

Save 150,000 lives programme - Angola

Summary of key achievements
Project period: August 2006 – June 2009

With the generous support of Reckitt Benckiser, we're changing the lives of mothers and children in Angola. Below are just some examples of what your support helped us achieve



Zerefina Natula with her one week old baby who received his first vaccines thanks to the 'Save 150,000 lives campaign'



The ambulance generously donated by Reckitt Benckiser' suppliers for the village of Mbove, which will help transport critically ill mothers and children to the nearest hospital



One of the 22 supported village health committees. These committees have raised awareness and disseminated messages on health and hygiene to 76,000 people in their communities.



Benjamim Kakapa Samaguenda, chief nurse at the Betania Health Centre with the mini-fridge which ensures vaccines are kept at the right temperature.

Project overview

With Reckitt Benckiser's support, Save the Children has implemented the 'Save 150,000 lives campaign' in both Tchicala Tcholoanga and Huambo since August 2006. During the course of the project and thanks to the increased funding made available by Reckitt Benckiser, we broadened our interventions to the neighbouring areas of Calima and Cachiungo. Within these communities, we work with a target population of 165,300 mothers and children.

The project aims to achieve dramatic positive changes for both children and mothers through direct intervention, behaviour change and policy change.

Key achievements

1. Direct Intervention

Our support to vaccination campaign against polio and measles, the distribution of Vitamin A, the provision of fridges for a better chain management of vaccines as well as our health staff training has directly contributed to an increased rate of children immunised from 80% to 85%. The majority of the 165,300 mothers and children under five supported by the 'Save 150,000 lives' campaign have had better access to health services including vaccinations and pre and post-natal care. In addition, Reckitt Benckiser's suppliers generously donated an ambulance, which will provide precious support to the local population of Mbave village (approximately 18,000 people).

2. Behaviour Change

By June 2009, the project supported 22 village health committees. Through their work, these committees have reached over 76,000 community members with messages on health and hygiene and awareness raising activities on the importance of vaccinations, mosquito nets, the use of latrines and prevention methods against common diseases. We also supported and equipped traditional birth attendants to ensure they are trained to undertake safe deliveries and have the skills to identify complex and at risk pregnancies that need to be referred to hospitals.

3. Policy change

In Huambo's province, Save the Children has established excellent relationships with local leaders, which whom we work to influence and improve governmental health policies by ensuring that children are at heart of their work. Save the Children has worked alongside the Provincial Directorate of Health and shared lessons learned in its Huambo programme of fostering access to quality, equality and health friendly services for children countrywide.

Impact on children's lives

Over the last three years, thanks to your support:

- **45,042 children** have been fully immunised against measles, polio, BCG, yellow fever and tetanus
- **7,864 children under 5** received supplements of vitamin A, thus reducing the risk of going blind
- **37,419 children** received treatment for malaria
- **25,169 pregnant or of child bearing age women** were vaccinated against tetanus
- **33,889 children and 15,654 pregnant and breastfeeding women** received treated mosquito nets increasing their protection against malaria.
- **12,454 deliveries were attended by 233 trained Traditional Birth Attendants**, who also received equipment from the project
- **877 Members (367 are men and 510 are women) of the community** were trained on hygiene and health care practices.
- **431 government health workers (269 men and 162 women)** were trained in the rational use of essential drugs, treatment of malaria, immunisation and maternity care to ensure better health services for both women and children.

Without you, none of this would have happened. Thank you so much for your continued support. You are making such a dramatic difference in the lives of children and mothers in Angola!