

## FARN/G Results for 2005

- 38 functional sites in Dinguiraye (20), Kankan (6), and Faranah (12)
- All sites supplied with materials (scale, measuring board, food preparation kit, individual supervision forms)
- 337 trainers and actors trained in FARN/G approach (DPS, health agents, community volunteers, traditional birth attendants, field agents)
- 1610 women participated in 2005 (8080 women since 2003)
- Average birth weight of 3.26 kg
- 84% of women gave birth with the assistance of a trained agent
- All women participated in at least 3 prenatal consultations
- Anemia rate: initial: 49%, final: 0%



## Post-partum vitamin A supplementation:

### Nutrition and micronutrient training

Kankan: 148 community agents/TBAs, 30 health agents

Faranah: 55 community agents/TBAs, 25 health agents

Dabola: 131 community agents/TBAs, 20 health agents

Dinguiraye: 71 community agents/TBAs, 21 health agents

Pita/Télimélé: 24 community agents/TBAs, 22 health agents

### Vitamin A coverage of breastfeeding women in 2005

Kankan : 85 %

Faranah 82 %

Dinguiraye 84 %

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## Community-based pregnancy support groups (FARN/G)



Partners: Africare, PRISM, OICI, MSP



# Pregnancy support groups (FARN/G) in Guinea

## What is FARN/G?

FARN/G = Foyer d'Apprentissage et de Renforcement Nutritionnel pour les Femmes en Grossesse

FARN/G is a community-based pregnancy monitoring approach that focuses on the following:

- Mobilization of pregnant women in one location during monthly vaccination outreaches
- Implementation of activities in a monthly and regular manner
- Participatory model based on the “positive deviant” method of using a local pregnant woman



## What does FARN/G do?

- Exchange of ideas and experiences among pregnant women during pregnancy
- Presentation of health and nutrition education sessions for pregnant women
- Sharing of key nutrition and health messages:
  - Advantages of prenatal consultations;
  - Breastfeeding and its advantages;
  - Danger signs during pregnancy;
  - Promotion of consumption of local foods rich in vitamin A and iron
- Provision of required medications to pregnant women:
  - Iron/folic acid pills
  - Fansidar
  - Deworming medication

## How does FARN/G take place?

- Mobilize women in one location
- Monitor weight and health of pregnant women
- Complete prenatal checklist, verifying existence of danger signs
- Present a daily health/nutrition topic during each session
- Prepare a daily meal together
- Distribute medication and schedule next prenatal consultation

