

On-going Progress Update and Disbursement Request

PROGRESS UPDATE PERIOD

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Progress Update - Reporting Period:	Cycle:	Oct-14	Number: 5
Progress Update - Period Covered:	Beginning Date:	1-Oct-2014	End Date: 31-Mar-2015
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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				
2.3.9	CSS: Advocacy, communication and social mobilization	Number and % of youth out of school (15-24) reached with prevention interventions	Current grant	N-not cumulative	Top 10 equivalent	42,953	2012	3604/67050(5.4%)	2092/67050 (3%)	60%	The indicator measures the number of youth out of school reached with prevention interventions. The interventions are implemented by Touch Roots Africa (TRA) in 3 districts. Youth are reached with prevention interventions through trainings by peer educators. The package includes training on Risk Reduction and Avoidance, provision of counseling on HTC, STI and MC and provision of condoms; and for youth to be considered reached they should have attended 4 out of 5 days (80% attendance), obtained 85% in the post-test assessment, attended HTC, STI & MC counseling and received condoms during the BCC sessions. A total of 2092 youth were reached according to the definition. The low performance is attributed to the festive season which made it difficult for peer educators to hold two workshops per team. The national elections also contributed to the low performance because it was difficult to hold workshop during the time preceding the elections as such workshop were viewed as political. The package is implemented in three districts namely Thaba-Tseka, Qacaha's nek and Mokhotlong.
2.7.11	CSS: Advocacy, communication and social mobilization	Number and % of couples (15-49) reached with prevention interventions	Current grant	N-not cumulative	Top 10 equivalent	N/A	2012	2371/118369(2%)	3306/118369 (3%)	150%	LENASO implements prevention packages to couples in the communities by reaching them with prevention packages using Keys to a Healthy Relationship Manual. The package is implemented in three districts namely Berea, Maseru, Mokhotlong and Qacaha'snek. For couples to be considered reached with the prevention package they should have completed 5 weeks on the manual, received counseling on HTC, MC, STI and PMTCT, achieved 85% during the post assessment and lastly received the condoms. The target was to reach 2371 women in six months and LENASO has been able to reach a total of 3306 couples in this period. Although LENASO reached their target ,104 couples were not counted as reached because they obtained below 85% on the post-test assessment.
13.3.5	CSS: Advocacy, communication and social mobilization	Number and % of women (18+) reached with HIV related laws	Current grant	N-not cumulative	Top 10 equivalent	50	2012	4223/56301(7.5%)	6602/56301(12%)	160%	WLSA implements prevention interventions reaching women in 2 districts namely Thaba-Tseka and Qacaha's nek. The package includes reaching women with 3 laws, namely: Sexual Offences Act 2003, Legal Capacity of Married Persons Act and Inheritance Laws. For women to be considered reached they should have attended all the 3 sessions covering all legal instruments and attained an average of 85% on post-test assessment for all the laws. A total of 6602 women were reached with legal instruments this period. The good performance is attributable to the house to house strategy that is used by the Paralegals and to date it has proven to be very effective.
13.3.5	CSS: Advocacy, communication and social mobilization	Number and % of girls (13-17) reached with HIV related laws	Current grant	N-not cumulative	Top 10 equivalent	50	2012	1920/12437(15.4%)	2715/12437(22%)	143%	The indicator measures girls reached with two laws, Sexual Offences Act 2003 and Children's Protection and Welfare Act 2011. The package is implemented in two districts namely Thaba-Tseka. For girls to be considered reached they have attended all the two sessions capturing Sexual Offences Act and Child Protection and Welfare Act on Inheritance and received simplified IEC material. This reporting period, WLSA was able to reach 2715 girls with legal instruments. The good performance is attributable to the house to house strategy that is used by the Paralegals and to date it has proven to be very effective.
2.1.5.7	CSS: Advocacy, communication and social mobilization	Number and percent of herdboys (15-34) reached with prevention interventions	Current grant	N-not cumulative	Top 10 equivalent	149		733/3551(20.6%)	185/3551(5%)	24%	The indicator measures herdboys reached with prevention interventions through focus group discussions using Risk Reduction and Avoidance Manual. The package is implemented in two districts namely Maseru and Botha Bothe by Touch Roots Africa. In order for herdboys to be considered reached they should have attended at least 19 sessions out of 21 sessions from the 7 topics, obtained 85% in the post-test assessment, received condoms Attended HTC, STI & MC counseling. In this period no herdboys were reached because no post-tests were administered. For the reporting period, only 185 herdboys were reached. The was no implementation for the herdboys program from October 2014 until approval of reprogramming budget was approved. The 185 herdboys were reached in March 2015 only.
2.6.8	CSS: Advocacy, communication and social mobilization	Number and percent of people living with HIV reached with prevention interventions	Current grant	N-not cumulative	Top 10 equivalent	2,756		10260/121246(8.5%)	-	0%	The indicator measures people living with HIV (PLHIV) reached with prevention interventions through focus group discussions implemented by Lesotho Network of People living with HIV (LENEPWHA). The package is implemented in three districts namely Maseru, Molele'shoek and Leribe. For PLHIV to be considered reached with the prevention package they have to have attended all the 8 modules out of the BCC manual, attained 85% on the post test for the entire modules, received counseling on HTC, MC & STI using the appendix and received condoms. The performance in this period was zero as per the definition of reach. A total of 10552 people were trained on the Positive Prevention Manual, provided counselling on HTC, PMTC, STI and MC and wrote and scored 85% or more on the post-test questionnaire. However, these people were not provided with condoms hence, they cannot be considered reached.
2.1.5.7-2.1.5.8 & 2.3.9-2.3.10	Testing and Counseling	Number and % of young people tested and counselled for HIV and who received results	Current grant	N-not cumulative	Yes - Top 10	42,953	2012	723/3604(20.1%)	-	0%	The indicator measures the number of young people tested and counseled and who received their results. During implementation of prevention interventions youth are referred for HIV counseling and testing services. It is assumed that a certain percentage of youth reached with the package will also receive HTC through referrals. Peer educators make follow ups to establish whether referred clients received services. Touch Roots Africa is still not able report results on this indicator because of the challenges related to referrals. Referrals are still conducted but obtaining the referral tools from the facilities has always been a challenge. The referral systems is not fully established and needs strengthening.

