



MOMENTUM PROJECTS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

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ACRONYMS LIST

BF-APEA	Behaviorally focused applied political economy analysis
CHWs	Community health workers
CSOs	Civil society organizations
DHMTs	District health management teams
EPMM	Ending preventable maternal mortality
FBOs	Faith-based organizations
FLHWs	Frontline health workers
FP	Voluntary family planning
FP/RH	Voluntary family planning/reproductive health
GBV	Gender-based violence
HMIS	Health management information system
IPC	Infection prevention and control
ITOCA	Integrated technical organizational capacity assessment
IUD	Intrauterine device
LARC	Long-acting reversible contraceptives
MNCHN	Maternal, newborn, and child health and nutrition
MNCH/FP/RH	Maternal, newborn, and child health/voluntary family planning/reproductive health
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MIP	Malaria in pregnancy
MOH	Ministry of Health
MPDSR	Maternal and perinatal death surveillance and response
NGOs	Non-governmental organizations
PHE	Population, health, and environment
PNC	Postnatal care
PPFP	Postpartum family planning
QI	Quality improvement
RED/REC	Reaching every district/reaching every child

RH	Reproductive health
RMC	Respectful maternity care
SBCC	Social and behavior change communication
SNET	Social norms exploration tool
SSNB	Small and sick newborn
UN	United Nations
UNICEF	United Nations Children’s Fund
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
WASH	Water, sanitation, and hygiene
WHO	World Health Organization

INTRODUCTION

MOMENTUM is a dynamic suite of six distinct yet related awards working with institutions in USAID partner countries to accelerate reductions in maternal, newborn, and child death and disability. The suite supports countries in their efforts to strengthen the capacity and resilience of community and health systems to introduce, deliver, scale up, and sustain the use of evidence-based, high-quality maternal, newborn, and child health, nutrition, voluntary family planning, and reproductive health (MNCHN/FP/RH) services and care.

This reference brief provides an overview of MOMENTUM projects and their completed or ongoing activities in the South East Asia region. As of June 2023, MOMENTUM partner countries in this region include [Indonesia](#), the [Philippines](#), and [Vietnam](#).

The six global awards working collectively to support partner country goals to improve MNCHN/FP/RH service delivery, access, and quality across diverse focus areas and settings are described below:

FIGURE 1. THE MOMENTUM SUITE OF AWARDS



MOMENTUM TOPICS, AREAS, AND THEMES, BY COUNTRY

The MOMENTUM suite supports partner countries to address a wide range of issues, tailoring project activities to each of their unique contexts and needs. The table below lists where each topic, focus area, or theme is being addressed with MOMENTUM support in the South East Asia Region.

	TOPIC / FOCUS AREA / THEME	COUNTRIES
HEALTH TOPICS	 CHILD HEALTH	Indonesia
	 COVID-19	Vietnam
	 IMMUNIZATION	Vietnam
	 MATERNAL HEALTH	Indonesia, Philippines
	 NEWBORN HEALTH	Indonesia
	 NUTRITION	Indonesia
	 VOLUNTARY FAMILY PLANNING / REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH	Indonesia, Philippines
	 WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE/ INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL	Not applicable

	TOPIC / FOCUS AREA / THEME	COUNTRIES
FOCUS AREAS	 CAPACITY STRENGTHENING	Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam
	 COLLABORATING, LEARNING, AND ADAPTING	Philippines, Vietnam
	 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP	Not applicable
	 HEALTH RESILIENCE	Not applicable
	 HEALTH SERVICES	Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam
	 LOCAL ENGAGEMENT	Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam
	 MEASUREMENT	Indonesia
	 PARTNERSHIPS	Indonesia, Philippines
	 QUALITY OF CARE	Indonesia
	 SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE	Vietnam

	FOCUS AREA / THEME	COUNTRIES
CROSS-CUTTING THEMES	 DIGITAL HEALTH	Indonesia
	 FRAGILE SETTINGS	Not applicable
	 GENDER	Indonesia
	 POPULATION, ENVIRONMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT	Not applicable
	 URBAN HEALTH	Not applicable
	 MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS	Philippines, Vietnam
	 YOUTH	Not applicable



COUNTRY PROJECTS

INDONESIA

MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership

MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership partners with Indonesia’s Ministry of Health to scale up proven approaches to improving maternal and newborn health outcomes and strengthening Indonesia’s health system. The project contributes to reducing preventable deaths among mothers and babies at public and private health care facilities by supporting partners to improve the access and quality of health services across all districts in East Nusa Tenggara and select districts in four additional provinces where mortality rates are high: Banten, East Java, North Sumatra, and South Sulawesi.

