

E&F Management Consult/IHVN ACTION Plus Up Project(AIDS Relief Interventions with System Enhancements - ARISE

Monthly Report: May 30th- June 29th2013 (Q3M3)

1.0 Executive Summary

The month of June 2013 was set aside to conclude all activities that pertain to the 100% saturation concept of HIV/AIDS services in our target states. Twenty–Seven (27) additional facilities were activated in the FCT bringing to Ninety-Eight (98) the total number of EFMC supported facilities in FCT and Nasarawa state. All technical teams participated in these activations.

Also there was a successful handover of the erstwhile FHI 360 supported sites from IHVN to EFMC. Thirty (30) staff trained on Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) principles and Performance measurement using the NIGQUAL indicators. EFMC team attended the EPISON, SPHPN Conferences, and FCT PMTCT consultative forum.

The PMTCT team provided supportive visits and technical assistance to the old and newly activated facilities for smooth running of the program as well as engagement of 27 more PHCs in FCT achieving 100% saturation of PHCs allotted to EFMC for FCT. The team together with other EFMC teams assessed and engaged 3 General Hospitals handed over from FHI through IHVN (i.e. General Hospitals Kwali and Bwari, and Maitama District Hospital).

The Clinical services unit provided technical assistance/mentoring to all EFMC supported ART comprehensive sites. Templates for adherence monitoring and supervisory site visits were developed so as to monitor activities being carried out at all comprehensive facilities. An initiative of giving a health-talk to all patients on the first day of appearing at the facilities and the day of taking their baseline investigations (for facilities that batch) was piloted at ECWA CHC in order to reduce Loss To Follow Up (LTFU) in non-ART eligible patients further down the line. The team also piloted the innovation of intensifying tracking of post-partum reactive women and this yielded good result as a good number have transitioned into ART care.

The Laboratory unit conducted assessment of GH Bwari and GH Kwali for possible upgrade to Comprehensive site and Maitama DH for continuation of services; facilitated the

installation of Partec-Cyflow CD4 analyzer supplied to Maitama District Hospital by IHVN, as fallout of the assessment and ensured that all the necessary facilities required for the smooth running of the process was in place (e.g. calibration and validation and at the end of the installation), and all processes were formally documented. Meanwhile arrangements for batching CD4 samples from GH Keffi and ECWA medical center to Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Keffi and Modern Health Hospital (MHH) respectively were made pending the installation of CD4 machines at those sites. The team successfully supported the provision of ART services at comprehensive sites by ensuring that CD4 and other monitoring tests are done. Referral linkages have been provided for GH Keffi and ECWA Medical Center.

Facilities were supported in the provision of services to clients through the ongoing technical assistance visits to sites where gaps are identified, analyzed and corrected. Commodities and reagents were provided to facilities, equipment maintained and the general laboratory activities were monitored.

A training of community based volunteers and Treatment Support Specialist (TSS) on HIV counseling and testing processes was conducted. Advocacies and series of HTC activities occurred at Kubwa, Keffi, Karu, Bwari, Gwarinpa and Airport Road axes. Minimum Prevention Package interventions were also carried out.

Also, 597 individuals were reached with PwP (Prevention with Positives) packages. This brings to a total of 3,827 individuals reached so far. A total of 157 individuals were enrolled into care, totaling 5,116 people receiving at least one care out of a set target of 9,176. With 57 Vulnerable Children (VC) enrolled into care through ELOHIM Foundation, the sum comes to 1,189 VC enrolled within the month under review.

Another success recorded is the pilot of “Engaging PLHIV as counselors and follow up persons during Community Mobile HTC” project.

The Imo state project conducted activation of 3 new comprehensive sites and 5 PMVs for PMTCT services. Mentoring of the sites has commenced in earnest and already yielding results with systems put in place for sustainable programs at the sites.

Activities in PMTCT were further increased in the month with engagement and more activities in feeder sites (maternity homes, TBAs and some Private hospitals) and house-to-house testing. Community mobilization is going on steady by the end of the month the target is largely met, we are working on identifying MARPS in the area we work and reach them in order to touch populations that could help in meeting our ART targets. Follow up of positive patients from community HTC activities and from sites are being stepped up to reach this

same purpose. The team also had a team from CDC visit some of the sites to assess activities there, report is still being awaited but actions are in place to address the issues pointed out.

