



**SOCIETY FOR WOMEN  
DEVELOPMENT AND  
EMPOWERMENT OF NIGERIA**



**2021**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

## **SWODEN Vision**

**A society with improved standard of living  
for women, girls and young people**



## **SWODEN Mission**

“To provide quality health services, decrease malnutrition, improve agricultural interventions, innovative and transforming educational, affordable shelter and economic development opportunities to women and young people in collaboration with other stakeholders to improve their quality of life and their participation in good governance

# SWODEN CORE VALUES



**QUALITY**



**INTEGRITY**



**TRANSPARENCY**



**ACCOUNTABILITY**



**COMMITMENT**



**PRUDENCE**



**HOSPITALITY**

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**Hajija Maimuna Y Mohammed**

**C.E.O SWODEN**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO**

2021 represent a consolidation year for us at SWODEN. We focused this year on deepening the impact of our existing projects, and we made considerable progress. However, we have remained resilient and doubled our efforts in playing a leadership role in addressing the scourge of HIV/AIDS, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Malnutrition, TB, Gender Based Violence and other emerging diseases of public health importance in Bauchi, FCT, Gombe, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Sokoto, and Yobe states of Nigeria

We supported healthcare workers, Agricultural Extension workers, Community Development Associations, Women and Youth Groups to provide responsive HIV/AIDS, GBV, Nutrition and Livelihood services above mentioned states in the country.

I wish to thank all staff and partners for their unwavering commitment and support towards implementing high-impact programmes for improved health and well-being of individuals and families across vulnerable communities in Nigeria.

Together we will keep working to build needed partnerships and collaborations for a healthier and safer world for children, women, girls, youths and men across Nigeria

Happy Reading

*MAIMUNA Y MOHAMMED*

# Executive Summary

SWODEN is a leading indigenous non-profit and non-governmental organisation in Nigeria founded in 1995 and registered in 2005 with the aim of improving the status of women, children and young people at the grassroots level, committed to improving the quality of life of underserved and vulnerable communities by promoting access to quality healthcare and harnessing community capacities for sustainable development. For over 27 years, SWODEN has successfully managed and implemented well over 50 innovative development projects across Nigeria.

Since 1995, SWODEN has grown under the strong leadership of Hajija Maimuna Mohammed and the Executive Director Hajija Fatima Adamu with 57 staff Base across various states in Nigeria. SWODEN through her committed employees and strong Partnership with donors such as USAID, DFID, Packard Foundation, UNICEF, UNIFEM, UNDP, World Bank Global Fund, SFH, FHI 360 and The US and Canadian Embassies, among others continue to play leadership role in addressing the scourge of HIV/AIDS and its impact on Key and General populations, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Nutrition, Gender Inclusion, Education, Family Planning, TB, Malaria, youth development and other emerging diseases of public health importance in Nigeria.