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

- Supporting government efforts to strengthen provider capacity and team readiness to deliver and continually improve routine and emergency maternal and newborn care services.
- Assisting facilities and sub-national health offices to improve the quality of health data and its use in decision-making and adaptive management.
- Collaborating with partners and the government to develop a sustainable, replicable, and scalable model for reducing preventable maternal and newborn deaths nationally through improved quality of care.
- Engaging partners to increase the coverage, quality, and equity of effective maternal and newborn care

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PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

October 2020 – September 2024

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

Banten, Jawa Timur, Nusa Tenggara Timur (NTT), Sumatera Utara, and Sulawesi Selatan provinces

by focusing health care provider capacity building efforts on day-of-birth and antenatal care interventions most capable of reducing maternal and infant mortality.

- Working with Indonesian civil society organizations to improve referral networks and client-centered care by soliciting and responding to feedback on maternal and newborn health service quality from communities.

HEALTH TOPICS



FOCUS AREAS



CROSS-CUTTING THEMES



INDONESIA

MOMENTUM Private Healthcare Delivery

MOMENTUM Private Healthcare Delivery supports the Government of Indonesia's goals of enhancing the engagement and effectiveness of the private health care sector as a sustainable partner for providing quality maternal and newborn health services, thereby contributing to reduced rates of maternal and newborn deaths. The project works with the Ministry of Health (MOH) to strengthen and develop national policy and regulatory frameworks for engagement with the private sector. It also supports private service providers to improve the quality of private sector maternal and newborn health (MNH) services. Finally, the project works with the MOH to strengthen coordination between the public and private sectors, focusing on referrals, data collection and reporting, training, and accreditation.

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

- Implementing a package of priority interventions in close collaboration with district and city health offices. These interventions are implemented at the health facility level through a series of activities to improve the quality of MNH services, such as point of care quality improvement, emergency drills, maternal and neonatal case audits, and use of clinical and referral performance assessments delivered through hospital mentoring or facilitative supervision. The approach also emphasizes the role and capacity of the facility's quality team to use facility data for quality improvement efforts.

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PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

January 2021 – December 2023

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

Banten, DKI Jakarta, East Java, North Sumatra, and South Sulawesi provinces

HEALTH TOPICS



FOCUS AREAS



CROSS-CUTTING THEMES



- Supporting district and city health offices to strengthen referral systems by mapping health facilities according to their level of the available services, adopting referral information systems, and establishing long-term cooperative agreements between public and private health facilities and districts.
- Partnering with local organizations, such as Muhammadiyah and LKNU, to strengthen community engagement efforts and advocate for supportive policies, increased budget allocations, and broader private sector involvement from public and private stakeholders (including District Health Offices, Provincial Health Offices, private sector actors, etc).
- Rolling out a pilot test model of private-led QI initiatives in selected private health facilities, in collaboration with the Hermina Group, the Indonesian Private Hospital Association, and other key stakeholders, such as the MOH and District Health Office.



PHILIPPINES

MOMENTUM Private Healthcare Delivery

MOMENTUM Private Healthcare Delivery supports private providers, such as the Integrated Midwives Association of the Philippines (IMAP), a national network of midwives, to participate in publicly-funded financing networks established under the country's universal health care law. These networks aim to increase the number of available providers so people have greater access to quality, affordable health services, including voluntary family planning/reproductive health (FP/RH) services. The project works with private providers to identify challenges and opportunities to engage in these networks. The partnership with IMAP leverages the potential of the private sector to reach communities in poorer and remote Philippine provinces with better access to FP/RH services and information within the context of informed choice.

