

On-going Progress Update and Disbursement Request

PROGRESS UPDATE PERIOD

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Note: All programmatic indicators contained in the current Performance Framework should be listed, regardless of whether there are targets/results for the period covered by the Progress Update or whether the targets have been met in previous periods.

B. Programmatic Indicators

Objective No.	* Indicator No.	Indicator Description	Tied To	Targets cumulative?	Top 10 indicator?	Baseline (if applicable)		Intended Target to date	Actual Result to date	% achievement (Please calculate as appropriate)	Reasons for programmatic deviation from intended target and deviations from the related workplan activities
						Value	Year				
	1	Number and type of IEC materials broadcasted and distributed	Current grant	Y-cumulative annually	Top 10 equivalent	N/A	2009	15 000 (IEC materials) 20 radio spots	23,865	159%	During the reporting period Mantsopa communications was able to distribute 23686 IEC material. The IEC material composed of posters, pamphlets and brochures. The IEC material contains BCC information targeting the youth and adults. 179 copies of a DVD film called Lekau La Poho II was also distributed during the reporting period. The IEC material is intended to promote behaviour change among youth, people living with HIV, men having sex with other men, males and females at reproductive age, commercial sex workers, prisoners and herdboys. 67 radio spots were achieved in P3 and the target for phase 1 of the grant was overachieved.
	2	Number of people reached by HIV and AIDS prevention messages through outreach	National Program	Y-over program term	Yes - Top 10	N/A	2009	28,190	47,654	169%	In the P3 the cumulative number of people reached with prevention messages was 11,901. In P3 mantsopa communications carried outreach activities in all the ten districts of the country showing a HIV/AIDS film called khetho ea ka. The key messages of the film include HIV prevention, adherence to treatment, concurrent partnerships. The outreach activities were implemented in schools, community halls, sports fields, military sites, correctional institutions, bus and taxi ranks other public places. Through these outreach activities 31 458 people were reached with the prevention messages. These people included youth in and out of school, adults, prisoners, military personnel, hawkers at the districts, buses and taxi operators and commuters. Lesotho correctional services reached 493 inmates with prevention messages while the Ministry of Gender and sports Recreation through the youth centres reached 3802 with prevention messages.
	3	Total number of male and female condoms distributed country wide	National Program	Y-over program term	Yes - Top 10	6,952,357	2008	7,615,144	6,809,400	89%	The cumulative figure of condoms distributed in P3 was 5,751,000. PSI was able to distribute 1,058,000 to facilities in April 2011. The PR undertook a verification of all these condoms to establish if they have been distributed to end users. The activity was done July, August and September. It was found out that all the condoms that were distributed in April have reached end users. During August and September 2011 PSI distributed 1 620,000 male condoms and 111 000 female condoms to facilities. The condoms are not included in the report since they were not distributed to the end users. The condoms distributed are targeted for sexually active people including most at risk populations to promote
	4	Number of males circumcised	National Program	Y-over program term	Yes - Top 10	N/A	2008	11,232	3,225	29%	In P3 the cumulative number of people reached with male circumcision procedures was 2223. During the reporting period data from public hospitals shows that 1002 MC procedures were done. Facilities that recorded that high number of MC procedures are Maluti(184), Scott(167), seboche(136) and Paray (89). The rest of the facilities performed between 2 and 79 procedures during the reporting period. Performance on the indicator is expected to improve in Phase II. The MOHSW with the technical assistance of JHPiEGO will be scaling up MC services
	5	# of people who received HIV counseling and testing and know their results	National Program	Y-over program term	Yes - Top 10	312,576	Jun-09	190,836	428,868	225%	The cumulative figure reported in P3 is 335,507. In P4, 93 361 people received testing and results. HTC services are now more accessible to the people. In addition health facilities conduct HTC outreach services in order to provide services to clients who cannot be seen at facilities and as a result more people are able to know their HIV status.
	6	# and % Adults and children with advanced HIV infection receiving antiretroviral therapy	National Program	Y-over program term	Yes - Top 10	42668/82053(52 %)	2008	77 697/98521(79%)	81 031/98521(82%)	104%	Data reported in September 2011 shows that 81 031 people were currently on ART (adults=76,591, Children=4440. Completeness of data reported was 95%. The current performance exceeds the target by 4%. The number of children currently on ART has dropped from 5405 to 4440 and this has been attributed to the closure Queen II hospital which had more for children ART than all the facilities. The children from the facility have been transferred out to other facilities and the record set. The More people are put ART and this might be attributed to high HIV test uptake as well as the 350 c4d count threshold.

