Target 32 (i) - accelerate progress towards achieving MDGs 4 and 5 by increasing coverage of maternal deliveries by at least 3% in the three lowest performing regions and national coverage to 56% in 2006 relative to 2005.

The table below shows an improvement in overall coverage of supervised deliveries (deliveries attended by skilled health personnel, irrespective of the outcome and excluding deliveries attended by traditional birth attendants) nationwide, from 40.3% in 2005 to 44.5% in 2006. There was also an improvement in total deliveries (including deliveries by traditional birth attendants) from 54.2% in 2005 to 58.2% in 2006

	Total deliveries	Supervised deliveries
2005	54.2	40.3
2006	58.2	44.5

The table below shows the performance of the 3 lowest performing regions, with respect to supervised deliveries. Western region and Greater Accra exceeded the target increase of 3%, whereas a slight fall occurred in the Volta region - research will be conducted to find explanations for the fall

	Western	Greater Accra	Volta
2005	26.4	36.5	45.6
2006	34.8	35.4	61.4
Percentage Change	8.4	-1.1	15.8

The DPs and the GoG agree that the MoH achieved this target; vital to achieving MDG 5.

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Triggers and targets for 2007 - 2009

Obtaining the next performance tranche of funding is dependent on a new set of triggers:

Increase by 3 % the total number of health staff that are posted to and working in the four deprived regions.

More than 50% of the indicators in the basket of indicators for measuring sector performance improved, in comparison with 2006

The basket of indicators includes: (1) coverage of supervised deliveries; (2) antiretroviral therapy of HIV infected persons; (3) Family Planning - (Couples Years Protection); (4) Coverage of Vitamin A supplementation of children under five; (5) TB cure rate; (6)ITN coverage of children < 5 years; (7) HIV prevalence rate among pregnant women age 15-24.

Increased health related spending (FY 2007) which leads to accelerated progress toward the health-related MDGs:

Absolute increase in spending on item 3 of the health budget (services) Baseline 2006: 533,782 billion cedis

Execution of 2007 budget marked by: i) Execution rate of GoG and health fund expenditure for services (Item 3) improved (baseline 2006: 71%); ii) GoG expenditures for services (Item 3) for 2007 increased compared to 2006 (baseline 2006: 277,682 billion cedis - GOG: 237,682; NHIF: 40,000); iii) 50% of districts that spend at least 1% of District Assembly Common fund on HIV/AIDS

National Health Insurance Scheme becomes increasingly effective through: (i) 36% of population including the indigents and other exempt categories issued with ID cards; (ii) 50% of claims (measure by number and value) settled within a 4-week long period.

There is a mid-year assessment to track progress made with respect to the triggers and targets for 2007 currently ongoing. The final assessment by the GoG and DPs will take place in May 2008.

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