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Fast Facts

Country: Sudan

Duration: September 2006 to July 2010

Implementing UN Agencies: UNFPA

Other Implementing Partners: Federal Ministry of Health; community-based organization; local NGOs

Budget: \$1,298,374.21

Key Words: Women; access to health care; capacity-building

BACKGROUND

In 2005, the population of the Nuba Mountains region was estimated at 1.2 million people, of which 20 per cent constituted women in reproductive age. In spite of efforts to increase the access to reproductive health (RH) services in Sudan, women's health status in the Nuba Mountains was particularly dire with only 40 per cent receiving prenatal care by trained health professionals and less than 5 per cent of child births

taking place in specialized maternal health clinics. Moreover, lack of trained health personnel, shortages of medical equipment, extremely low use of contraceptives, along with practices of early marriage and frequent childbirths by adolescents, resulted in high rates of obstetric complications and maternal mortality ratio of 582 deaths per 100,000 live births.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The project sought to improve the health status of women in reproductive age in the Nuba Mountains region by (i) expanding access to obstetric care and family planning services; (ii) enhancing the skills of existing midwives and health professionals; (iii)

training new midwives and health professionals in order to increase the prevalence of skilled birth attendants; and (iv) providing basic RH equipment for service providers in the target communities.

BENEFICIARIES

The project targeted 163,000 women through the provision of RH services. Midwives and health workers were trained in professional health institutes

and were equipped to deliver antenatal care, birth assistance and postnatal counselling.