

SUMMARY

Zara wasn't yet due to deliver her second child, but too much hard work and too little rest spurred his early arrival.

"My delivery was a surprise, and a source of worry," she said, explaining that when her first child was born, she had to make early preparations for her delivery. Three years ago, Boulounguey Health Center in Niger had no water and no electricity. Women like Zara had to bring water and a helper to clean the delivery room, and, if they were lucky, they might have water to wash themselves.

But when she got to the clinic this time, Zara had an even bigger surprise. It now had a water system bringing clean water to the maternity ward, and electricity,

so staff no longer had to deliver babies by the light of their smartphones. After Ousseini was born, Zara had a bath, and staff members cleaned the room with running water.

Thanks to World Vision's aim to bring clean water to every community where we work, 128 health facilities across Africa gained access to clean water, and some also now have electricity for the first time.

Water is just one gift that's changing lives. Health workers and families also received training and education on healthcare and nutrition, which significantly contribute to better health. We are excited to share just a few of many exciting achievements we're seeing in Niger and Zambia.



Zara, mother of two, said having her second child at Boulounguey Health Center was a vastly improved experience over her first. "Everything has changed so dramatically."

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

234,473 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 116,756 CHILDREN, have benefited from health education and training, improved mother and child healthcare and nutrition, and improved care from health facilities that were upgraded and gained clean water since October 2023 (1,885,903 since October 2022).*

302,300 children were screened and treated for infectious diseases and malnutrition.

9,928 community health workers and volunteers were trained to provide health information and basic care to their neighbors.

1,122 faith leaders were trained and actively advocating with families to use mother and child healthcare services.

178 nurses, midwives, and other staff members in health facilities received training to improve the quality of care.

26 health facilities gained water systems and other support, such as sanitation and hygiene facilities, staff training, and equipment.

*These numbers reflect our work funded by private donors like you, as well as related projects funded by foundation donors.

NIGER

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While we made early gains on our work in the Tillabery Region, military activity following a 2023 coup has made it unsafe for staff to travel to project areas. We are closely monitoring the situation there, and we remain on schedule with work in Dosso, Maradi, and Zinder regions.

Building healthcare from the ground up

Your support of our work in Niger is developing grassroots, sustainable healthcare and education that is improving health and saving lives. Activities led by trained volunteers provided 121,900 people with education on breastfeeding, nutrition for young children, and disease prevention.

These health volunteers also identified and treated more than 58,000 children suffering from malaria, diarrhea, pneumonia, or malnutrition, and referred

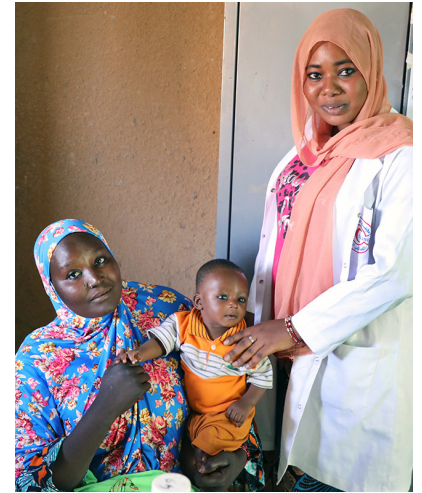
children who were more seriously ill to health facilities.

Improving health facilities

Mothers and young children are receiving vastly improved care at facilities like the one at Boulounguey, as noted earlier. So far this year, nine clinics now have access to clean water, 38 established infection control committees, and 40 gained electricity.

Technology improves care

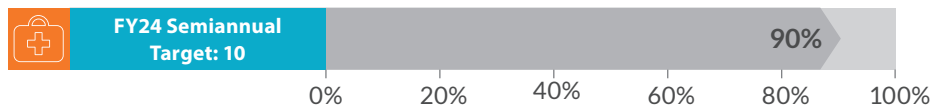
Volunteer health workers can serve more effectively now that 320 of them have been trained to use mHealth mobile technology to track and source care. This gained nationwide notice, and Prime Minister Ali Lamine Zeine bestowed an award for innovation on the Ministry of Health during Digital Technology Week.



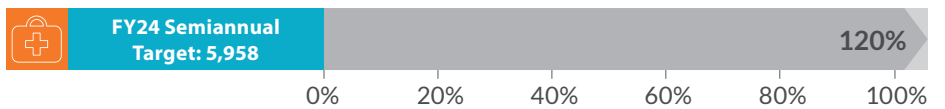
Nurse Sahida tends to a young patient in the improved Boulounguey Health Center in southwest Niger. The child's mother is grateful her family can have its healthcare needs met at the center, which now is cleaner and offers improved services.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

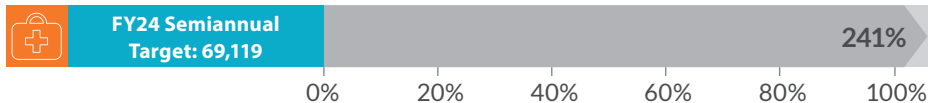
9 clinics gained water systems and other support, such as sanitation/hygiene facilities, staff training, and equipment.