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

- Conducting a [landscape review](#) of enabling policies, policy options, and models of implementation to increase private sector participation in the publicly-funded financing networks for health care.
- Working with local partners like IMAP, provincial authorities, and representatives of the national health insurance program to assess the barriers and enablers to public-private engagement in the financing networks.
- Bringing public and private stakeholders together to improve coordination around delivery of FP services in Antique and Guimaras provinces.
- Facilitating co-design workshops with provincial stakeholders to assess the feasibility and acceptability of models to engage private sector providers in publicly-funded health care networks.
- Recommending local policy reforms and helping public provincial authorities to institutionalize provincial models for private sector engagement in the financing networks.

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PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

April 2020 – September 2023

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

Antique and Guimaras provinces

HEALTH TOPICS



FOCUS AREAS



CROSS-CUTTING THEMES



VIETNAM

MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity

MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity supports Vietnam's National Expanded Immunization Program with activities to increase COVID-19 vaccination coverage for all ages, particularly among vulnerable and marginalized populations. The project works with local health authorities and centers for disease control to support districts and communes to effectively use data to inform microplanning and target services to attain equitable access to COVID-19 vaccination for all populations. The project's efforts seek to ensure COVID-19 immunization services are integrated with routine immunization efforts, rooted in primary health care (PHC), and delivered through mobile vaccination teams. It will provide an intervention package that can be tailored to meet the specific needs for vaccination coverage in each province based on a rapid assessment of vaccine confidence, or the beliefs in a community that vaccines are safe, effective, and part of a trustworthy health system.

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

- Strengthening vaccine confidence among families and communities for COVID-19 vaccination for children under 12 years-old and routine childhood immunization. The project is also working with local health authorities to strengthen their capacity to implement communications plans, including integrated training on direct communications skills. Efforts to strengthen communication activities include:
 - Reviewing and revising provincial communication plans for COVID-19 vaccinations for children under 12 years old and identifying ways to integrate COVID-19 vaccination communication activities with activities promoting routine childhood immunization.

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Phase 2: National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology; Pasteur Institute of Nha Trang; Centers for Disease Control of Hoa Binh and Quang Nam

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

Phase 1 (completed): November 2021 – September 2022

Phase 2: January 2023 – September 2023

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

Phase 1 (completed): Dien Bien, Son La, Hoa Binh, Quang Nam, and Ninh Thuan provinces

Phase 2: Hoa Binh and Quang Nam provinces

- Conducting trainings on communication skills, with a focus on demand generation, risk communication, and community engagement for health care staff and non-health staff (e.g., civil society organizations, such as women, youth, farmers, unions, heads of religion, heads of villages, and schoolteachers) in the PHC system on different health topics. These include HIV, TB, and maternal, newborn, and child health.
- Supporting advocacy activities at the community level to promote uptake of routine childhood and adolescent immunizations.
- Strengthening the capacity of health care and non-health care staff at the PHC level on the COVID-19 vaccine and other routine childhood immunizations, vaccine storage, and management of adverse events following immunization (AEFI), including reporting and responding (investigating, treating, and communicating about the usual and unusual events to communities).
- Conducting trainings on cold chain maintenance and repair, focused on new COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines used for routine immunization, and AEFI management (such as reporting and responding) for children under 12 years old for provincial and district levels.
 - Supporting the development of a video tutorial on cold chain maintenance and repair for health care workers to use for COVID-19 and routine immunization and disseminate it in project-supported provinces.
- Supporting delivery of COVID-19 vaccinations for children under 12 years old as a priority population and integrating COVID-19 services with routine immunization efforts to address the backsliding of childhood immunization due to the pandemic.
 - Providing technical assistance to mobile immunization sites on COVID-19 vaccination for children under 12 years old integrated with the childhood immunization.
 - Providing supportive supervision for COVID-19 vaccination campaigns integrated with childhood immunization services in hard-to-reach areas in the project provinces.
 - Updating government reporting tools and providing technical support for project provinces in strengthening use of the National Immunization Information System to inform decision-making for routine immunization services.
- Disseminating evidence and key lessons learned for implementing and integrating COVID-19 vaccinations for children under 12 years old into routine childhood immunization services to national and global audiences.





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