



Mrs. Penehupifo Pohamba, First Lady of the Republic of Namibia:

- Former midwife and established champion for maternal and child health in Namibia.
- Works closely with Health Ministry of Namibia, multiple private and non-profit development partners.

- Advocates for increased nursing training programs.
- Office oversees PMTCT programs, community-level birth waiting centers, maternal and reproductive health education programs.

Our team assisted Mrs. Pohamba and her Office through:

- Mentoring First Lady's senior advisors (AFLI fellows) in policy analysis, office management, articulation of mission and annual strategic plan, and advising on nationwide Prevention of Mother-Child Transmission (PMTCT) campaign.
- Based on progress made through our work with Mrs. Pohamba, the First Lady submitted domestic policy recommendations to National Planning Commission for increased support for First Lady's Office. *Legislation PASSED in Sept. 2011.*
- Advising on MOUs and parameters for partnerships with UNFPA, CDC, UNICEF, WHO. Affected population: MCH services for 400,000; care for 700 orphans.
- Identifying funders for scale up of successful community-based Birth Waiting Home network. Our partner, the First Ladies Community Initiative, secured funding and recently broke ground on the Outapi Birth Waiting Home.