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FIXED AMOUNT REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT 2.0

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The Ministry of Health (MOH) Fixed Amount Reimbursement Agreement (FARA) supports the MOH's implementation of its 10-year National Health Policy and Plan. Under this agreement, USAID reimburses the Government of Liberia (GOL) for the cost of implementing components of the Essential Package of Health Services. This includes support to family planning, maternal and child health, malaria prevention, and treatment in six counties: Bong, Lofa, Nimba, Grand Gedeh, River Gee, and Grand Cape Mount, covering a population of roughly 1.8 million Liberians.

The overarching goal of the FARA is to help ensure effective government-led development programming. The FARA is a prime example of the direct government to government (G2G) assistance model, which transfers greater responsibility for ensuring access to quality health services to the MOH. Activities supported by the FARA include performance-based contracting and strengthening county health teams to improve the delivery of quality health services and health system strengthening activities, such as monitoring and evaluation (M&E).

Current Activities

- Implementation of the Essential Package of Health Services that support family planning, maternal and child health and malaria prevention and treatment
- Implementation of a Performance-based Financing (PBF) system
- Use of quality facility and community-based health services

Accomplishments to Date:

In FY 2020, the FARA:

- Reached over 70,000 Liberians with maternal, newborn and child survival programs
- 66,300 Liberian children received their first dose of measles-containing vaccine by 12 months of age
- Treated 24,106 cases of childhood pneumonia
- 68,856 women received uterotonics in the third stage of labor or immediately after birth

Planned Outcomes

- Competency of the Liberian Health Workforce improved
- Quality of delivery of health services improved
- Access to facility-based Essential Package of Health Services strengthened
- County health team's capacity for oversight and support of health facilities improved
- Social mobilization and community-based services strengthened
- Health Information Systems (HIS), results measurement, and reporting strengthened