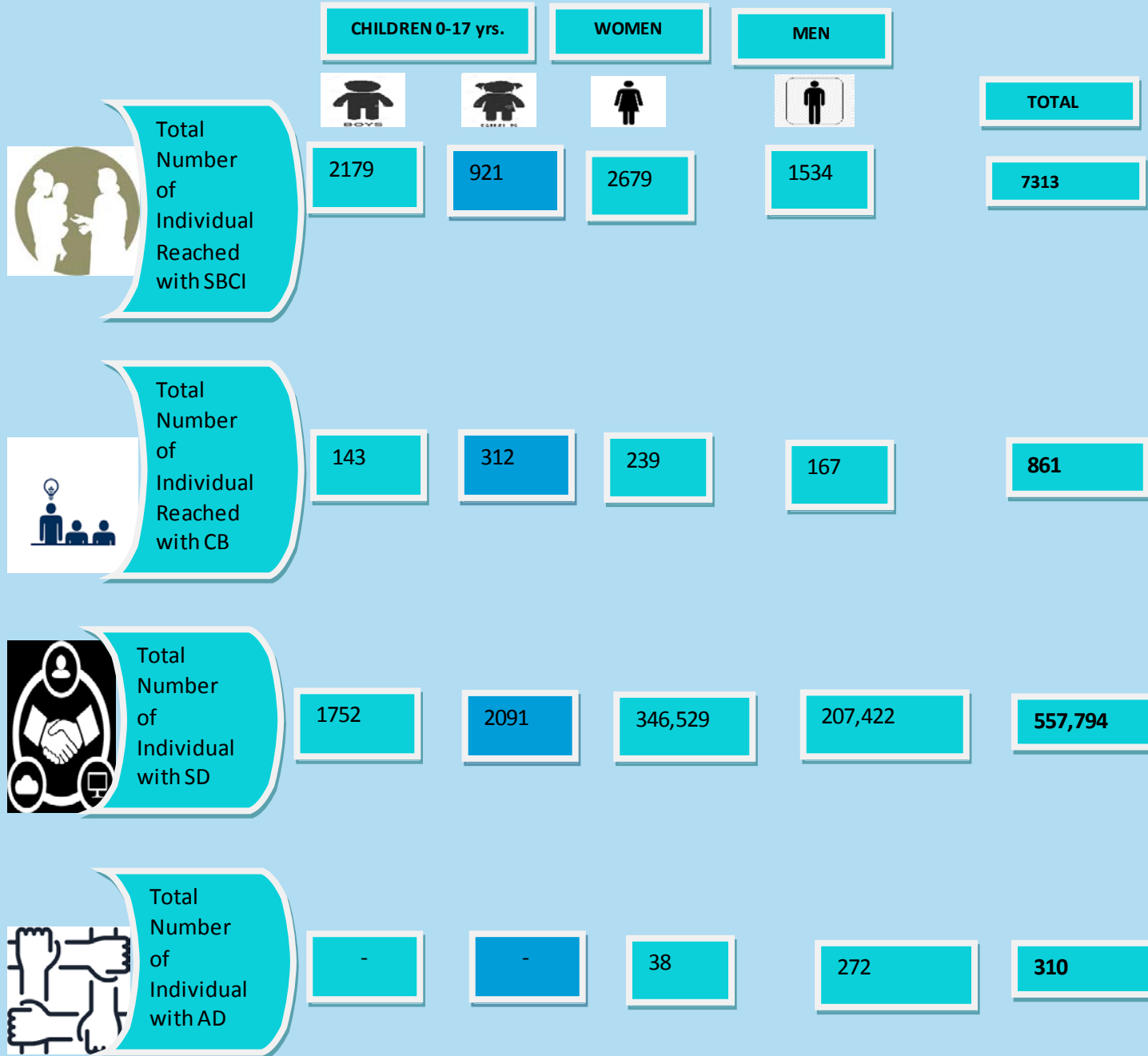
Prior to the reporting year, SWODEN implemented 7 high impact projects across the 12 states of Nigeria;

- Capacity strengthening of key and vulnerable populations in access to HIV services efficiency in 10 States of Nigeria
- The Strategic HIV/AIDS Response Project (SHARP) Project in Kano State
- Comprehensive Modelling Approach to Improve Dietary Diversity in Kano State
- Hunger Response project through Eradication of Poverty in Katsina State
- Scaling up Zinc Lo-ORS uptake for children under 5 in 6 states of Nigeria
- Accelerating Nutrition Results in Nigeria (ANRiN) project in Kaduna State.
- Accelerating progress in Nutrition project in Bauchi State

Thus, the 2021 annual report shows remarkable achievements across all our project interventions despite the emergence of the new variant of COVID-19 (Omicron) Due to the impressive performance of SWODEN on the USAID supported SHARP TO 3 Project, SWODEN was awarded with an extension of the project

SWODEN reached 27,100 people with HIV testing services, linking 338 newly infected clients with ART services, 800 clients lost to follow up enrolled back on treatment and 2000 enrolled for viral load testing.

