

**PEPFAR Ethiopia In-Country Reporting System (IRS)
Reporting Template**

I. Reporting Period	April 1 – June 30, 2010
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2. PRIME PARTNER

Name of the Prime Partner	Development Alternative Inc. (DAI)
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3. Did your organization support the production of publications, reports, guidelines or assessments during the reporting period?

No/Not Applicable
 Yes If yes, please list below:
 Publications/Reports/Assessments/Curriculumums

Title	Author	Date

If Yes, Please attach an electronic copy of each document as part of your submission.

4. Did your organization utilize short-term technical assistance during the reporting period?

No/Not Applicable
 Yes Please list below:

Consultants/TDYers

Name	Arrival	Departure	Organization	Type of Technical assistance provided
Robyn Adler	Apr 9/10	Apr 18/10	Tuft University North Grafton MA	USAID UGP: Poultry Component evaluation Ethiopia (report attached)
Kate Ogarzaly	Ar 7/10	Apr 24/10	DAI	Developing plan to reach program goals(report attached)

If Yes, Please attach an electronic copy of the TA report as part of your submission.



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5. Did your organization support international travel during the reporting period?

No/Not Applicable
 Yes Please list below:

International Travel (All international travel to conference, workshops, trainings, HQ or meetings).

Name	Destination	Departure from Ethiopia	Arrival	Host Organization	Purpose of the travel

6. ACTIVITY

Program Area (Tick all which apply)	Activity ID	Activity Title (Please write the title of the activity)
<input type="checkbox"/> 01-PMTCT		
<input type="checkbox"/> 02-HVAB		
<input type="checkbox"/> 03-HVOP		
<input type="checkbox"/> 04-HMBL		
<input type="checkbox"/> 05-HMIN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 07-CIRC		
<input type="checkbox"/> 08-HBHC		
<input type="checkbox"/> 09-HTXS		
<input type="checkbox"/> 10-HVTB		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11-HKID		USAID Urban Garden Program for HIV/AIDS Affected Women and Children
<input type="checkbox"/> 12-HVCT		
<input type="checkbox"/> 13-PDTX		
<input type="checkbox"/> 14-PDCS		
<input type="checkbox"/> 15-HTXD		
<input type="checkbox"/> 16-HLAB		
<input type="checkbox"/> 17-HVSI		
<input type="checkbox"/> 18-OHSS		

7. ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SUCCESSES DURING THE

Please write a narrative for each Program Area with explanations for under and over achievements Program area I.

I. Planning for reaching goals

Kate Ogarzaly came out from the DAI home office to develop plan to reach program goals by year 3. A complete time line and narrative was presented to the COTR and approved on April 24.

II. Program Evaluation—used for planning and adjusting program

The program evaluation planning began in May for an outcome evaluation which will provide some guidance for future. The protocol and questionnaire were developed between May and June working with FHI.

III. Quarterly Stakeholders meetings

These meetings are held in program area consist concerned government sector offices, Implementing partners and CBOs, and mainly focuses on program activity progress, problems faced, lessons learned and the supports required form the government sectors and the local administration. These meeting were held in Gondar, Dessie, Hawassa, Addis ababa, and Debremarkos.

IV. Sensitization workshop for new operation areas at Jimma and Orientation workshop for existing Implementing Partners held at Bahir dar and Adama

In response to the need to reach target numbers with all program interventions by year three, the identification of new program sites and beneficiaries began in May. The new sites were based on the detailed review of potential sites last year.

For the new expansion areas (Jimma, Wlisso, and Zeway) a one day sensitization on the general approaches, implementation modalities, the challenges and lessons was held with city Mayors, government sector office heads, local NGOs, CBOs and community representatives. Orientations to existing implementing partners were held at Adama & Bahir dar, focusing on the performance of 2010 interventions and expected intervention modality for 2011. IPs are invited to prepare the 2011 proposal before June 7, 2010 and notification of recruited IPs done by June 14 after reviewed.

V. June 20 – 30, 2010, graduation day for the existing beneficiaries who were technically supported for 18 months in Addis Ababa, Adama, Hawassa, Bahir Dar, Gondar & Dessie

2009 program beneficiaries got full package support for about 18 months; beneficiaries are expected to run gardening by their own in the absence of Extension officer's technical assistance. All implementing partners make ready beneficiaries to get certificate awarded. The followings are graduate beneficiaries of each IP:

- Adama 277 OVC and 490 Care taker
- Bahir Dar 118 OVC and 393 Care taker
- Awassa 147 OVC and 189 Care taker
- Gondar 243 OVC and 133 Care taker
- Dessie 818 OVC and 129 Care taker
- Addis Ababa 242 OVC and 461 Care taker

Totally 1845 OVC gardeners and 1795 Care takers awarded certificate

VI. The 2010 beneficiaries received 32 motor water pumps with 6 m suction hose and 2 roll 1" size pipe, 24 water tankers of 4000 liter capacity, 377 drip kits, and 3 electric pumps. On the other hand transition beneficiaries of 2009 received 5 motor water pumps with 6 m suction hose and 2 roll 1" pipe, 14 tankers of 4000 liter capacity,

VII. For 2011 grant period about 37 NGOs submit project proposals through the respective city Mayor to review committee members, review committees are recruited by city mayors from concerned government sector offices. Committee members separately evaluate proposals, NGOs rank based on scores then signed and submitted to mayor office. The Mayor office send the details to USAID UGP with formal sealed letter

VIII. Water harvesting structure was constructed by SWDA in Adama for the purpose of collecting rain water

IX. Partnership

To strengthen linkages with different GOs and NGOs, Urban Gardening skill training was given for beneficiaries in other program in Dessie.

