

STANDARD PROGRESS REPORT

Reporting Agency:	WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF
Country:	Lesotho
No. and title:	Joint Programme on Maternal and Newborn Health
Reporting period:	August –December 2010

Purpose:

The joint program on maternal and newborn health is aimed at building capacities of health systems in four districts namely: Mokhotlong, Thaba-Tseka, Qacha's nek and Berea to enable them provide improved maternal and newborn health services and increase awareness of communities on the danger signs of pregnancy. In 2010, the program was designed to support a facility needs assessment to identify existing gaps; procure essential equipment and supplies; undertake mass communication activities; and enhance advocacy for removal of impediments to access of health care. The program is complementing other joint programs on nutrition; HIV prevention; and economic growth that have been designed to support the same districts. The program is jointly executed by UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO. Implementing partners are Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and Christian Association of Lesotho.

The program contributes to UNDAF Outcome 2: "District institutions able to provide quality and sustained health, education and social welfare services". The program is aligned with Ministry of Health and Social Welfare Work plan. This programme is geared towards reduction of Maternal and Newborn Health by 2015 (MDG 4 and 5).

Resources

The total budget received from DOCO was \$663,520. Of this amount, \$192,868 was channelled through WHO, \$233,645 through UNFPA; and \$237,007 through UNICEF.

Results

- Through a facility assessment conducted in 4 districts, the program has increased knowledge on gaps which prohibit provision of skilled care at birth and newborn care.
- At least 1,500 mama kits and 2,500 under buttocks were procured and distributed to 56 health facilities in the 4 districts.
- Tools for training of community health workers were developed and will be used for training in 2011.
- Protective clothing was procured for 800 Community Health Workers
- Cell phone were procured for each of the 56 health facilities as well as 800 community health workers to improve communication for referral of obstetric emergencies from communities to health facilities

Implementation constraints,

- Slow procurement systems of Ministry of Health and social welfare
- Short implementation period that could not allow implementation of activities that require consultations e.g. performance based incentives to Health Centres and CHWs

- Minimum coordination by health education department of MOHSW to ensure availability of communication task for finalization of materials and adaptation of community dialogue tool

Lessons learned:

- Ownership by the government and other implementing partner made it possible for the activities to be completed
- Implementation progress is enhancing when activities form part of the Ministry of Health Annual Work plan.

Future work plans

The 2011 Work Plan will be integrated into the MOHSW Plan and implementation is planned to kick start in April, which is the beginning of the fiscal year of the Lesotho government. The partnership will be strengthened among three project areas of HIV, Nutrition and Maternal health in order to ensure cohesion and synergy of results for Basotho women and children. The detailed draft work plan is contained in Annex 1.

Financial Implementation

Almost all the available funds were spent as presented in the table below:

Agency	Approved budget per Agency (USD)	Expenditure per Agency (USD)
WHO	192,868	179,367.00
UNFPA	233,645	233,645.00
UNICEF	237,007	221,506.74
Total	663,520	652,518.74

Annex 1: DRAFT MATERNAL AND NEWBORN HEALTH WORKPLAN 2011

UNDAF Outputs	Lead Agency	Key action	Implementing partners	Activities for 2010	Targets for 2011	Budget
2.3.6: Trained skilled staff on normal & EmOC services available in all government & non-governmental health facilities	WHO	Increase the proportion of pregnant women receiving quality antenatal, delivery and post natal care services	WHO MOHSW UNFPA UNICEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build capacity of health workers on EmONC Provide supportive supervision Adaptation of newborn care guidelines 	244 Health workers from the 6 districts	80,000
			WHO MOHSW UNFPA UNICEF	Induction of newly qualified Health workers on EmONC	150 Health workers	15,000
	UNFPA	Support outreach activities on EmONC by DHMTs in the six districts	UNFPA UNICEF	Procurement of a vehicle per district for use by DHMT staff and health centers	6 vehicles	220,000
	WHO	Equipment & materials for EmOC services available in all government and non-government health facilities	WHO MOHSW UNFPA	Procurement of: Essential EmONC and Neonatal care supplies for all service delivery points	82 Health centers plus	100,000
	UNICEF		UNICEF	Provide airtime to maintain consistent utilization of mobile phones distributed for EmONC services	82 Health centers	15,000
2.3: All stake holders deliver an integrated package of health promotion for prevention and care of mothers and babies	UNICEF	Increase awareness on maternal and neonatal health	UNICEF UNFPA WHO	Community mobilization for MNCH through community gatherings, drama and mass media.	850,431,00 men and women in 6 districts	80,000.00
	WHO		WHO MOHSW UNFPA	Mark RH awareness week	850,431,00 men and women in	20,000

			UNICEF		6 districts and	
					82 Health facilities	
			UNFPA UNICEF	Build capacity of DHMTs and district health committees on MNCH	16 district health committees	8,000
Performance based incentives awarded to high performing health facilities and CHWs	UNFPA	Improve quality of MNCH service provision in the 6 districts	WHO UNFPA UNICEF DHMTs	Training of community health workers on MNCH follow up procedures	1800 CHWs	45,000
			UNFPA	Award prizes to 3 best performing health centers and CHWs using MOHSW (PIH) selection criteria	18 health centers	48,000
				Award prizes to 3 best performing CHWs per district using MOHSW (PIH) selection criteria	54 CHWs	54,000
Grand Total						685,000