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## FACT SHEET-2016

Partnering to Save Lives (PSL) is a partnership between the Cambodian Ministry of Health (MoH), the Australian Government, CARE, Marie Stopes International Cambodia and Save the Children. PSL aims to save the lives of women and newborns in Cambodia through improved quality, access and utilisation of reproductive, maternal and neonatal health (RMNH) services, with particular attention to most vulnerable groups including impoverished women, ethnic communities, garment factory workers and women with disabilities.

PSL focuses on holistic RMNH service provision in the under-served northeast (NE) provinces of Kratie, Mondul Kiri, Ratanak Kiri and Stung Treng and supports capacity development for family planning services and safe abortion in an additional 18 provinces across the country. PSL also works to improve access to RMNH information and services for vulnerable young women working in 25 garment factories in Phnom Penh and Kandal.

## WHAT DOES PSL DO?

PSL supports all seven components of the Fast Track Initiative Roadmap for Reducing Maternal and Neonatal Mortality (FTIRM) 2016-2020:

- Skilled birth attendance
- Emergency obstetric and newborn care (EmONC)
- Newborn care
- Family planning
- Safe abortion (through training and quality improvement)
- Removing financial barriers to access to health services
- Behaviour change communication

The program is built around three pillars:

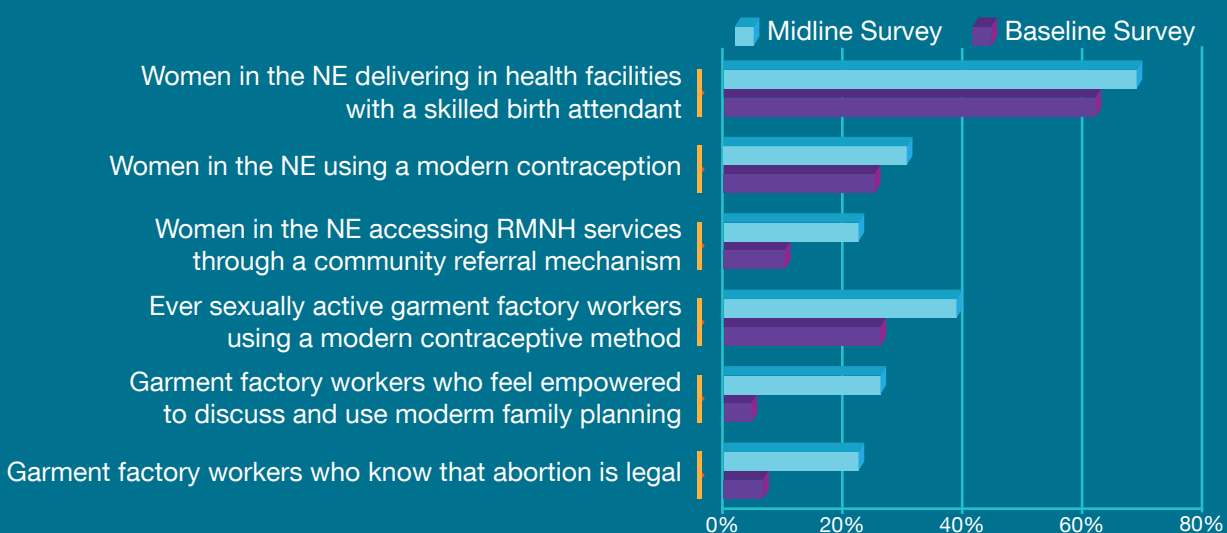
- Improving health service delivery
- Community strengthening and engagement
- Translating learning and knowledge into policy

*Timeframe: August 2013- July 2018*



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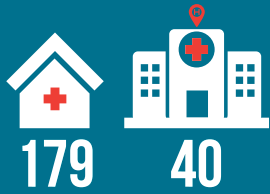
## Midline Results for Key RMNH Indicators<sup>1</sup>



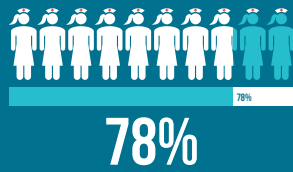
<sup>1</sup> Data from PSL baseline survey (late 2013- early 2014) and midline survey (late 2015-early 2016)

# PSL KEY CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF JULY 2016

## Improving health service delivery



179 health centres and 40 hospitals are supported under PSL.



78% of all midwives in the four NE provinces joined Midwifery Coordination Alliance Team (MCAT) meetings.



41 health centres in the NE received regular supportive supervision and coaching.



211 health facilities received capacity development support to offer comprehensive abortion care and/or comprehensive modern contraceptive services.

## Community strengthening and engagement



70% of the 2,042 community volunteers supported by the programme are women.



7,184 community members attended listening and dialogue groups' meetings in the NE provinces in year 3 of the programme.



More than 20,000 garment factory workers were reached through behaviour change communication (BCC).



792 village health support groups/ community based distributors meetings were coordinated.

## Translating knowledge and learning into policy

Our learning has included research on financial barriers to RMNH services in the NE, an evaluation of our BCC interventions in the NE, baseline and midline surveys, two community referral system's snapshot surveys and comprehensive annual reviews.

BCC frameworks for ethnic and indigenous minorities and garment factory workers based on identified barriers and determinants for these groups to access RMNH services have been developed.

PSL teams have contributed to the development of the FTIRM (2016-2020), the National MCAT Protocol, the EmONC Improvement Plan (2016-2020), Newborn Improvement Plan, and the National Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy (2017-2020).

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