Joint Programme on ‘Accelerating Progress towards Maternal and Neonatal Mortality and Morbidity Reduction’ is under implementation in ten low-performing districts of Zambia.

The four-year programme contributes to enhancing government’s effort to improving the health of mothers and children.

**Goal of JP**

To contribute to national targets of reducing neonatal mortality rate from 34 to 20 per 1000 live births and maternal mortality ratio from 591 to 168 per 100,000 live births by 2015.

**Expected outcomes**

1. Women and newborns have access to improved quality maternal and newborn care services including family planning.
2. Families and communities demand and utilize essential maternal and newborn care including family planning.
3. District Health Teams in the targeted districts utilize appropriate management information in planning and monitoring programme.

**Duration**

2011 - 2015

**Total Programme Budget**

US$ 9,900,000

**Funds available**

First year (2011-2012) : US$ 2,215,000
Second year (2012-2013): US$ 2,039,955

**Funding required**

US$ 6,000,000

**Lead UN Agency**

UNICEF

**Participating UN Agencies**

WHO, UNFPA, UNAIDS, World Bank

**Lead ministry**

Ministry of Community Development, Mother and Child Health

**Other ministries**

Ministry of Health

**Donors**

CIDA

**Geographical coverage**

Lukulu, Kalabo, Serenje, Chama, Chadiza

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1 Districts where the programme have activities
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| Management/Implementation Arrangements\(^2\) | Technical Working Group  
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|                                             | Steering Committee (Heads of Agencies) |

| Funding Modality\(^3\) | Parallel |

\(^2\) Project Steering Committee, Project Technical committee e.t.c.  
\(^3\) Pass through, parallel, pooled or combination (please state combination modalities if any)