8	Number of service providers staff trained to provide information on SRH STI and HIV and referral as appropriate	Current grant	Y-over program term	Yes - Top 10	N/A	2008	1,180	494	42%	The cumulative number of service providers were trained on Sexual and Reproductive Health in P3 was 266. During the reporting period 228 CHW were trained in the districts of Maseru (117) and Mokhotlong (111). The trainings equip CHW with skills required for them to reach communities with Sexual and Reproductive Health Services. The trainings are focussing on teaching the CHW about the importance of anti-natal care to pregnant mothers, factors that promote good health to mother and baby during labor and delivery, factors that promote good health post delivery including infant feeding. The importance of family planning, common STIs. The CHW are trained on these issues so that they can share the information with the community in order to promote health seeking behaviour in the society at large regarding sexual and reproductive health. Performance on the indicator is below the target however there is an improvement from P3 to P4 results from 34% to
9	Number of PLHIV receiving community home based care and support	National Program	Y-over program term	Yes - Top 10	137,000	2008	18,000	4,208	23%	The PR in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare collected data in the districts on Homebase care. Data reported shows during the reporting period 2119 people were reached with homebase care services. Home base care support entails among others assisting the chronically ill patients at home to take their medication, adherence, provision of psychosocial support to these patients and in giving them food. Performance continues to be below the target due to non-reporting from the districts. During the reporting period only three districts namely Thaba-Tseka (166), Leribe (1027) and Berea (424). Other districts were visited by the PR and they are yet to submit their reports. TEBA which is an agency assisting miners and ex-miners who are chronic illnesses, provided data for 502 people who are under their home base program.
10	# and % of HIV infected clients attending HIV care / treatment services who are screened for TB.	National Program	Y-over program term	Top 10 equivalent	No baseline data	2007	70%	95%	136%	International Center for AIDS Care & Treatment Programmes (ICAP) an implementing partner of Ministry of Health and Social is collecting data on this indicator. Data received from ICAP shows that 95% of HIV positive clients are screened for TB. Early diagnosis and effective treatment of TB among HIV positive patients is critical for curing TB to minimize the negative effects of TB in the course of HIV. As a result it is important that all HIV positive clients are routinely screened for symptoms of TB when going to facilities for routine monitoring.
12	Number of employees reached through workplace programs	National Program	Y-over program term	Yes - Top 10	N/A	N/A	1,800	2,297	128%	In P4 the number of employees reached is 1042. Lesotho Mounted Police Service was able to reach 443 of its workers. 450 employees from the Ministry of Education and Training were reached with training which included psychosocial support, management of HIV and AIDS in school setting, stigma and discrimination associated with HIV and AIDS. Lesotho correctional services provided training to 149 employees. The training was focussing on competency on HIV/AIDS, TB and adherence to treatment.
13	Indexes on Care of patients (COP) and Access to and continuity of care (ACC) for all health facilities	National Program	Y-over program term	No	COP=45% ACC=5%	2007	COP=65% ACC=25%	0	0%	Performance on this indicator is due for reporting. It was planned that the accreditation survey which is the data source for this indicator would have been conducted by 2010/2011. However the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare has deferred the survey to 2013/2014. The main reason for rescheduling the survey is that in 2010 a representative number of facilities were visited to establish progress on the implementation of the recommendation from the survey that was done 2008/09 and it was found out that there was no major progress by facilities meaning that if in 2010/2011 the survey was conducted the findings would not necessarily differ from those of 2008/09. And as a result, the Ministry took a decision to defer the survey to 2013/14. By that time it is anticipated that credible progress would be made with regard to the implementation of the recommendations.
14	Percent of service delivery points surveyed with no drug stock outs of more than 1 week in the last 12 months (average for the drugs for the 3 diseases HIV, TB and STI drugs)	National Program	N-not cumulative	No	1	2008	81%	0	0%	The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare through the Pharmacy Department has implemented the drug stock survey in 2010. The draft report was released but the report has not been finalised. In 2011, the survey was not carried out and this may be attributed to the delay in finalising survey report of 2011.
15	Number and percentage of health care facilities that received supervision in the past six months	National Program	N-not cumulative	No	N/A	2007	120	87	73%	87 facilities received supervision in the last six months. The supervision focussed on a wide range of issues such as data compilation and reporting, assessment of quality service provided in HIV and TB including adherence guidelines. During the supervision, mentoring of the health care workers on PMTCT, ART and HTC was done and findings documented. Inspection of the premises where the services provided was done to look at conditions. Stocks level of drugs and medicines was also done to establish if there were any stock outs on the facilities. At management level issues discussed during the visits included transport management, staff training and utilisation of facilities budget etc. The supervisions visits are found important in addressing issues at that level during that period by management.
16	Annual rate of retention of health service providers at public health care facilities	National Program	N-not cumulative	No	86%(2726/3146)	2008	NA	NA	NA	The indicator was due for reporting in P3

