Main Activities Accomplished by the Project to date:

- Trainings were given in order to enable study team and data collectors (ODK) to implement the project effectively.
- Health facility assessments, surveys of reproductive age women, and qualitative assessments of the perceptions of pregnant women, their partners, priests, and health professionals around ANC and facility delivery were completed.
- Three reports are finalized and their findings incorporated into a training manual for priests and HDA participants.
- Training was given to 121 priests and HDA.
- Trained people are teaching the community and referring mother fr ANC and delivery.
- Intervention follow-up discussions are undergoing.

5. Project Results

The preliminary assessments have shown details of maternal health related circumstances in North Gondar zone.

- Major barriers of ANC and institutional delivery in the study area are identified. That include: distance, external influence from family members, and lack of awareness.
- Trained priests and health development army members have been dispatched to their respective communities to start their outreach activities.

Conclusion

The preliminary assessments of the project are done, and informed by the preliminary assessments, the intervention is started by early June. The intervention follow-up discussions and data collection from the health facilities will continue for a year. Expansion will be considered if the interventions are found effective.