# IMPACT IN NUMBERS BY PROGRAM STRATEGY



## Abbreviations

SBC: Strategic Behavioral Change Intervention

CB: Capacity Building

SD: Service Delivery

AD: Advocacy

# SERVICE DELIVERY



## SERVICE DELIVERY

**27,100**

People Reached with HTS Services

**1,080**

People Reached with increased  
Access to Improved Nutrition  
through dietary diversity

**2,672**

People reached with Enriched Food  
Nutrition Education and Counselling

**583,178**

People reached with integrated  
Basic Package of Nutrition Services

**7,704**

People reached with improved  
Livelihood through Village Savings  
and Loans

**7,327**

People reached with improved  
Nutritional status through Nutrition  
Care and Support Services



## Progress made by Projects

### Accelerated Nutrition Response in Nigeria (ANRIN) project

SWODEN is part of a consortium (SWODEN, eHealth Africa Foundation, Busara and M-Space) contracted by The Kaduna State Government through its Project Implementation Unit to implement the World Bank funded Accelerating Nutrition Results in Nigeria (ANRIN) project in 12 LGAs of Kaduna State. The project is aimed to deliver integrated Basic Package of Nutrition Services (BPNS) to pregnant women, lactating mothers, children under 5 years and Adolescent Health Services (AHS) to adolescents in twelve (12) LGAs. This year **583,178** people were reached with deworming for children 12-59 months; Iron Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation for pregnant women; IPTp for malaria for pregnant women; nutrition Counseling; Micronutrient powders for children 6-23 months; MIYCN counseling for pregnant and lactating women; SARC with Counseling; Vitamin A supplementation for children 6-59 months and Zinc/ORS for children 6-59 months for diarrhea



### Dietary Diversity project

The UNICEF funded Dietary Diversity project is currently being implemented in 2 LGAs (Bichi and Sumaila) of Kano state by SWODEN to address malnutrition and its effect on household in rural communities where there are high rates of stunted population. The 22-month project which commenced in Nov of 2019 is working with women groups and families to curb stunting as a result of malnutrition and under-nutrition. 44 communities in Bichi and 28 communities in Sumaila have been impacted as 15 women groups per community were reached with gardening and livestock farming skills. As a result, **1080** women and **217 households** have been impacted as every beneficiary received improved vegetable seeds and fruit trees, farming tools and goats for rearing.



### Strategic HIV/AIDS Response Project

SWODEN implemented the Strategic HIV/AIDS Response Project funded by USAID in 3 LGAs of Kano State. The goal of this project is community targeted and efficient HIV and TB case identification and linkage to care and treatment. Enrollment of patients on HIV/AIDS therapy with adequate adherence and minimal loss to follow-up and successfully suppress HIV viral Load

In 2021 SWODEN Trained 30 community volunteers on counselling and Testing skills, conducted 27 community outreaches and reached 27,100 people with HTS services in 3 LGAs in Kano State, provided escort referral and linkages of 338 newly infected clients for treatment and ensured retention in care through follow-ups, tracked 800 defaulters back to care and referred 167 clients for PrEP, 27 clients for GBV and 726 clients for STI screenings services



### Enhancing Maternal Nutrition in Northern Nigeria

SWODEN is currently implementing the behavioral change intervention in partnership with Nutrition International towards increasing the uptake of Zinc-ORS as treatment for diarrhea diseases in children under the age of 5yrs and increasing uptake of IFA-ANC contact towards addressing the deficiency of Iron in pregnant women, project implementation states include Jigawa, Katsina, Kebbi, and Yobe for the IFA implementation, while Kano and Sokoto implements the Zinc Lo – ORS component. Currently the project has reached 42,440 pregnant women and caregivers of children under age 5 with gender-sensitive and responsive BCI messages, 295 stakeholders reached on the NI BCI through advocacy, 180 people were reached on the benefits of ANC services through community outreaches, 80 CHWs providers were trained on ANC, IFA, Zn Lo-ORS administration, Nutrition counselling, gender equality, qualitative ANC service delivery, and Data quality Assurance and 90 male Motivators/influencers and town announcers were trained on LO-ORS and IFA to sensitize community members and generate demand creation for LO-ORS/Zinc and IFA uptake.