	17	Ratio of tutors to students (General nursing)	National Program	Y-over program term	No	1:50(for both classrooms and practicals)	2009	NA	NA	NA	The indicator was due for reporting in P3
	19	Number and Percentage of districts submitting timely, complete and accurate reports to the national	National Program	Y-cumulative annually	No	0	2009	80%	80%	100%	Eight districts were able to submit their ART and HTC reports on time for September 2011. This attributed to training workshop that was held for the District HIV AIDS Officers. The training focused on the importance of submitting complete reports on time for the compilation of aggregate data on HIV AIDS. The completeness was 95% for ART and HTC. The M&E unit within the directorate has started conducting data verification within districts and facilities. The main issues discussed in this activity include completeness of data to the national level, the importance of proper filling and documentation of data within the facilities, accuracy of summarised information collected from the primary sources such as HTC and ART registers.
	20	Number of service providers staff trained on supply chain management.	National Program	Y-over program term	Top 10 equivalent	No baseline data	2007	318	236	74%	During the reporting period 91 Health Care Workers were trained on Procurement and Supply Chain Management. These trainings focussed on the essential elements of procurement and Supply Chain Management, namely quantification, the budgeting process for pharmaceuticals, procedures for ordering and receiving drugs, stocks records and inventory management for pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical information management system. The trainings aim to empower the service providers with skills for proper management of essential medicines and medical supplies. Performance on this is still below the target and this is attributed to low turn out of participants during the trainings, engagement of HCW in major activities like family health week, campaigns for vaccines. These activities are carried out by health workers who are targeted for trainings
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* Indicator No. should correspond to the indicator number listed in the approved Performance Framework of the grant (1.1, 1.2, etc.)

C. Analysis of data quality and reporting issues

(i) This section should contain (1) a summary of issues related to data quality and reporting on programmatic indicators, and any relevant issues which are not covered in 'Reasons for programmatic deviation', and (2) remedial actions that are underway or planned to address these issues.

The current reporting period demonstrated significant improvement in performance when compared with the previous periods. The grant was assessed on 15 indicators performance indicators. Six(6) of the indicators recorded over 100% and exceptional performance is noted with regard with HIV testing counseling (225%). Three(3) indicators achieved 73%,74% and 89% of their intended targets, Three(3) indicators reached 23%,29% and 42% of their respective targets. Two(2) indicators namely; Percent of service delivery points surveyed with no drug stock outs of more than 1 week in the last 12 months (average for the drugs for the 3 diseases HIV, TB and STI drugs) and Indexes on Care of patients (COP) and Access to and continuity of care (ACC) for all health facilities did not have results for the reporting period. The two surveys that were supposed to be implemented were not carried. The medicines access survey was conducted in 2010 but there were delays in finalising the report and 2011 survey which was going to reflect on the performance of the drugs stock out in facilities was not implemented as well. Accreditation survey is the data source for the indexes on care of patients and access to continuity of care. The MOHSW of health and social welfare made decision not implement the survey, based on the fact that recommendations from the previous survey have not been fully implemented and if another survey is conducted the findings would not necessarily differ from the previous survey of 2008/09. The survey is planned for 2013/14