SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HEALTH MITIGATES MATERNAL, INFANT MORTALITY

Society of Family Health (SFH), Transaid in conjunction with NURTW, have anchored Emergency Transport Scheme (ETS), a project designed to transport pregnant women in rural areas to the nearest healthcare facility to access healthcare services. No fewer than 90,000 women in Nigeria have benefitted.

The Emergency Transport Scheme was efficient that within one hour a pregnant woman in need can access health services at the nearest health care centre. According to the statements made by the Deputy Managing Director programs, Jennifer Anyanti, at the dissemination meeting of the Emergency Transport Scheme (ETS) with stakeholders in Yola, Adamawa State, the primary aim of the project was to mitigate maternal and infant mortality.

Anyanti also said that the implementation of Emergency Transport Scheme had been done in 12 states in Nigeria with the help of Nigerian Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) and three more states - Bauchi, Kebbi and Sokoto was also set to begin to implement the scheme.

While stating that ETS is designed to address issues of delay encountered in transporting pregnant women to available health facilities, she also commended Adamawa state government and the NURTW for their contributions to the ETS project which has recorded a huge success.

Speaking also at the same event, Sam Clark, head of programmes, Transaid said the enthusiasm with which the Emergency Transport Scheme was received in Adamawa state was key to its success in saving many lives in the state. He commended the ETS drivers and members of the community for embracing the project and for their commitment to improving maternal health and saving lives.

According to Clark “Emergency Transport Scheme has transported about 18,000 pregnant women to 12 healthcare facilities in the state and has contributed significantly in saving lives and reducing maternal and child mortality in Adamawa State.”