Strengthening Health Resilience in Fragile Settings

**MOMENTUM INTEGRATED HEALTH RESILIENCE** is part of a suite of innovative awards funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to holistically strengthen quality voluntary family planning (FP), reproductive health (RH), and maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH) in partner countries around the world.

More than half of all maternal and child deaths occur in countries affected by conflict, disasters, weak governance and institutions, population displacements, and other acute and chronic crises. In these settings, increased illness and death result from disruptions to basic health services and systems, from family planning and immunization to safe deliveries and supply chains. The project’s focus on health resilience reduces chronic vulnerabilities and promotes more inclusive health development by addressing risks and responses to shocks and stresses, ensuring the continuity of MNCH/FP/RH services.

Working together alongside local organizations, governments, and humanitarian and development partners in these fragile settings, the project works to accelerate reductions in maternal, newborn, and child illness and death by increasing the capacity of partner country institutions and local organizations—including new and underutilized partners—to introduce, deliver, scale up, and sustain the use of evidence-based, quality MNCH/FP/RH care.

MOMENTUM Integrated Health Resilience contributes to global learning on strengthening MNCH/FP/RH service delivery and resilience. Additionally, the project will increase the availability and rapid, iterative use of resilience metrics and analytics to better understand and adapt to complex pathways involved in improving maternal and child health outcomes.
Strengthening global technical leadership for health resilience and country-led programs to accelerate the impacts of MNCH/FP/RH care will advance USAID’s efforts to build the capacity of local organizations and governments to respond to public health challenges, now and in the future, that affect women, children, and families globally.

**ACTIVITIES**

The project undertakes a wide range of activities to improve health resilience in fragile settings.

- Strengthen health systems to expand coverage and use of quality health services.
- Assist countries in adapting evidence-based policies, guidelines, and practices at national and subnational levels to meet the needs of specific fragile settings.
- Support and strengthen local efforts to collect and analyze data and ensure evidence informs interventions.
- Increase public-private partnerships, and expand partnerships between health and non-health organizations, educational institutions, and corporate and philanthropic organizations to diffuse learning, leverage resources, and scale efforts to achieve better outcomes.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

The project’s results contribute to MOMENTUM’s goal of improving sustainable MNCH/FP/RH outcomes.

- Support the layering, sequencing, and integration of humanitarian and development programming across different sectors to improve health outcomes.
- Strengthen local and national capacities to build on health gains made in fragile settings for mothers, newborns, and children.
- Tailor all assessment tools and programming approaches to match the needs of MOMENTUM’s specific contexts.
- Advance USAID’s learning agenda around health resilience at the health system, health services, community, and individual/family levels in fragile settings, including appropriate and scalable interventions.

**KEY FACTS**

**DURATION**

May 2020 - May 2025

**TOTAL 5-YEAR BUDGET**

$199.9 million

**IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS**

- IMA World Health (lead)
- JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc.
- Pathfinder International
- GOAL USA Fund
- CARE
- Africa Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP)

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