

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

I. Reporting Period	July 1 – September 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
Outcome Evaluation Report	FHI/USAID Urban Gardens Program	August 2010
Weekly Dialogue Guideline	Thomas Cole/ USAID Urban Gardens Program	September 2010

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
Colleen Green	2010 September 04/2010	Colleen Green August 23	DAI Home Office	Annual Work Plan
Zaki Raheem	July 06, 2010	July 17, 2010	DAI Home Office	Village Saving and Loan
Thomas Cole	August 13, 2010	September 2, 2010	STTA	Weekly Dialogue Guideline
Erik Bjers	July 23, 2010	August 1, 2010	DAI Home Office	IT Support

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

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
Mulat Yimam	Austria	July 17, 2010	July 23, 2010		Internat AIDS Conference

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 REPORTING PERIOD (REQUIRED)

Please write a narrative for each Program Area with explanations for under and over achievements
Program area 1.

1. Targets

This was the last quarter and targets for the year were exceeded. The planned number for household was 7500 and the number reached was 9,287, meaning we achieved 124% of our target. The targeted number of OVC to reach was 26,250 and 28,928 OVC were reached with 110% achievement. Due to some dropouts and the school off season, some beneficiaries are out of their towns and the number of the beneficiaries in the reporting quarter is lowered by 5 households and 106 OVC served than the last quarter

2. Outcome Evaluation on year one program implementation

The outcome evaluation was undertaken during the reporting quarter. There are 4,675 households and 14,584 OVC who were active in the first 18 months of the program that were targeted for the evaluation in Addis Ababa, Oromia, SNNPR and Amhara project areas. The interviews were conducted with 899 randomly selected beneficiaries. The results of the evaluation will be shared with staff, USAID and implementing partners at the annual meeting in November to strengthen program interventions.

3. Quarterly stakeholders meeting bi monthly meetings

In collaboration with the USAID Urban Gardens Program in Awassa, Medan ACTS Hawassa has conducted a meeting with Key stockholders on July 20, 2010 at the management institute of Hawassa. During the occasion the Hawassa city administration sector departments—namely Health and HAPCO, Education, Women and Children affairs, Agriculture, Land Use Planning and Environmental Protection, SSI, MFIs, all respective bodies of 7 sub city, CBO leaders and Sidama zone sector department heads participated. City HAPCO was the facilitator of the meeting. The total participants were about 40. The USAID UGP was highly praised by the audience and it was recognized by everybody as an exemplary OVC support program. As a result some key officials promised the give support on land securing.

All operation area coordinators conducted bi monthly meetings with extension officers and held detailed discussion on the accomplishments, challenges observed and lessons learned.

4. Identification of Land and In Kind resources

New grants for Year 3 were signed in August and while some IPs have identified land, for example 22 sites have been identified in Bahir Dar (12 School, 7 Group, and 3 Institutional). However, other IPs continue to identify land for their new beneficiaries.

This quarter's in-kind resources included the distribution of poultry. Between July and the end of September the program distributed 7,680 chickens and poultry feed to 1,280 beneficiaries across twelve cities. The program also distributed 8,145 fruit tree seedlings across three regions.

5. Establishment of Savings and Loan Groups

Seven savings and loan groups have already been established in Debre Markos and they chose their leaders. Each group opened their saving account number at Commercial Bank of Ethiopia. In one school, at least 500 ETB was saved due to the establishment of

this program.

Adama's existing Implementing Partners (IPs) beneficiaries have already started group savings and loan associations (GSLAs). Two saving and loan groups have already been established at Hawassa Stadium school garden site OVC saving group of Hawassa have effect the credit service to its own members for those who can run petty trading school off time. The group members who got credit service have a good witness from their teachers and caretakers. The source of money is common vegetable sales.

6. Partnership

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

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

Hawassa -Successful linkage made with CORD-AID and PC3 programs. As a result two saving groups established and supported with cash box, Needy OVC referred for educational materials, health, economic and psychosocial supports.

MOUs were signed with IYCN – PATH and Food by Prescription –Save the Children for nutrition related services.

7. Building Awareness and reducing stigma through special events.

Field fairs and vegetable days were conducted in most operation areas; in Adwa August 27, 2010, Adama & Debre Zeit, July 6, Gondar, Hawassa and Shashemene July 2 and 3, and Debre Markos July 8, 2010. Bahir Dar also organized an event in collaboration with Land O'Lakes Ethiopia.

All events included participants from government organizations, city and sub-city administrations, regional bureaus, HIV-related non-government organizations, hotels, restaurants, supermarkets.

