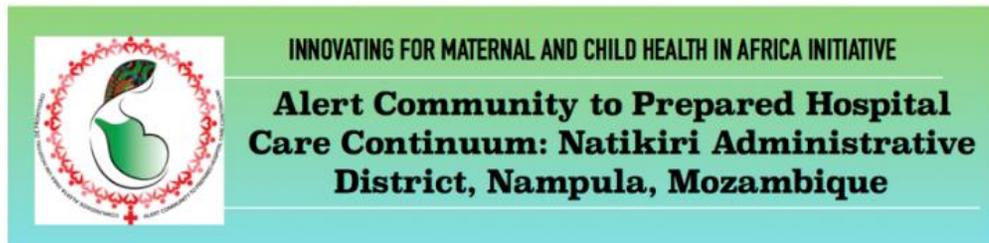


# Reduction of maternal-infant mortality in developing countries

In Mozambique, neonatal and maternal death rates are unacceptably high, and the government has identified this as a high priority issue.



[Dr. Ron Siemens](#) and team, a joint effort between the community of Naticiri, Lurio University, the University of Saskatchewan, and the Nampula provincial department of health, aims to decrease

maternal and neonatal death rates in the Naticiri District of Nampula, Mozambique. Seven different strategies are being used to develop a sustainable home-to-hospital care continuum that will be integrated into the existing system. Our goal is to ensure “Alert Community” members will be educated about family planning and sexual/reproductive health, and that a “Prepared Hospital” will be ready to receive labouring women and newborn babies in a safe and culturally sensitive manner.

Further Reading:

<https://comunidadealerta.wordpress.com/>

# Project FranGO – a community based income generation project

This project aims to provide sustainable employment and through the unique



partnership with the local university, provide education in health care and family planning to young families caught in the cycle of poverty.

Provides young families with the opportunity to learn how to manage a successful poultry farm while participating in family health and nutrition education. This 'two pronged' approach is intended to shift families away from subsistence farming, and its predictable devastating cyclical poverty.

The project will foster health care capacity and a sustainable economy in Mozambican communities. Each year, sixteen young families will be enrolled at the farm. They will be mentored in the practice of raising and marketing chickens, which are a critical source of protein and integral to the Mozambican diet and culture. The participants will receive a portion of the profits from each two month growing cycle. Once the families exit the project they will have accrued sufficient experience and financial profits to start their own farms, leading to a strong resilient business environment.

Furthering Reading: <http://projectfrango.com/>

