. Advocacy/familiarization visit to all the critical stakeholders.
3. Strengthened the capacity of the community members on advocacy to stakeholders.
4. Training of the community champions and health strengthening Assistants on PAT Tracka usage have improved service at PHCs

## KEY LESSONS LEARN

1. The engagement of community stakeholders in PHCC activities strengthen coordination between the facility and community members.

2. Adopting on-the-job training strategy for health care workers seen with utmost attention and more effective than physical training while strengthening coordination between health care workers and development partners

## SUCCESS STORIES

1. Before the commencement of SCEAP project, the hygiene of the facility was in poor condition. However, after several townhall meetings, the situation improved significantly, transforming from bad conditions to good.
2. Community mechanism have improved capacity to identify and resolve issues relating to access to quality and lifesaving health services through stakeholder's engagement including advocacy and other engagement strategies
3. Strengthened health care workers behaviour through training of health care workers on Health Seeking Behaviour
4. The SCEAP project become a platform for strengthening health system – maintaining high level of transparency while ensuring accountability.
5. It has provided a room for updating decision makers to have more insights on up-to-date health situations. (especially health infrastructures and commodities).

## INCREASING ACCESS TO CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES IN YOBE STATE, NIGERIA

The Increasing access to Child Protection Services in Yobe State aims to address the critical issues faced by children at risk in conflict-affected communities across Yusufari LGA in Yobe State. It focuses on ensuring that children have access to safe, inclusive, and quality child protection services, enabling their resilience to flourish. This involves providing specialized services to support children with complex needs and assisting parents in creating a secure environment for raising their children.



*Figure 3: A picture of a project participants during a football session in Maimalari Community, Yusufari LGA, Yobe State*

**Credit:** Umar Mohammed, Project Officer

The project specifically focused three (3) outcomes namely:

- Enhanced identification and provision of specialized MHPSS services for girls and boys with MHPSS needs.
- Increased capacity of staff in thematic Child Protection areas and MHPSS.

- Improved access to structured recreational and creative activities for children in schools and communities.

To ensure project sustainability, community mechanisms (such as the CBCPCs) have been strengthened and established where they do not exist. The project has also strengthened the capacities of the CBCPCs in core CP areas including MHPSS and resource mobilization.

### **PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT**

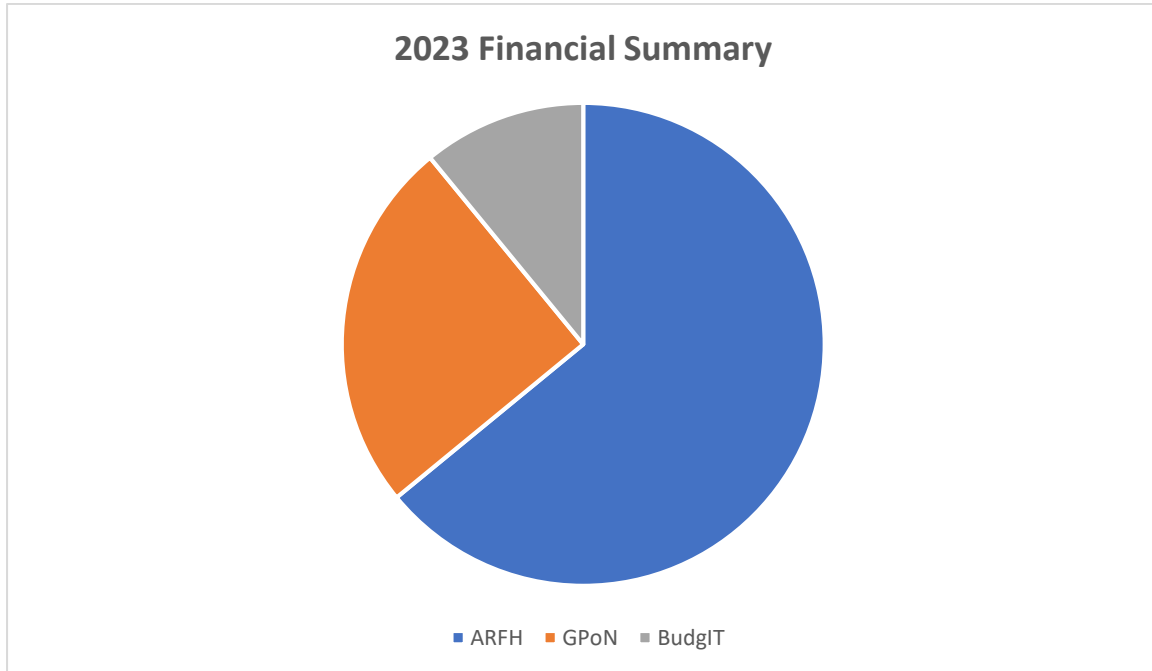
1. Strengthened coordination between child protection partners, the government, and the communities.
2. Increased capacities of social workers to identify, manage, and refer children with child protection concerns including MHPSS. (by conducting 3day Training of project staff, community volunteers, and social workers on key child protection thematic areas including MHPSS)
3. Strengthened community mechanisms including the community-based child protection committees (CBCPCs) and Community-based Response Mechanisms including CRM focal points and systems.
4. Increased project ownership by local government authority has increased acceptance across project communities.

### **KEY LESSONS LEARNED/SUCCESS STORIES**

- ✓ *Multi-sectoral Approach:* Integration of Gender-based Violence and Child Protection services helps to minimize program costs – and support to address cases most easily.
- ✓ *Project Ownership & Sustainability:* Early involvement of community before and during program implementation increases the sense of project ownership as well as sustainability.
- ✓ *Minimizing program cost:* Communities assent project if local resources are utilized (ex. When Community volunteers are trained in a town hall rather than renting a training hall – then, the community feels respected while reducing program cost).
- ✓ Early engagement of key stakeholders in program implementation helps in achieving program objectives
- ✓ Creative PSS activities in Schools increase learners' attendance and retention
- ✓ Creative and creational activities change children's attitudes and build positive relationships among children
- ✓ Energizers during positive parenting sessions encourage parents to attend sessions
- ✓ The content of the topic on positive parenting sessions encourages parents to attend sessions.

## 2023 FUNDING SUMMARY

Partner	Percentage
ARFH	60%
GPoN	25%
BudgIT	15%



## OUR SUPPORTERS/DONORS



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