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PARTNERS WITH GAVI IN GUINEA

Integrate Health has teamed up with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to improve health services in Guinea, particularly for zero-dose children: children in remote areas who have not received a single shot of a routine vaccine. In June, Dr. Kocra Assoua, Senior Director of Monitoring, Evaluation, and Quality Improvement at Integrate Health, unveiled the collaboration at the Global Vaccine Impact Conference in Madrid.

Integrate Health partners are investing \$3M in the implementation of the evidence-based Integrated Primary Care Program (IPCP) in the Kouroussa district of Guinea over the next three years. These funds are matched by Gavi with an additional \$3M through the Gavi Matching Fund—a public-private funding mechanism.

Integrate Health will partner with the Guinean Ministry of Health (MOH) on the implementation of the national community health strategy and will work to fill critical gaps including improving immunization equity. The IPCP will be implemented in five health centers and surrounding communities in the Kouroussa district of the Kankan region, serving an initial 112,000 people who are left out of the current healthcare system.



Dr. Kocra Assoua, Senior Director of Monitoring, Evaluation, and Quality Improvement at Integrate Health, speaking at the Global Vaccine Impact Conference in Madrid

DELIVERY



Catchment Population
208,748



Health Centers
25



Community Health Workers
201

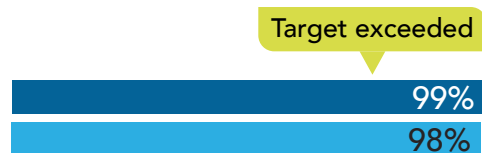


Community Health Worker Visits
587,166

PEDIATRIC HEALTH

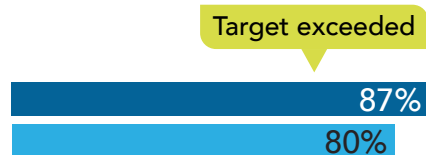
Timeliness

(The proportion of all cases of childhood illness evaluated and treated who are evaluated and treated by CHWs during the first 72 hours following symptom onset)



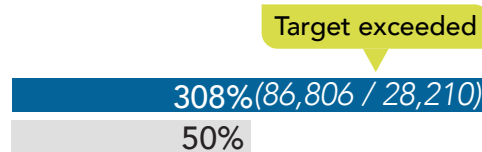
Effective Pediatric Referrals

(% of referrals by Community Health Workers for children under five needing escalated care who follow up at a health center)



Rate of Attendance of Children

(Number of consultations of children under five at a health center, out of number of children under five living in the catchment area)



MATERNAL, NEONATAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

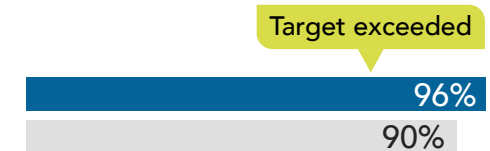
Prenatal Consultation Coverage

(Number of women who attended four prenatal visits, out of women who delivered at a health facility)



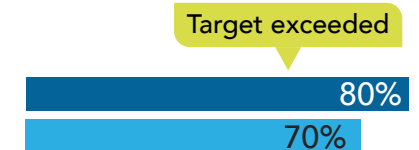
Facility-Based Delivery Coverage

(Number of women who delivered at a health facility, out of total recorded births)



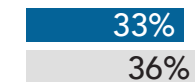
Postnatal Consultation Coverage

(Number of women who attended first postnatal consultation, out of total recorded births)



Modern Contraceptive Coverage

(Number of women effectively protected by a modern family planning method, out of eligible women)





Community Health Worker Nestor Awrossi Makamassou (on the left) entering consultation data on his phone using the Tonoudayo app

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Successes

National Quality Assurance Assessments: In April, as part of the effort to roll out standardized national quality assurance tools for each level of the health system in Togo, Integrate Health-supported health centers in Kara conducted quality-of-care self-assessments. These assessments used the Togolese national quality performance assessment tool developed by the MOH with support from Integrate Health and the German Development Agency (GIZ). This tool is based on seven dimensions of quality including efficiency, safety, and person-centered care. The assessment revealed that 20 of the 21 health centers assessed had a quality performance above 60%. Nearly 100% of health centers demonstrated strong mastery of the tool and ownership over the process. Next steps include creating quality improvement initiatives to address low-scoring areas and quarterly evaluations to track progress.

