

# Access Report

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## Reviewing Programs For Married Adolescents

The “*Expanded Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Information and Services for Youth in Northern Nigeria*” Project is in its third phase (2008-2010). In the last seventeen months, implementing partners have been occupied with activities aimed at reaching the target number of young people, especially married adolescents. In view of the fact that this phase of the project will end in the next twelve months, organizing a forum to review project activities was considered critical to achieving project goal and objectives. Consequently, a Mid-Project Review Workshop was organized for the project implementing partners and key government agencies including Ministry of Education, Ministry of Women Affairs, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Religious Affairs.



The workshop, which was held on June 1st at the Banquet Hall of Dujima International Hotel Maiduguri, helped to foster a better understanding of the context of married adolescents in North-East Nigeria, review on-going efforts, and come up with more community-led effective programs and activities.

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# PROGRESS REPORTS 2

Each implementing partner gave an update on progress made within the last 17 months of project implementation. Activities engaged in by NGO partners and women innovators are community sensitization on the sexual and reproductive health needs of young people including married adolescents, advocacy for the reintegration of married adolescent girls into formal school system, and facilitation of the establishment of youth-friendly health clinics in Adamawa and Yobe States. In addition, efforts were put in place to reach young people through outreaches to schools and communities in project states.

The government referral health facilities in Bauchi and Borno States engaged in *Youth-Friendly Health Services Provision* Training for healthcare providers of selected public health facilities in their states. In addition, all government referral health facilities provided sexual and reproductive health information and services to young people through various programs such as commemoration of international days, mobile clinic services, and outreaches to schools and communities.

Highlights of the progress made as implemented per state are shown in the table below:

SUCCESS INDICATORS	ADAMAWA	BAUCHI	BORNO	YOBE	TOTAL	TARGET NUMBER	OUTSTANDING
Young People Reached	15,357	20,259	21,766	7,332	<b>64,714</b>	100,000	<b>35,286</b>
Married Adolescents Reached	1,011	802	1,500	77	<b>3,390</b>	5,000	<b>1,610</b>
Married Adolescent Schools	2	1	2	0	<b>5</b>	8	<b>3</b>
Functional School Clinics	2	1	2	0	<b>5</b>	8	<b>3</b>
Functional School Crèches	2	1	2	0	<b>5</b>	8	<b>3</b>
Functional Youth-Friendly Clinics	1	1	1	1	<b>4</b>	4	<b>0</b>

## Implementing Challenges

The following are some of the challenges encountered in project implementation:

- Constant redeployment of key government officials of line ministries
- Inadequate number of IEC materials for youth centre and outreach activities

## Recommendations

1. Vocational training should be included in the curriculum for married adolescents' schools as this will encourage married adolescents to return to school.
2. More IEC materials should be made available for outreach programmes
3. Married adolescent males should be included as major target groups in the project
4. Advocacy to men as project partners should be intensified
5. Number of youth-friendly clinics in each state should be increased
6. Media programmes should be incorporated into programming especially in the new project states
7. HIV Counseling and Testing Services should be incorporated into Youth-Friendly Clinics' programs



Healthcare Provider at Youth-Friendly Clinic Maiduguri, Delivering Health Talk to Students



Women Innovators with Hon. Comm. Ministry of Health & the Personal Secretary Bauchi State.



Commissioning Ceremony of Youth-Friendly Clinic, Damaturu, Yobe State



CWAE Staff During An Outreach to Students of High Islam Secondary School, Yola, Adamawa State

# Photo Report



*An Islamic Leader from Bauchi, Mallam Balarabe  
Leading Opening Prayers*



*Experience Sharing*



*Group Work Session*



*Cross-Section of Participants*