OVERVIEW OF FIGO/GATES LOGIC MNH PROJECT IN NIGERIA (2012/2013)

NAME OF ASSOCIATION: SOCIETY OF GYNAECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS OF NIGERIA (SOGON)

PRESIDENT OF SOGON: Dr Fred F Achem
PROJECT COORDINATOR: Dr Chris Agboghoroma
PROJECT MANAGER: Dr Moses Olusegun Adeoye

OBJECTIVE 1: INFLUENCING

A group Photograph of LOGIC project team from SOGON/FiGO with Director, Family Health, Federal Ministry of Health Dr (Mrs) Philipa Momah
Participants at the Advocacy and Policy Influencing training held on 15th to 17th May 2012

ACHIEVEMENTS:

• Training of SOGON council members on Advocacy and Policy Influencing on May 15th – 17th, 2012
• Development of advocacy plan
• Improved visibility of SOGON as a leader in MNH sector in Nigeria
• Partnership of SOGON with Federal and State Government and Development partners on MNH activities including FP and MDR

Challenges:
• Large country with a Federal, 36 states and 799 local government structures

• Multi-religious culture with strong opposition to some reproductive health issues including Family planning methods and abortion care

• Limited resources

SOGON President, Dr Fred Achem and LOGIC Project Coordinator, Dr Chris Agboghoroma during the Advocacy and Policy influencing training.
### Opportunities

- Increasing number of international development partners with interest in MNH
- Large numbers of SOGON members across the country.
- Favourable policy environment for MNH services

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**Participants during the Advocacy and Policy influencing training.**
Way Forward:

- There is the need to train more SOGON members on Advocacy and policy influencing
- SOGON can maximize existing relevance and strength it has with other relevant stakeholders in MNH including FMOH, Marie Stopes, UNH4, CIDA etc
- SOGON can be more relevant, working at a strategic level – adapting guidelines, state level training of trainers (TOT) etc and roll-out phase conducted by other partners.
- Prioritizing advocacy in SOGON scheme of activities
- Raising fund to sustain the advocacy activities
Objective 2: Practice

FIGO LOGIC Project Manager (Patrick Derlome) with the LOGIC Project Team in Gombe State on a courtesy visit to the Medical Director Specialist Hospital Gombe.
Group picture of Facilitators and participants at the training on Management of Post-Partum Haemorrhage, Pre-Eclampsia and Eclampsia.

**Achievement**

- Development, production and distribution of guidelines and protocol on the management of Pre-eclampsia and eclampsia
- Development, production and distribution of guidelines and protocol on the management of postpartum haemorrhage (PPH)
- Training of 40 health workers (medical doctors, nurses and community health extension workers) in Gombe state on use of magnesium sulphate, misoprostol and pathograph.
- ToT for Heads of Ob/Gyn department in selected secondary and tertiary hospitals in Nigeria on prevention and management of PPH
- Sensitization/training of SOGON members and MNH stakeholders in Nigeria on maternal death review (MDR), using experiences and
approaches in UK, South Africa and Ethiopia.

• Development of guidelines and tools for implementation of MDR in Nigeria
• Signing of MoU with the National Primary health care development Agency (NPHCDA) on introduction of Voluntary Obstetrician Scheme (VOS) in Nigeria, to ensure availability of skilled health practitioners at the grass root.

Challenges

• Unanticipated security threats adversely affected project activities in Gombe state
• Bureaucratic delays in FMoH have affected the takeoff of the nationwide MDR programme.
• Limited availability of resources and logistics to reach out across the country.

Opportunities

• The developed guidelines and protocols that took into consideration local peculiarities in the country can be used by all health workers
• The increased visibility of SOGON and its relationship with other stakeholders will be used to advantage in securing the FMoH final approvals for MDR programme
• Many stakeholders including WHO, UNFPA, Evidence for Action (E4A), and MacArthur Foundation have shown interest in collaborating with SOGON in MDR
Facilities in Gombe State.

Training of participants in Gombe State
A group picture of MDR training organized by SOGON through the LOGIC project on 13th to 15th March 2012.
Way forward

- The developed guidelines and protocols are being made accessible to all health workers through SOGON websites.
- While SOGON follow-up with the FMoH on MDR, it would also commence pilot in some selected states.
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Objective 3: Capacity Building

SOGON Executives at the Organizational Capacity Assessment Held On 13th – 15th February, 2013
Achievement

- Training on administration, financial management and advocacy organized for programme staff and SOGON council members.
- Standard financial accounting software – QuickBooks installed and key staff and executive officers trained on its use.
- Standard and interactive website developed – www. SOGON.ORG
- A five year strategic development plan (2013-2018) developed and copies printed for general distribution
- SOGON constitution reviewed and copies printed for members.
- Resuscitation of Bi-annual SOGON newsletter.
- Training of members of SOGON Council and Business Development
Committee on financial sustainability by MANGO

- Financial sustainability plan for SOGON developed.
- SOGON directory produced and successfully launched.

Challenges

- SOGON is still operating from a 1 room office, with several limitation to activities that can be accomplished
- The current level of staffing is poor with respect to the expected deliverables

Handover of Office from outgoing SOGON president, Chief Tinuola Abiola-Oshodi to Dr Fred F Achem.
Opportunities

- Transparency and integrity is now more visible in SOGON affairs
- The improved visibility of SOGON has resulted in increase in annual new membership registration.
- Both the strategic development plan and the financial sustainability plan have set the stage for SOGON sustainable growth.

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Way forward

- SOGON to adhere to the strategic development plan
- SOGON to recruit project support staff and accountant to manage all financial activities