Mother Support Groups (MSG) members from JHU Tsehay are participating in USAID UGP in Assosa Hospital garden. Nutrition training was given by JHU and agronomic practices by USAID UGP. The hospital garden compound is under preparation to be fenced by JHU.

X. Field fair and vegetable days—Build markets and partnership with government

Field fair and vegetable day was conducted in almost all operation areas; in Kombolcha, May 16, Dessie, May 30, Addis Ababa may 25 & July 6, Gondar June 29, Hawassa and Shashemene Junly 2 and 3, and Debremarkos July 8, 2010. Program beneficiaires, school

principals, government sector office heads (HAPCO, Urban agriculture, women affairs, youth and sport, municipality and invited guests from CBOs, FBOs, NGO representatives (WFP, Millennium PLHA association, USAID-Population council) and others celebrates the event. Beneficiaries got a chance to sell their produces, learn on how to prepare vegetable food, and exchange ideas among themselves lived in different areas.

Bahir dar is planning to hold the field fair on July 17, 2010 together with land O'Lakes project common beneficiaries.

XI. Link USAID UGP beneficiaries with different service providers for sustainability

Before graduation, beneficiaries supported for a year and half, linked to different services (through referral linkage), For example in Dessie, 24 selected OVC were able to get support from Dessie HAPCO about 70,000 birr for Income Generating Activities; on the other hand 2541 OVCs received services on food & nutrition, health care, psychosocial, and educational through referral system.

USAID UGP established strong linkage with Land O'Lakes especially with Mekdim Ethiopia in Bahir Dar and Shashemene focusing on saving and credit scheme, training was provided for transition and current beneficiaries.

On the other hand PC3 program of Muluwongel is addressing all USAID UGP beneficiaries through different supports like school materials support, food support, soap, and other daily consumables.

XII. Skill training and experience sharing:

New and Assistant extension officers (EOs) in Gondar, Bahir dar, Debremarkos, Dessie, Hawassa, and Addis Ababa got a 2 days theoretical and practical training on agronomy, compost preparation, drip kit use, health and nutrition, saving and loan services.

Peace Corps volunteers have become involved particularly in Debra Markos, Dessie and Gondar. PC volunteers working around Gondar made a garden visit, mainly to share experiences with area coordinator and extension officers. Technical discussions were held focusing on compost preparation, soil and water conservation practices, land management and others. The OAC in Debre Markos attended a permaculture training sponsored by Peace Corps.

XIII. Government officials to beneficiary gardens:

Respective operation area government officials (city Mayors, sector office heads, community based organization representatives, local level (kebele) administration, volunteer community members and interested NGOs made a garden visit in Bahir dar, Dessie, Gondar, Shashemene and Hawassa

Especially in Gondar city administration officials including the cabinet members , local level (kebele) administration and faith based organization leaders mad an intensive visit to all gardens, discussion was held to express their impression on gardening processes where visitors appreciate the commitment of beneficiaries (HIV affected HH and OVCs) to work in producing vegetable for household consumption and marketing. Some beneficiaries' wittiness the creation of assets for income generation in the future.

XIV. Garden establishment and management:

Group, school and institutional gardens are major type of gardens established and managed by OVC and Care takers. Some beneficiaries are harvesting produces for consumption and marketing, and others are preparing the land for next plantation (data collected on amount produced, consumed and sold)

XV. Group discussion:

Beneficiaries are able to raise any issues related gardening, health, or livelihood in general to this group to investigate the cause of problems and seek solutions by

themselves. All program areas have established discussion groups among beneficiaries. Discussion groups are established based on guideline designed, have fixed date fixed date for meeting (at least once a month), mentors in a group usually facilitate the discussion.

XVI. Sister City support to develop ground water:

Corvallis church at US sister city for Gondar developed a modernized ground water for one elementary school named Andinet to supply water for drinking and vegetable gardening. The school has more than 900 kids, out of which more than 30 OVCs are working on gardening through the support of USAID UGP.

XVII. Operation area coordinators conduct bi monthly meetings with Extension officers and hold detail discussion on the accomplishments, challenges observed and lessons learned.

XVII. African children's parliament day celebration: It was held in Hawwassa, children from different organizations like marry joy, PC3, and others attend the event. The team led by deputy minister for women affair ministry visits the Fiker Behiwot Children's group garden field. SNNPRS officials also attend the visits considering the garden as a model for future interventions.

8. CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS AND PLANS TO OVERCOME THEM DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD (REQUIRED)

Quarterly challenges and Constraints for each program area

1. The capability of USAID Urban Gardens to reach the target numbers was challenged by USAID PEPFAR team due to first quarter reporting. Traditionally the first quarter has been used to recruit new beneficiaries. The USAID Urban Gardens staff was asked to make a plan to reach the numbers.
2. Lack of Urban Agriculture Policy: Without policies there is no framework for each city administration to determine where gardens are needed or possible. Government agencies often disagree and delay the start up of gardens. Water points are often too far away and require government interventions.
2. In many cases municipal water is the only water source, and is with limited access and seems difficult to cover beneficiaires the bill by themselves from the sale of surplus produces.
3. Securing land is time consuming, in some places where settlement pattern is congested
4. In some schools, principals turn over affects the sustainability of gardens in the school (since the understanding of principals differ from person to person)
5. In availability of spare parts for old drip kits, as there are large number of drip kits kept in IP's store

Plans to overcome challenges and constraints in each of your program areas

- A plan to reach the target numbers was submitted and approved at the end of April. The gearing up to reach IPs and beneficiaries began in June.
- USAID UGP is working with government on the development of urban agriculture policy. This policy will help government and urban agriculture oriented NGOs and agencies to properly address food security situations in urban settings
- USAID UGP is exploring and employing natural water bodies, to replace municipal water lines for gardening through this process environmental management plan is exercised for safety

implementation measures

- In areas where land is scarce micro gardening technologies planned to implement, this technology do not require much area and demands small amount of water
- In some schools Implementing Partners are trying to get the involvement of environmental clubs which is more familiar to the support of OVCs in schools, this arrangement will reduce drop outs in the school and has big contribution to sustainability of gardens
- IPs are advised to explore the means on how to get spare parts for replacing worn outs, and to use or cannibalize the already out of kit parts where it works for others

9. DATA QUALITY ISSUES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD (REQUIRED)

Specific concerns you have with the quality of the data for program areas reported in this report
Program area 1

- Beneficiary registration data entered into computer (SPSS) had different data with the field report from the OACs
- Consistency of data from all operational areas
- Measurement of Vegetable production and consumption was based on the estimate of the Extension Officers/different types of estimation were used in each operational area.
- There could be double counting of trainings conducted by the USAID UGP and other implementing partners
- There was missed information in collecting and compiling accomplishments and challenges every quarter

What you are doing on a routine basis to ensure that your data is high quality for each program area

Program area 1

- Double check the data entry and data cleaning was done. The data is now consistent with the OAC report
- Checking every detail of the data
- Tracking the data in two or more ways
- Communication with the field data collectors to improve understanding of data collection for data consistency
- Developing better tracking tools – and improving record keeping.
- Log frame was prepared for every operational areas and record keeping is done in every time of occurrence

How you planned to address those concerns / improve the quality of your data for each program area

Program area 1

- Continuous data updating will be done on the beneficiary registration, for additional, replacements and drop outs
- Monthly Field monitoring visits will continue

10. MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD (REQUIRED)

Upcoming activities should highlight planned activities and solutions to identified constraints (write for each program area)

Program area 1

- Finalize grant document preparation for 2010/11 implementing partners, Grants process reviewed and adapted to meet the needs for reaching targets
- Outcome evaluation to be implemented in July
- Support IPs in securing land and water options for garden establishment
- Orientation workshop (may be in South and North) to be held for with IPs focusing on the proposed strategies to reach target beneficiaries
- Staff recruitment (operation area coordinators) for new expansion areas
- Implementing partners are encouraged to recruit the right beneficiaries to timely
- Follow up of Urban Agriculture policy development will continue, review the draft and finalize the first part of policy document
- Strengthening adopting training materials to be appropriate to the program implementation and demand
- Environmental management plan to be exercised in all operation areas
- Village Saving and Loan (VSL) groups to be established and strengthen in all operation areas
- Fruit trees and Poultry to be distributed for beneficiaries through implementing partners in July and September respectively
- Planning the annual conference
- Organize MoU with IYCN

11. Issues requiring the attention of USAID Management

Identify and state issues that USAID needs to look at and address for each program area

Program area 1:

- Recognize importance of household numbers as critical target that does not necessarily meet OVC targets. As USAID Urban Gardens works to meet the numbers it is also necessary to have frank discussion about which numbers are the most important and what support may be necessary to reach the maximum number of OVC.
- Current indicators are not all appropriate ex. Training in care and support
- Nutrition status—more support to measure this
- Changing risk behavior – not realistic indicator
- Need support from USAID

Urban agriculture is a growing phenomenon. The USAID Urban Gardens Program is the biggest urban agriculture program in the world. More research is needed to develop evidence of its relationship to nutrition and income improvement, and food security. USAID management could help DAI make linkages to improve evidence base.

12. Data Sharing with Host Government:

Have you shared this report with the host government?

Yes
No

If yes, to which governmental office/s?

[Please put your response here]

If No, why not?

It is our understanding that USAID shares information with the government

13. Appendices

Poultry report
Plan to reach targets.