2.6.8 & 2.7.11- 2.7.13	Testing and Counselin g	Number and % of couples tested and counselled for HIV and who received results	Current grant	N-not cumulative	Yes - Top 10	N/A	2012	212/9484(2.2%)	-	0%	The indicator measures the number of couples tested and counseled and who received their results after being reached with the prevention package. During implementation of prevention interventions, couples are referred for HIV counseling and testing services by focal through the use of referral slips which they present at the clinics to access HTC services. Peer Educators conduct follow ups to health centers and hospitals to collect data on couples who have accessed services. The reported value of couples who accessed HTC services was 861 during this reporting period. However the results were not included for two main reasons; firstly the SR implementing this package which is LENASO included people already on ART and this was incorrect since referrals are made to people who have not tested or those who tested at least three months ago. This finding was discovered during the data verification by the PR. Secondly it was observed that this double recording is a result of the limitation on the data collection tool used to capture data on HTC for couples. To address this challenge the PR has engaged a consultant to review the data collection tools for all the SRs implementing the CSS grant. The tool will be modified in such a manner that coupled reached with package and already on ART will not be referred for HTC. Only those not tested or those tested at least three months ago will be referred. The PR will be able report on this indicator when the revised tool has been completed and circulated to the SR
2.1.5.8, 2.3.10, 2.7.13	Male Circumcisi on	Number and % of males referred by CSO that received circumcision	Current grant	N-not cumulative	Yes - Top 10	6,071	2012	426/4257(10%)		0%	The indicator measures the number of males referred by SRs who received male circumcision. During implementation of prevention interventions, youth and adult males couples are referred for MC services by focal persons, peer educators. The interventions are implemented by TRA and LENASO and there were no results reported in this reporting period. The targets were set based on the assumption that health centres would be providing VMMC services as outlined in the VMMC scale up plan, however to date only hospitals are providing VMMC. This package is implemented in hard to reach areas and as such accessibility of VMMC services is still a challenge hence low performance.

* 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

(f) 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 performance of the grant was based on 9 indicators. Three (3) indicators achieved over 100% of the respective targets. One indicator achieve 60% of the target. The performance of the other indicators ranged between 0%-24%. The main reason for under performance on the indicators is related to incomplete reporting by the SRs. The interventions under the grant are based on the package offering different services to the client and in most reporting are not complete. This has been realized on interventions targeting youth and couples. Data reported on the relevant indicators is not complete to meet the requirements of "reach" as defined in the package. Moreover the current data collections tools were not piloted before the grant implementation and as such they require some review and this has been done during the reporting period. Also important is the review of the definition of "reach" in the package for youth, couples and herdboys. The definition of the package has been reviewed together with the reporting tools to enable comprehensive reporting by the SRs implementing the prevention interventions and it is envisaged that performance will improve in the subsequent periods.