## SERVICE DELIVERY

### The Hunger Response Project

SWODEN implemented the Hunger Response Project in Rimi Local Government Area of Katsina State, funded by Save the Children Denmark. The pilot Project Was implemented from September 2021 to December 2021. The project was aimed at reducing the prevalence rate of malnutrition and end hunger in Katsina state through distribution of prepared enriched foods (TOM-Brown) to pregnant and lactating adolescent mothers. The project promoted the adequate health and nutrition behaviors amongst beneficiaries through created spaces created spaces for maternal, infant and young children nutrition sessions, Tom-Brown recipe demonstrations and other Nutrition education sessions. As a result of the intervention **2,672** Malnourished children 0-24 months, Pregnant and Lactating women were reached with Nutrition Services

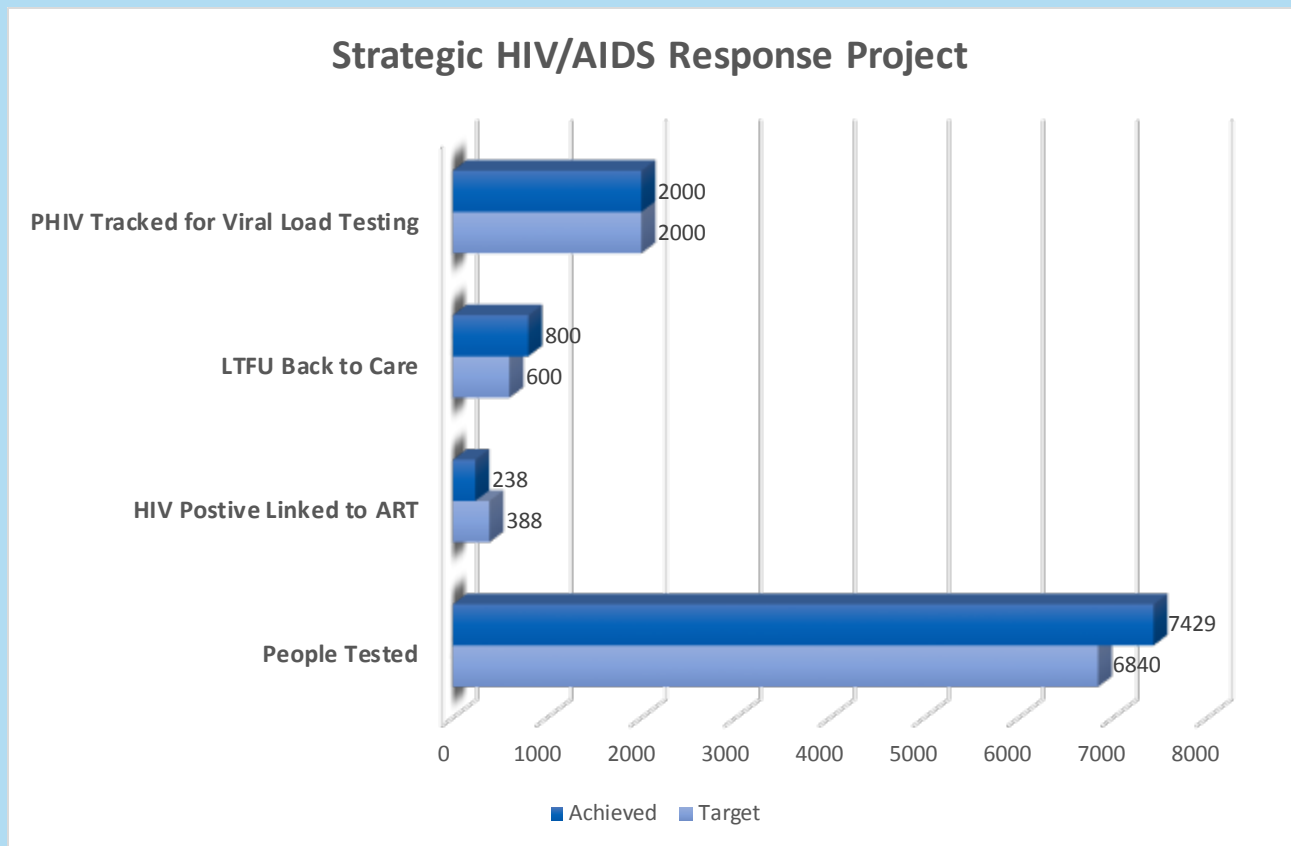
### Acceleration Nutrition Interventions through Dietary Diversity



