

# Canada-Africa Initiative to Address Maternal, Newborn and Child Mortality (CAIA-MNCM)

## SENEGAL

**Program:** Canada-Africa Initiative to Address Maternal, Newborn and Child Mortality (CAIA-MNCM)

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**Duration:** 6 years (2016 to 2022, including COVID-19 response)

**Target Countries:** Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Senegal

**Consortium Partners:** Amref Health Africa in Canada, Children Believe (formerly Christian Children's Fund of Canada), SickKids Centre for Global Child Health, WaterAid Canada

### COVID-19 Response Highlights

The COVID-19 response in Senegal was implemented by Amref Health Africa in five regions: Dakar, Thies, Diourbel, Kolda and Sedhiou.

Amref Senegal worked with the Ministry of Health (MoH) to support their respective COVID-19 response plans in three key areas: health worker training; information dissemination and community engagement; and improved water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) at the community level. Amref Senegal also coordinated its approach and activities with other local COVID-19 responses in targeted areas and ensured that there was coordinated and consistent messaging by following national strategies, as well as WHO guidance on Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE).

Highlights of the COVID-19 response in Senegal include:

- **405 (M: 186, F: 219) health care workers and 1,410 (M: 990, F: 420) community health volunteers were trained** on COVID-19 infection, prevention and control

(IPC) and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in the context of COVID 19. These trainings were done through the use of the mobile health platform, Jibu, (mhealth platform) and in-person trainings.

- **Over 1.1 million beneficiaries were reached directly**, and 35.4 million people were reached indirectly.
- **Over 7,000 boxes of surgical masks** (50 per box), over **4,000 bottles of hydro alcoholic solution** (500 ml per bottle), **1,248 units of shield masks**, **490 units of Infrared thermometer**, **448 bottles of alcohol** (per bottle 5L), **100 handwashing stations**, **80 boxes of Chlorine water treatment**, and **1,248 bottles of soap** were procured and distributed to 13 health facilities.
- **Over 100 programs on COVID-19 IPC** were broadcasted on community radio stations.
- **Over 10 caravans and 12 social mobilizations** were organized by 13 CBOs on topics such as COVID-19 IPC and the safety of COVID-19 vaccines, RMNCAH, ANC, child, early and forced marriage, and early pregnancies.
- **100 handwashing stations were procured** and distributed to health facilities in the 13 districts to improve COVID-19 prevention.