



WHY PREGNANT WOMEN DO NOT DELIVER AT SAINTE ROSE DE LIMA, GRIS-GRIS HEALTH FACILITY IN COTES-DE-FER, HAITI

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About CMMB



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Started by Dr. Paluel Flagg, American anesthesiologist.

Came to Haiti to care for leprosy patients in 1912.



Paluel Flagg
AIDS 2018, Amsterdam, July 2018

NOW

Largest of CMMB country offices. (Others are in Peru, Kenya, South Sudan, Zambia.)

Has operated in all 10 *départements*.

Focus areas: Strengthening primary healthcare system, raising access to healthcare for Haitians.

Portfolio: HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment, OVC, MNCH, malaria, disabilities.

Known for the effectiveness of our programs.



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Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti

Implementation of CMMB's signature project CHAMPS (Children and Mothers' Partnerships). Designed to help mothers and children live healthier lives. Rolled out in 2016.

Community-based, descriptive cross-sectional study of 191 women who gave birth at home during FY19.

- Identify, explore, and understand why the proportion of births at the Gris-Gris Health Center remains low.

Hypothesis: Birth at home associated with cultural beliefs and economic factors.

- The questionnaire was conducted by community health workers.

RESULTS

- Of the 148 women interviewed, 12 (8%) reported visiting the Gris-Gris Health Center at least once.
- Two (1%) made a conscious decision to give birth at home.
- 134 other women were victims of circumstance.

Factors contributing to home births:

- Low financial means.
- Delivered while en route to the health center.
- Distance from home to the health center.
- Lack of transportation
- Pregnant women do not pay attention to their due dates.



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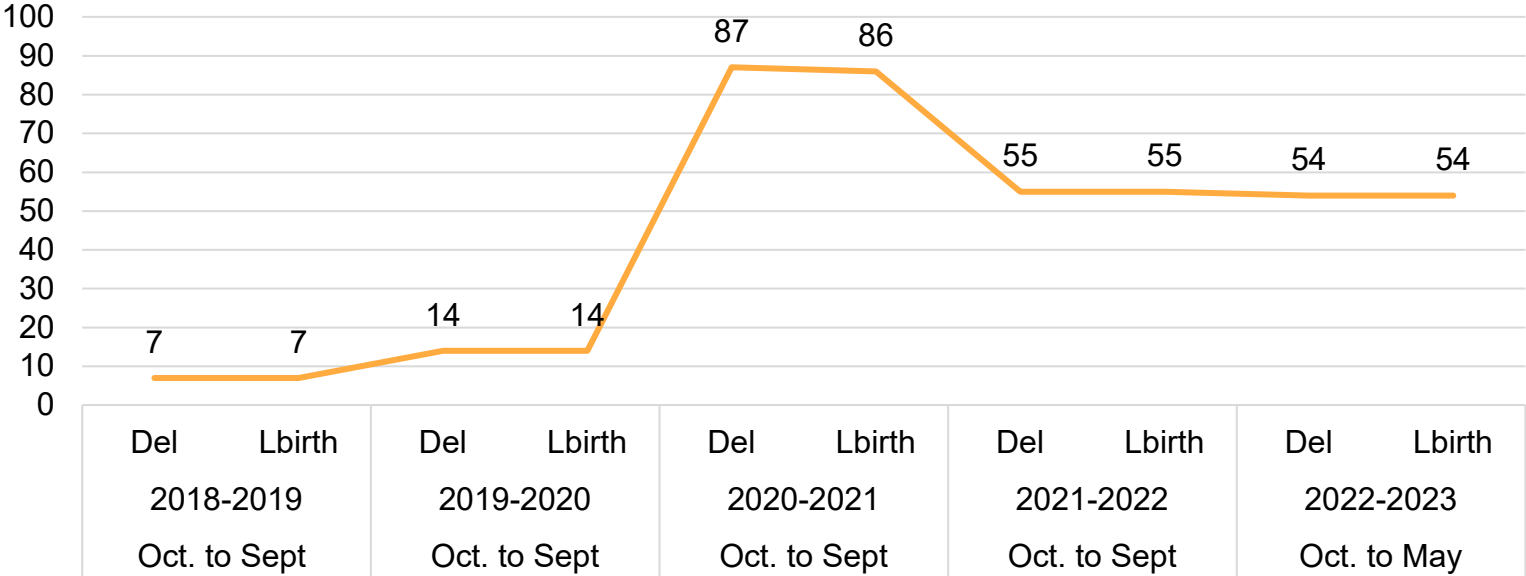
- Our results did not support the study hypothesis.
- Women's cultural beliefs did not seem to influence noninstitutional delivery.

INTERVENTIONS

- A birth plan was created jointly by pregnant women and health facility.
- It was ensured that the birth plan was implemented (with follow-up by CHWs).
- Each pregnant women had a transportation plan.
- Education sessions were held to inform women of their delivery date. This helped prevent delivery issues arising when women did not know their due date.



Deliveries vs Livebirths, Gris-Gris Health Facility, October 2018–May 2023



Source: Health Facility of Gris-Gris-Statistical report_ from October 2018 to May 2023.



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