SWODEN is partnering with Integrated Health Project (IHP) and working in collaboration with Reproductive Health Initiative and Support Association (RHISA) Implementing the Nutrition project, funded by USAID in 20 LGAs of Bauchi State with aim of Preventing and addressing moderate malnutrition through food-based approaches and nutrition counselling in one CMAM or Primary Health Centre (PHC) in the 20 LGAs to increase knowledge of mothers and care givers of children aged 0-5 years on prevention and management of malnutrition using dietary diversity for both the mother on the child through community engagement. The project has reached **17,327** people with improved nutritional status in Bauchi state.

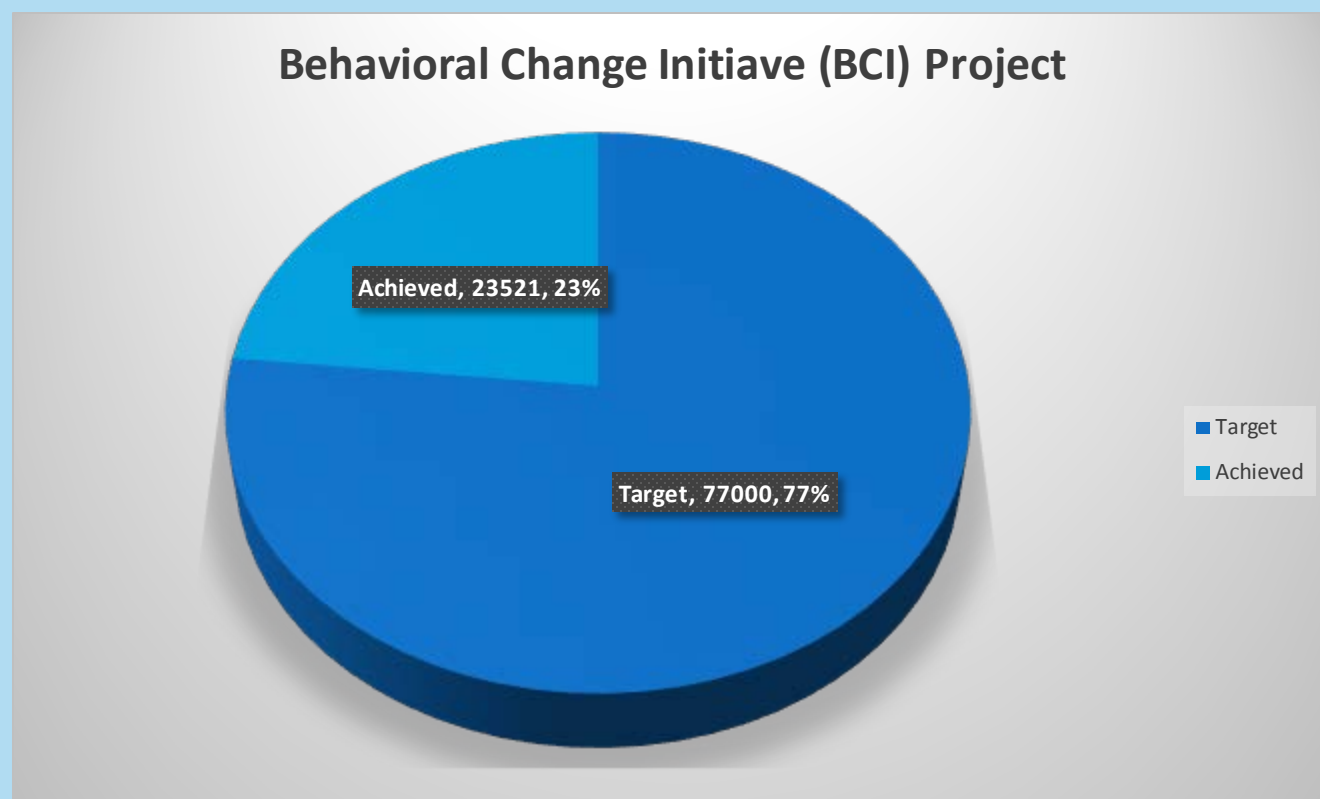
# PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Strategic HIV/AIDS Response Project