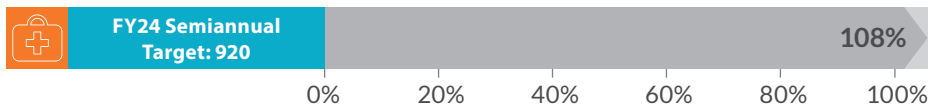
7,155 community health workers and volunteers were actively delivering health information and basic care to their neighbors.



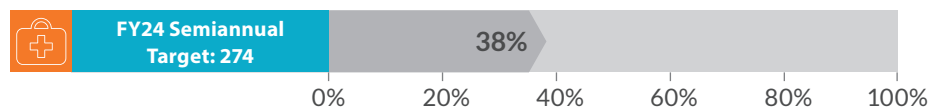
166,877 children were screened and treated for infectious diseases and malnutrition.



992 faith leaders were trained and actively advocating with families to use mother and child healthcare services.



103 nurses, midwives, and other staff members in health facilities received training to improve the quality of care.



ZAMBIA

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While improvements to clinics and water services provide immediate health benefits, education and training on vital care practices, such as nutrition, sanitation, and hygiene, make lasting change. These learnings are crucial to improving habits and practices for this generation and generations to come.

Phiness was distressed that her son's health was poor and that he was underweight, despite feeding him what she thought was appropriate. "Little did I know that I was giving him the wrong foods," she said. "But the nutrition group ... introduced me to a series of lessons on how to grow and prepare nutritious meals for my child, and his health and weight has since improved," she happily added.

Healthy pregnancies = healthier babies

Safe Motherhood Action Group (SMAG)

members trained by World Vision are playing a key role in improving the health of pregnant women. They registered 3,051 women in FY24, ensuring they receive regular visits to track their health during pregnancy and learn about the importance of good nutrition, prenatal care, delivering their babies in a health facility, and postnatal care for infants and their mothers.

To help SMAGs make their life-changing visits, the program provided 164 bicycles, as well as backpacks and aprons.

Improving health facilities

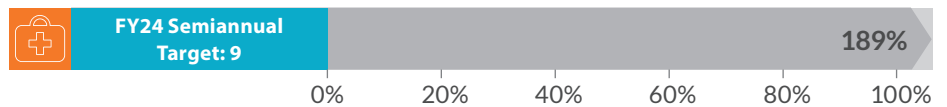
While 17 clinics added clean water systems, six facilities (Lunga, Magoye, Makungwa, Muchila, Mwamba, and Nyimba) began construction on new maternity wings, which will vastly improve mother and newborn care.



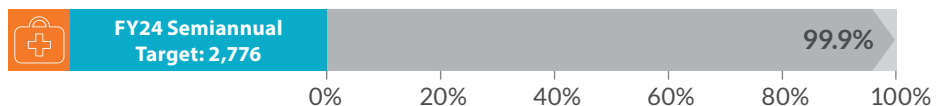
Phiness and Richard visit the vegetable garden that provides nutritious food to supplement his diet.

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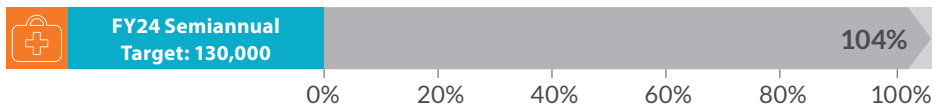
17 clinics gained water systems and other support, such as sanitation/hygiene facilities, staff training, and equipment.



2,773 community health workers and volunteers were actively delivering health information and basic care to their neighbors.



135,423 children were screened and treated for infectious diseases and malnutrition.



200 faith leaders were trained and actively advocating with families to use mother and child healthcare services.



75 nurses, midwives, and other staff members in health facilities received training to improve the quality of care.



FINANCIALS

Health Fund

\$22,315,764 program-to-date funding

\$15,070,351 program-to-date spending **68%**

These figures represent funding for programs that began during the Every Last One Campaign and are still in process, as well as programs begun as part of our new campaign during fiscal year 2024 (October 2023 through March 2024).

THANK YOU

Without support from people like you, families like Esther's would continue to grieve for babies that never delivered the expected joy of childbirth. The 23-year-old suffered a devastating series of miscarriages from 2018 to 2023, most likely related to not having prenatal care, accessible only with a long trek to the nearest clinic, and a lack of education on healthy pregnancies. When she moved to a new village, she was introduced to a SMAG named Coy, who taught her and her husband, Makina, what was needed to have a healthy pregnancy. "I cannot overstate the difference it made," she said, cradling her precious baby, Cliff.

May God richly bless you for partnering in work that is bringing blessings like Cliff to Esther and Makina.



Esther and Makina can't hide their joy at the arrival of a healthy, thriving baby. Thank you for playing a vital role in this happy ending.

"Children are a gift from the Lord ..."

—Psalm 127:3 (NLT)



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