***SAMPLE Theory of Change supporting matrices-you may wish to replicate these in Excel.***

**EXTERNAL ACTOR MATRIX**

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| **Outcome or output** | **Actor** | **Scale relative to activity coverage** | **Expected level of collaboration with activity** | **Timing of when outcome is expected and required** | **Likelihood of achievement** | **Risk to the activity if outcome is not realized in time** | **Monitoring plan** |
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| **Assumption** | **Likelihood assumption will hold through the LOA, and supporting evidence.** | **Risk to activity if assumption does not hold; if risk is high, what contingency measures will be taken by activity?** | **How will activity monitor assumption?** |
| *Example:* ***A1*** *GoN. will continue to support expansion of micro health insurance* | Example: The likelihood of this assumption holding is **HIGH.** Micro-health insurance has been piloted in two districts and it is planned to expand all over the country as a priority activity for the next 7 years. GoN has already allocated the budget for running the program.  **Social health security policy Country X: Program**  [http:](http://www.shs.gov.np/site/contact.html) [ insert link]  Report of Ministry of Labor and Employment of Country X  <http://[insert> link]  Ministry of Health | **Medium risk:** HHs will be deprived from the valid and effective insurance schemes, which may make them more economically vulnerable to managing health risks. However, because of the integration of efforts to improve HH income, and to develop informal safety nets, it is expected that HH will have alternative coping strategies to manage health risk. | *Project will routinely stay abreast of MLE and MoH workplans and budgets via [ insert link].*  *Project will dialogue with key informants twice a year at national health forums.* |
| **A2** |  |  |  |
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**ASSUMPTIONS MATRIX**

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|  | **Rationale Notes and References** | **Connection between precondition and outcome** |
| **R0** | **Example R0,** *Physical Abuse in Pregnancy increases the risk of Low birth weight: Valladares E, Ellsberg M, Pena R, Hogberg U, Perrson L. Physical Partner Abuse During Pregnancy: A Risk Factor for Low Birth Weight in Nicaragua. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Vol. 100, No. 4, October 2002*  *Physical and Sexual violence against mothers before or during pregnancy, increased risk of under 5 mortality. Monemil Ak, Pena R, Ellsberg MC, Persson LA. Violence against women increases the risk of infant and child mortality: a case-referent study in Nicaragua. Bulletin of World Health Organization 2003; 81:10-18* | Reduced prevalence of gender-based violence *contributes to* increased birthweight. |
| **R1** |  |  |
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**RATIONALES MATRIX**