

# Scaling up Boma Health Initiative in Warrap State, South Sudan Reducing maternal and child mortality in South Sudan

## **Country**

South Sudan

### **Target Population**

Communities in 6 counties of Warrap State

#### **Duration**

Nov. 2022 - Dec. 2023

#### **Donors**

Crown Agents

### **Partners**

Impact Health Organisation

# Background

South Sudan has one of the worst health coverage in the world, with poor health services and a shortage of trained health workers. The situation is even worse in remote and hard-to-reach areas where the availability of quality health services does not meet the population's needs.

To increase health coverage and ensure that all South Sudanese people have access to essential healthcare services, the government of South Sudan launched the Boma Health Initiative (BHI) in 2017. Boma Health Workers are community health workers that work within their surrounding Bomas (villages) to treat and prevent common health conditions.

HealthNet TPO has been involved since 2017 in the implementation of a basic package of health and nutrition services in five states in South Sudan. BHI fills the gaps in services through a decentralized health system. As implementing partner in this project, HealthNet TPO will support community health services for the prevention and treatment of common childhood conditions under the Boma Health Initiative in Warrap State.

# **Objectives**

The project aims to provide integrated community management to prevent and treat common conditions.

HealthNet TPO will collaborate with a national organisation, Impact Health Organisation (IHO), for this project. IHO and HNTPO have worked together in the past under the Health Pooled Funds project in Lot 2, 13, 15 and 18.

# **Activities**

The main activities carried out under this project are the following:

- Recruitment and training of 454 Boma Health Workers on community case management, health promotion, vital statistics and community referral;
- Provision and supply of the Boma Health Initiative (BHI) package, implementation tools and supporting items;
- Organise quarterly community awareness meetings with key informants (communitybased organisations, women groups, and youth groups);
- Conduct quarterly behaviour exchanges and communication through the Boma Health Workers and other community mechanisms;
- Prepare and organise state and county level awareness for World Malaria Day.

# **Previous results**

Under the Health Pooled Fund project 'Providing Essential Healthcare Services in South Sudan', HealthNet TPO implements a basic package of health and nutrition services through the Boma Health Initiative (BHI) Strategy in four States in South Sudan:

- Northern Bahr El Ghazal;
- Western Bahr El Ghazal;
- Central Equatoria;
- Warrap States.

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