8. Linkages with other PEPFAR partners and outside support

The USAID Urban Gardens Program has been supporting linkages with other organizations to leverage support for its beneficiaries. For example in Dessie, the Jerjero PLHIV women's group received seed capital to construct a vegetable shop. Through discussions with the town administration (municipality) office they also obtained an appropriate site for vegetable shop construction which serves 50 USAID-UGP beneficiaries.

Additionally, in Gondar a shallow well was dug for local school where one of the programs's IP works through link to the Corvallis, Oregon Sister city program.

Through referrals to an international organization known as "The Horn of Africa", 52 of the USAID UGP OVC beneficiaries in Debre Markos were able to get educational material support.

In Shashemene a good linkage has been established with MSH-KOOWS members and they provide necessary information on HIV/AIDS to USAID UGP beneficiaries. There is also a link to the USAID-funded PC3 program for educational material support.

9. Special Trainings provided through linkages

- Peace Corps volunteers in Dessie provide training to extension officers (EOs) and gardeners on soil fertility management and how to produce more vegetables as a result mixed planting of crops.
- A representative from SNNPR's Rural and Agricultural Development Bureau trained 150 gardeners and 7 extension officers in poultry and cage management. Additionally, a one day practical training on poultry management was provided for 139 beneficiaries and 8 extension officers in Bahir Dar by a livestock production expert from Land O'Lakes Ethiopia. Similar poultry trainings are being replicated program-wide.
- A professional guest from Hawassa trained 60 beneficiaries on business development skills and savings & loans.
- Assosa Mother Support Group (MSG) and students attended training sessions on nutrition by JHU.

10. Experience sharing

In order to identify gaps and lessons learned in the operational areas; Extension Officers and Operational Area Coordinator at Dessie met with beneficiaries to evaluate project performance at field level. The purpose was to share new ideas, lessons and then to design strategies for the future project life.

Experience sharing visits were conducted in Hawassa on July 22/2010. The visit/tour covers most of the big gardens in Hawassa and Shashemene. The participants were 50 OVC (23 Male and 27 Female), IP staff, Local journalist + camera man as a result a lot of lessons learned, ideas exchanged and also encourage other IPs to do the same.\

11. New Cities and Implementing Partners identified and contracts signed.

The USAID UGP established garden sites in three new cities including Jimma, Wolyso and Zewaye. These cities represent work with nine new implementing partners.

12. New participatory training guide developed

Tom Cole provided technical assistance to develop a Weekly Dialogue tool

13. A plan developed for integrating savings and loans into program.

Zaki Raheem from DAI provided TA to develop a plan for business training and savings and loan association development.

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

Quarterly challenges and Constraints for each program area

1. 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 beneficiaries the bill by them from the sale of surplus produces.
3. Although a well was drilled with support of the regional health office, there must be an electric pump established to access the water and the water bureau has been delayed in sending its recommendations.
4. Group garden land securing problem due to the lack of availability of municipality administrative bodies for various reasons in Debre Markos.
5. Due to high rain fall, group garden plots in Bahir Dar and Debre Markos were water logged and this caused difficulty in growing transplanted vegetables,
6. Lack of shop for vegetables sale and no budget allocated for container shop construction resulted producers to sale by cheap prices at lower market value in schools.
7. Dropout of beneficiaries due to OVC graduation, transfer to other high schools, some beneficiaries relocate due to rent increases, and some discontinue coming to school.
8. Turnover of assistant extension officers (AEO) created gaps on the expected results of the project in Addis Ababa and Shashemene.

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

- 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
- USAID UGP plans to provide wells in some areas where water is a critical problem.
- Efforts were made to drain the water and beneficiaries were able to transplant crops to raised beds.
- To combat problems securing land and related garden establishment issues the program will focus on involving stakeholders, including government officials and school principals to identify problems and be part of the solution

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

- Inconsistency of data reported by most operational areas.
- Lack of clarity and specificity in reporting from most operational areas requiring repeated follow-up.
- 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.

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 details of the data entry and data cleaning is done. The data is now consistent with the OAC report
- 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.
- Quarterly field monitoring visits will continue to check sources of data, for example where extension officers track the data for monthly & quarterly reports and review first hand whether they report sound numbers
- Train the extension officers on how they should report data

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 I

- Annual meeting planned for November 15-18 to include staff and implementing partners to share data and build on lessons learned.
- Budget realigned and concept note developed to reflect funds moved from year 5 to year 3.
- Support and facilitation of government organized validation workshop for urban agriculture policy development.
- Sensitization workshop for recruitment of new implementing partners.
- Staff recruitment (operation area coordinators) for new expansion area
- Testing of new training materials to be appropriate to the program implementation and demand
- Village Saving and Loan (VSL) groups to be established and strengthen in all operation areas
- New staff hired – OVC specialist, Finance/Operations officer, Livestock specialist, logistics coordinator and Cluster coordinators.

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 I:

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