In the year 2021 under review, SWODEN surpassed the 6840 targets set for HTS\_HIV Positives for general population, Index case testing and pediatric, with a total of 7429 people counselled, tested and received their results. The number of those tested positive for HIV during HTS were 238 (61.3%) from a target of 388. The 238 positives were linked to ART (100%). Also, from a target of 600 defaulters, 800 HIV positive clients Lost to Follow up were tracked and brought back to care (125%). 2000 Clients retained on treatment were tracked for blood sample collection and viral load testing (100%)

## Enhancing Maternal Nutrition in Northern Nigeria



**Table2: Total number of pregnant women and children reached with the ANC care package interventions in SWODEN's 6 targeted States, as at December 31 2021**

Pregnant women attended at least one ANC visit	2507
Pregnant women attended at least 4 ANC visits	1453
Pregnant women received any IFA supplements	2918
Pregnant women received 90 or more IFA supplements	2102
Exposure to messages on prenatal IFA supplement consumption	3465
Lactating mothers/Caregivers received LO- ORS/Zinc	4109
Exposure to messages on LO ORS/Zinc consumption	2861
No of people reached with BCI messages at the communities	4106

## The Hunger Response Project

### HUNGER RESPONSE

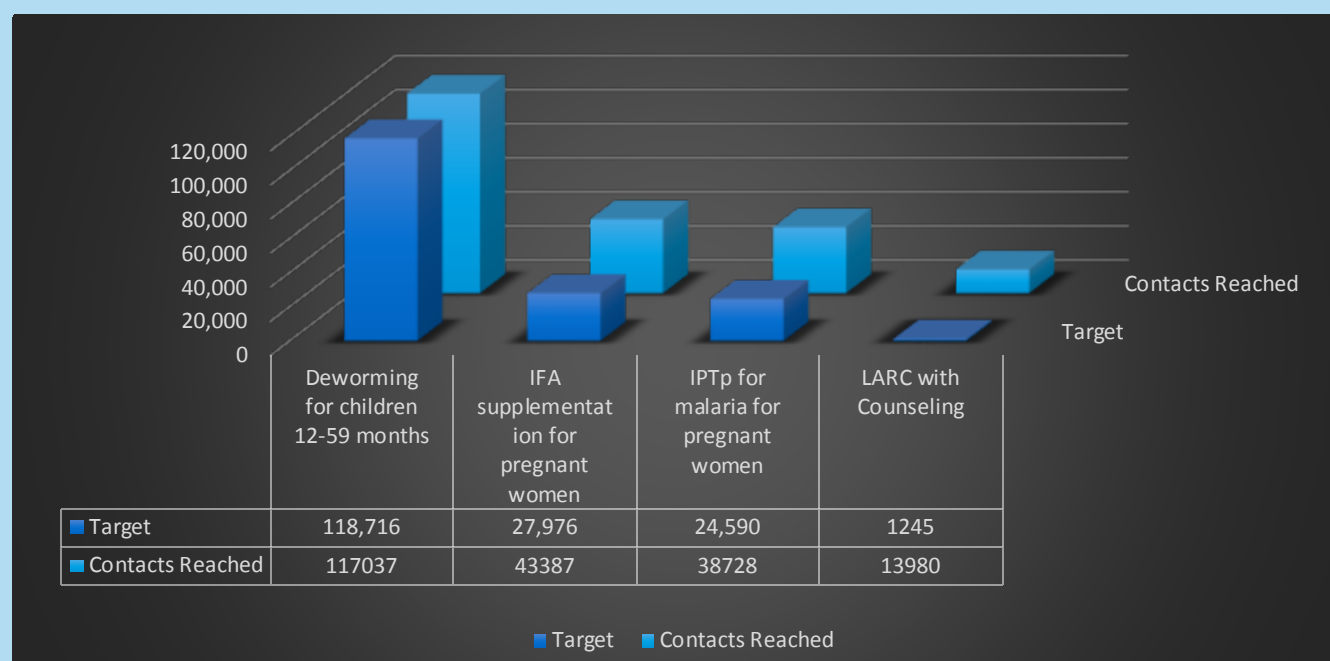
#### People Reached With Improved Nutritional Status



