

LGA Reproductive Health Supervisor-Promoting Institutional Sustainability of Family Planning Programme in Delta State

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Background to the study

The Reproductive Health (RH) programme in Delta State was not properly coordinated at the Local Government Area (LGA) level as the RH supervisors neither appreciate their expected coordination roles nor possessed the requisite skills to function in that capacity.

Intervention

In recognition of the pivotal role the RH supervisors ought to play in coordinating all Family Planning (FP) interventions at the LGAs levels, TCI supported Delta State to strengthen their skills on coordination, service delivery, supportive supervision and data reporting. Aside coordination, the RH supervisors work with the LGA Health Educators and HMIS officers to advocate to LGA policy makers, create demand, access, uptake of quality family planning services and timely reportage of FP utilization data on the DHIS 2.0 platform.

The intervention showcases the influence of TCI programme intervention on FP coordination and implementation in Delta state.



Results

Within a year of implementation in Delta State, the RH supervisors now better see the linkage between service delivery, advocacy, demand generation and how their effective coordination contributes to increasing the family planning indices in the state. As members of the ACG, they lead advocacies to LGA Chairmen and traditional leaders within their domain. They also work with the the LGA Health Educators to facilitate successful Neighbourhood campaigns ensuring that interested clients are referred to nearby PHCs for uptake



Conclusion

The role of RH supervisors as major coordinators of FP implementation at the LGAs and communities in Delta State cannot be overemphasised as they deploy their technical expertise and coordination skills to change the face of family planning in Delta state.