2.0 JUNE Facts Sheet

<p>Clinical Care</p>	<p>A total of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD4-245-; ALT-236;CR-236;FBC-223; DBS-6 were carried out • Carried out site assessments for Bwari GH, Kwali GH, Maitama District Hospital for activation to comprehensive ART site. • 148 patients placed on ART in Abuja; 48 patients placed on ART in Imo • 230 patients on care in Abuja; 68 patients on care in Imo • 13 children on care in Abuja; 3 children on care in Imo
<p>Community Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up of enrolled clients by TSS. A total of 168 clients (M-51, F-117) were reached through phone calls and one-on-one discussion. • Followed up on reactive clients tested at the HTC community outreaches. 1,212 reactive clients tested during the community mobile HTC were reached through phone calls and 57 home visits. • A total of 597 (M-212, F-385) positive individuals were reached with PwP services. • A total of 57 VC (M-23, F-34) were enrolled into care through ELOHIM • Facilitation of Support Groups activities at supported health facilities. • Carried out 88 advocacies at different communities, brothels, paramilitary and motor parks. • Conducted HTC outreaches where 26,939 (M-16,216; F-10,725) people were tested, counseled and received their results. Four hundred and fifty-six (456) (M-165, F-291) reactive cases,387 referred, 69 on ART and 14 rejected referral.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5552 people tested, counseled and received their results in Imo. • 6,855 (M-4,380, F-2,474) were reached with MPPI: Condom Messaging, Abstinence and being faithful.
Commodity, Procurement & Medical Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided on-site technical assistance/guidance to GH Keffi, ECWA comprehensive Medical Centre Karu Pharmacy staff on ARV missed doses/tracking OI tools and other pharmacy tools. • Participated in meeting to handover GH Maitama and assessed Bwari and Kwali logistics/supply chain system. • Updated sub hub-spoke arrangement to accommodate transited sites and newly activated sites. • Coordinated the re-distribution of close expiry ARVs among EFMC managed sites. • Acquired ISONIAZID 300MG tablets from National TB and Leprosy Control Programme and distributed to comprehensive sites. • Distributed Opportunistic Infection (OI) drugs to comprehensive sites. • Completed the template for HIV Rapid Test Kits requirement (Outreach Program) July 2013-June 2014.
Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4424 pregnant women with known HIV status (includes women who tested for HIV and received their results) with 128 tested positive in Abuja and Nasarawa State. • 2475 pregnant women with known HIV status (includes women who tested for HIV and received their results) with 42 tested positive in Imo state. • 389 additional pregnant women reached with HTC services via community outreaches and door-to-door testing. Maternity homes/TBAs were identified for testing pregnant women.
Health Systems Strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint assessment of sites in Nasarawa state • Supported in the activation of the assessed sites in FCT.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) step down training where 30 staff trained on CQI principles and Performance measurement using the NIGQUAL indicators. • Prepared legal frame work (budget/LOA) for partner facilities. • Secured CCCRN trainings for partner facilities.
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3.0 Next Steps

1. Full activation of GH, Bwari and GH Kwali as comprehensive ART sites.
2. Ensure that facility staffers increase the numbers of clients enrolled into care and treatment, numbers placed on IPT, TB suspects sent for evaluation and TB patients placed on TB treatment at all our facilities.
3. Preparation for engagement of facilities in Nasarawa State (Toto and KeffiLGA).
4. Participation in orientation program for Maitama, Kwali and Bwari General Hospitals.
5. Compilation and submission of GON LMIS report to IHVN.
6. Track last mile distribution of ARV and RTKs to sites by SCMS.
7. Acquire more O.I drugs for newly acquired and transited comprehensive sites.
8. Facilitate the supply of commodities to GGH and AGH
9. Conclude the budget preparation and signing of all LOA's with our partner facilities.
10. Delivery of all in-kind supports to our partner facilities and strengthen the program management component of the project across all our partner facilities.
11. Establish and maintain proper linkage to TB services for enrolled PLHIV in facilities at Imo.

4.0 Conclusion

June was a very successful month for the EFMC family and marked a significant milestone in the organization's programming activities. With the activation of 27 new facilities this month, we look forward to meeting our targets and even surpassing it at the end of the COP year. We look forward to a more active and productive month ahead.

Courtesy: Communication Unit