#### Key Project Components

- Capacity building, training, coaching and provision of job aids for the **167** community Volunteers (women Groups) to improve the quality of counselling for caregivers of children 0-23 months of age. Key messages and skill-building were focused on the support and promotion of preparation of Tom-Brown, exclusive breastfeeding, optimal complementary feeding to improve dietary diversity, and the establishment, monitoring and support of women's groups.
- Peer-to-peer discussions, cooking demonstrations, nutrition counselling during Growth Monitoring Promotion sessions, and inter-personal communication at the household level are used as communication channels to promote and support good nutrition
- **Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) practices among caregivers of children 0-23 months of age. The key platforms** to reinforce skills and practices are the monthly cooking demonstrations and distribution of prepared enriched foods to **2672** beneficiaries at the health posts and the establishment of the women's groups
- **Leading the women's groups are model mothers who were identified** based on their positive performance on child health and nutrition practices, including appropriate child feeding, hygiene and sanitation, and growth monitoring participation.

## Accelerated Nutrition Response in Nigeria (ANRIN) project



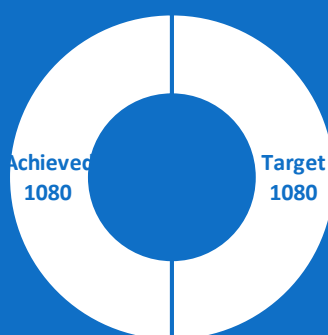
The table below shows the service areas/Intervention, ANRiN half year target, contacts reached and percentage of coverage between July and December 2021. SWODEN was able to reach and surpass the minimum ANRiN half year targets across the service areas.

Intervention	Target	Contacts Reached	% Coverage
Deworming for children 12-59 months	118,716	117037	98.59%
IFA supplementation for pregnant women	27,976	43387	155.09%
IPTp for malaria for pregnant women	24,590	38728	157.49%
LARC with Counseling	1245	13980	1122.89%
Micronutrient powders for children 6-23 months	45,835	53372	116.44%
MIYCN counseling for pregnant and lactating women	89,303	47710	53.42%
SARC with Counseling	11929	14475	121.34%
Vitamin A supplementation for children 6-59 months	112,317	127609	113.62%
Zinc/ORS for children 6-59 months for diarrhea	44,404	126880	285.74%

