

# HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



## OVERVIEW

Partners for Development's (PfD) work in reproductive health, child survival, local health systems strengthening and malaria prevention and control increases health systems efficiency, improves the health and wellbeing of community members, promotes a healthy lifestyle, and increases people's access health services. Our community-based programming provides individual households with training and support, while our national health initiatives seek to introduce effective policy change and build responsive institutions.



## LOCAL PARTNERSHIP EXAMPLE

PfD's malaria prevention and control program works in partnership with the Cambodian Ministry of Health's National Center for Malaria and Dengue to reduce the burden of malaria. Since partnering in 2004, PfD and the Ministry of Health have distributed 53,000 bed nets, reduced malaria cases in the Koh Kong Province by 70%, and together began Cambodia's National Malaria Week. By working closely with local organizations, PfD is able to promote awareness for malaria and change community understandings for how to best treat this preventable disease.



## PROGRAM IMPACT

FROM 2000-PRESENT

**8,480**  
school  
children

benefited from  
health education  
in Cambodia

**7,538**  
pregnant  
woman

attended at least  
one antenatal care visit  
in Nigeria

**2,634**  
deliveries

from skilled attendants  
in Nigeria

**“There are many compelling reasons to support PfD—the programs are solid, the management is efficient, the impacts are real. But most of all, PfD believes in people—be they interns, local staff, or program beneficiaries; and in the end, that is the kind of organization that I want to be associated with.”**

Lanre Williams-Ayedun  
PfD Board Member





## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Reproductive, Maternal, & Child Health:** In Nigeria, PfD has delivered valuable information on family planning and appropriate pre- and post-natal care to thousands of women. PfD is committed to training and retraining village health volunteers in rural communities to provide better services to women and children in Cambodia.

**Malaria Prevention & Control:** In Cambodia, PfD works at the community level to focus on encouraging behavior change related to malaria among rural populations. By engaging village volunteers, teachers, commune councils, village authorities and elected officials, various primary school students have benefited from health education.

**Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene (WASH):** PfD has provided clean water to Cambodians living in rural villages through WASH activities. With funding from UNICEF, PfD is currently implementing the Capacity Building of Local Institutions on WASH project in Delta, Edo, and Ekiti states in Nigeria.

**Nutrition:** In Benin, PfD has integrated health messaging and cooking demonstrations to assist smallholder farmers and strengthen local partners' capacity to improve the quality of the post-harvest vegetable products. These activities increase farmers' awareness of the nutritional value of their products to share with their families and communities.

**Local Health Systems Strengthening:** PfD is focused on strengthening cooperation between health service personnel and other stakeholder groups at the village and ward level to promote further linkages to improved policies.

## MISSION AND VISION

PfD's staff and volunteers work in partnership with local and international groups to improve quality of life for vulnerable people in underserved communities. We envision a more just, peaceful, and environmentally sustainable world, and seek to empower people by increasing their access to training, education, and resources to create more vibrant and resilient communities, with more accountable leadership.

## INNOVATION

In partnership with the University of North Carolina, PfD performed a 27-month pilot study in Bauchi State aimed at integrating micro-finance activities with health initiatives by using micro-finance meetings as a platform to teach young and expectant mothers the benefits of exclusive breastfeeding. The findings showed that through learning sessions, cell phone messages, songs and dramas about the key messages, significant positive behavior changes can be made in new and lactating mothers.



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