Expansion of Tonoudayo: In June, Integrate Health collaborated with partner organization Association Espoir Pour Demain (AED-Lidaw) to adapt Integrate Health's mHealth tool, Tonoudayo, for the needs of AED-Lidaw CHWs who accompany people living with HIV. AED-Lidaw CHWs received training on how to use the Tonoudayo app and will begin using it in July during their home visits. This expanded use of the tool demonstrates the important adaptability of the Tonoudayo app, which was built using Medic's open-source Community Health Toolkit. Integrate Health is pleased to support AED-Lidaw's critical work, which will improve patient care for even more people in the Kara region.



Agnès Miziou (in the middle), Integrate Health’s Research Coordinator, supervising data collection with Data Collector Gnimdou Alex Pouli (on the left) in Kabou-Sara, Bassar district

Phase II Study: In September 2021, Integrate Health published results of the IPCP pilot, demonstrating a 30% decline in under-five mortality over a five-year period in the Kozah district between 2015 and 2020. The second phase of this study evaluates the impact of the IPCP between 2018 and 2022, as it was expanded to four districts in the Kara region. From 2018–2022, the research team conducted annual household surveys, key informant interviews, and health facility assessments. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, household survey data was not collected in two of the five study years (2020 and 2021); therefore, our investigators decided to collect an additional year of household survey data in 2023. In June, this data collection was completed. A total of 14,047 surveys were initiated, of which 13,172 were completed, representing a completion rate of 93.77%. The data collected is currently being analyzed, and preliminary results are expected to be released in late 2023.

The expansion study is important as it seeks to answer questions about the scalability and sustainability of the IPCP. While the first study demonstrated that the IPCP is effective in reducing under-five mortality and in improving access to and quality of care, the second phase of our research explores strategies to spread and scale the IPCP in new regions. With this study, we aim to understand not just what works, but how and why in different contexts. This data is essential as Integrate Health seeks to expand to new regions and countries with varying contexts over the next five years.



Community Health Worker Masegma Luciane Tchokpolaon on her bicycle as she goes on home consultation in Koutière, Dankpen district

EXPANSION HIGHLIGHTS

Successes

Expansion in Guinea: Integrate Health and the Guinea MOH have continued to co-design the implementation strategy for program activities in Kouroussa, Integrate Health's model district in Guinea. The Integrate Health team and the Kouroussa district health team have selected implementation sites, validated a supply chain strategy, and defined a mechanism for user fee elimination. In June, community meetings to explain and ensure community buy-in for the IPCP were facilitated in each of five target sites of Banfèlè, Douako, Kiniéro, Babila, and Kanseriyah, reaching over 200 community members. For these meetings, Integrate Health was accompanied by the Kouroussa district health and Kankan regional health teams. Next steps in the IPCP implementation strategy include the approval of the monitoring and evaluation strategy and training of health center staff. The official launch of the IPCP is planned for July 2023 with patient care to begin in October 2023.

Challenges

Expansion and National CHW reform in Togo: One of Integrate Health's goals for FY23 was to expand government-led implementation of the IPCP to five new health centers, with 40 supported CHWs serving approximately 50,000 people in a new region of Togo. During this quarter, Integrate Health modified this milestone to better align to the developing national community health reform process. Rather than expand to a new region directly, Integrate Health, at the request of the government, will support implementation of the reform in a new region. Working together, Integrate Health and the MOH selected one of the districts with the lowest health outcomes in all of Togo, the Anié district in the Plateaux region, as a pilot site for the national CHW reform. Integrate Health, leveraging on implementation experience in the Kara region, will align expansion efforts to support the MOH to pilot the CHW reform, which is expected to launch in FY24 with 150 CHWs serving 113,000 people. While Integrate Health's expansion goals have been delayed and modified, the new population target is more than double the previous expansion target set for FY23. In the Anié district, Integrate Health will work with the MOH to



A patient and her child during a Community Health Worker consultation in Koutière Dankpen district

design and implement an M&E framework for the pilot, support data analysis of a baseline evaluation, and support the MOH in mobilizing sufficient resources to implement the pilot program.

ORGANIZATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Successes

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Initiatives: Integrate Health is committed to dismantling power structures that perpetuate racism, gender discrimination, neo-colonialism, classism, and other forms of inequality. At the beginning of FY23, Integrate Health worked with a DEI consultant who conducted a series of workshops with staff members. As a result of this work, this past quarter, Integrate Health updated our culture code and released an updated statement on anti-racism. In addition, recognizing the existing inequities in the field of international development, Integrate Health developed a Resource Mobilization Code of Ethics. This document guides our Development and Communications team to ensure that they continue to uphold the organization's commitment to equity and transparency in fundraising. As Integrate Health continues to grow, we will ensure continued learning amongst our staff and will provide the resources to enable our staff and partners to uphold our organizational values. We invite everyone to read more about these initiatives and about Integrate Health's values on the [DEI page of our website](#).

Challenges

Departure of COO: Integrate Health's Chief Operating Officer (COO) Patrick Aylward resigned amicably in April 2023 to join the global strategy team at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Patrick was involved with Integrate Health since 2005, first as a Peace Corps Volunteer, then as a board member, and most recently as COO since 2019. Patrick's departure presented an opportunity for Integrate Health to think critically about our leadership model as we move towards shifting more decision-making power to West Africa, closer to our operating regions. To that end, the role of COO will be replaced with that of a Global Managing Director. Integrate Health is exploring the possibility of establishing a Global Support Team hub in West Africa, beginning by the strategic hire of the Global Managing Director. This process will begin in August 2023.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- This quarter, Integrate Health received generous renewal funding from eight partners and brought on four new partners. We remain grateful for your continued support and are excited to be able to continue providing lifesaving primary care to communities in need in Togo and Guinea.
- With Integrate Health's expansion into Guinea, our finance team updated our cashflow projection systems to adapt to the reality of working in two countries. In May, we separated our cashflow by country and grant restriction. This new disaggregated cashflow will better help our finance and operations teams to monitor country-specific flows and will help our program and development teams plan accordingly.

FUNDING SNAPSHOT

Metric	Result	Notes
Five-Year Funding Need	\$80M	Fiscal Years '24 to '28
FY24 Projected Expenses	\$11.5M	





Community Health Worker Spotlight

Tayagne Moisseigma works in Wadjado, a village located 12 km from the rural municipality of Naware in the Dankpen district. She has worked with Integrate Health since 2019. Tayagne's days often start at 6am, and she visits an average of ten households per day, spending between 30 and 60 minutes at each location. Once a week, she holds awareness-raising sessions and educative talks—the most recent one being a reminder on the importance of sleeping under a mosquito net during the rainy season. During her household visits, she reminds pregnant women of their upcoming prenatal consultation appointments at the health center and checks to see if any children are sick or overdue for vaccinations.

Tayagne recalls a household visit from last year when she encountered a two-year-old boy suffering from diarrhea with other symptoms including fever, vomiting, and fatigue. Tayagne noticed that the boy was underweight. After taking his measurements, she suspected he was severely malnourished, something that his mother had not realized. Tayagne referred the child to the Naware health center, where he was diagnosed with a complicated case of severe acute malnutrition. After being treated by the nurse and spending a few days at the hospital, he returned home to continue treatment with therapeutic food supplements under the regular supervision of Tayagne. The boy's mother was grateful and credits Tayagne for saving the life of her child.

"This is our mission: to look after the health of children and their mothers. I love what I do, which is why I strive to improve every day. As well as treating people, we also become their friends over time. They ask us for advice and talk to us about their problems that go beyond health. I serve my community mainly as a CHW, but also as a friend, a sister, a daughter."



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