## Comprehensive Modelling Approach to Improve Dietary Diversity in Kano State.

### DIETARY DIVERSITY PROJECT

PEOPLE REACHED WITH INCREASED ACCESS TO  
IMPROVED NUTRITION THROUGH DIETARY  
DIVERSITY



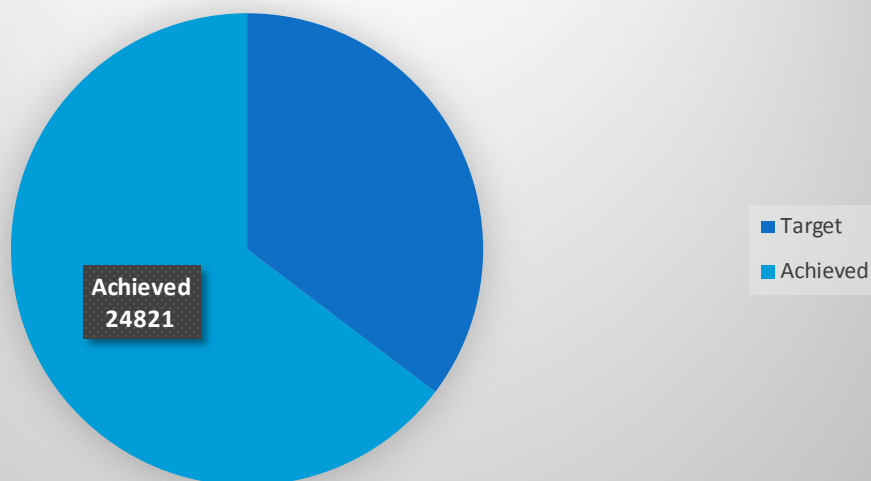
The table below provides an overview of results achieved during the reporting period and cumulatively since the onset of the programme.

Performance Indicator	Targets	Achievements	Achievement%
Number of women who received four vegetable seed varieties and 2 fruit sampling to set up home gardens	1080	1080	100%
Number of women who attended support group meetings	1080	1080	100%
Number of women who received minimal farming equipment (Hoe, cutlass and rake) to set up home gardens	1080	1080	100%
Number of women with established home garden	1080	1080	100%
Number of women who received minimal number of chicken (3 hen) for meat and egg production at home	1080	1080	100%



# ACCELERATING NUTRITION THROUGH DIETARY DIVERSITY PROJECT

## People Reached With Food Based Approaches and Nutrition Counseling



The table below shows the service areas/Intervention, target reached and percentage of coverage between November and December 2021. SWODEN was able to reach targets across the service areas.

Performance Indicator	Targets	Achievements	Achievement%
Number of people reached during food demonstrations, fortification, food enrichment and other techniques to enhance nutritional quality			
Number of Lactating mothers and pregnant women, and women with children under 5 years reached with Nutrition counselling and Education to promote dietary Diversity			
Number of caregivers with children under the age of 5 years reached during community outreaches to promote MIYCF and Growth Monitoring			

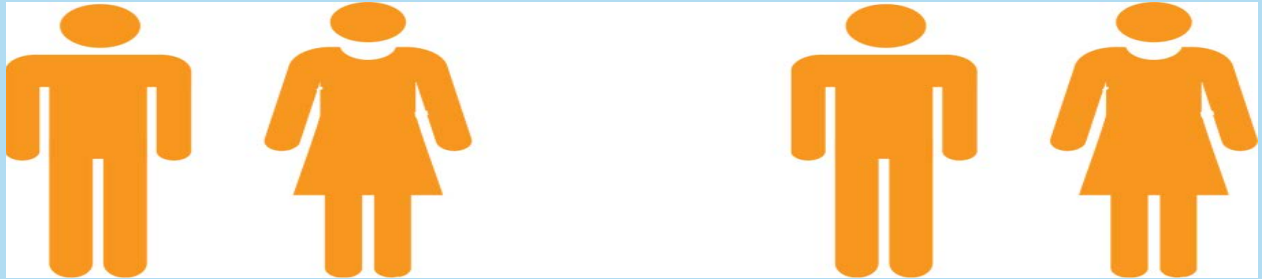
# Total number of staff & volunteers

**STAFF**

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**VOLUNTEERS**

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**MALE**

**FEMALE**

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**MALE**

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**FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT**

**SOCIETY FOR WOMEN DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT OF NIGERIA  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 2021**