

## PEPFAR Ethiopia In-Country Reporting System (IRS) Semi-Annual Reporting Template

### Reporting Period

October 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009

### Activity

Activity ID	USAID Urban Gardens Program for HIV-affected women and Children	Program Area
5736		OVC

### Prime Partner

DAI

Did your organization support the production of publications, reports, guidelines or assessments during the reporting period?

No/Not Applicable   
 Yes  Please list below:

Publications/Reports/Assessments/Curriculums

Title	Author	Year

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

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
Sharmel Genthon	9/25/08	10/8/08	DAI
Heather Dale	9/30/08	10/8/08	DAI
Erik Bjers	11/18/08	12/5/08	DAI
Oana Tudor	12/9/08	12/23/08	DAI

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

**These visits were all related to administrative start up, establishing financial reporting systems, IT support and management. There are no reports.**

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
Nancy Russell	Washington DC	2/19/09	2/20/09	DAI covered costs

## Semi-Annual Accomplishments

### Quarter One

#### Start Up

- COP started October 6, 2008
- New Staff hired – M and E specialist by FHI, DAI hired 3 new supervisor trainers and one assistant supervisor trainer.
- Office space identified – and relocation accomplished October 27, 2008
- Work plan and PMP submitted October 28, 2008
- TA provided from the DAI HQ office to set up administrative procedures and to ensure IT linkages.
- Budget submitted November 7, 2008 – with realignment request made in December
- Sensitization workshops held in all 6 cities to introduce program to government and NGOs
- Supervisor Trainer orientation held in Addis in November, 2008
- Supervisor training held in December, 2008. Content included community conversations, nutrition, and agronomy
- Baseline conducted in all 6 regions
- Implementing partner proposals requested and reviewed for small grants
- MOU signed with WFP
- Field visits made by deputy COP and Northern Regional coordinator in preparation for new program.
- Meetings held with PEPFAR partners – MSH, FHI, CARE, Save the Children and PCI.

### Quarter Two

#### Implementation

- Field trip by COP to Dessie, Gondar and Bahirdar
  - To assess garden sites
  - To meet with government officials
  - To meet with IPs and sign grants
  - **Key findings**
    - Commitment of gardeners high – many gardens started before funding
    - Refresher drip kit training needed
    - Government support for water access needed
    - Guidelines needed for school gardens
- IEE consultant identified, contract signed and site visits organized
- Small grants approved and signed – with in put from COTR
- COP presented program to DAI in Washington DC , at COP conference – funded by DAI
- Training of extension officers in nutrition, community conversations, key elements of gardening, based on trainings of supervisor trainers in February
- Advocacy strategy for water developed in Addis – and agreement related to cost and TA arranged with water bureau
- Base line report completed and shared with FHI, DAI
- Extension officers and supervisor trainers trained in M and E and HIV updates by FHI- for 3 days in March
- Open House held at office in Addis – 200 people attended from INGOs, USAID, and other PEPFAR partners
- Indicators reviewed by FHI and DAI staff – plan for review with USAID in place
- Job description developed and job advertized for Health Integration officer as FHI employee for USAID Urban Gardens
- Contact was made with Gondar Sister City program in Corvallis, Oregon. The sister city program plans to fund wells in two of the USAID Urban Garden schools in Gondar. More than \$6,000 will be raised for this effort, making water available for gardens and hygiene.
- A referral card and referral system was developed and integrated into the project sites.

## Semi-Annual Constraints

- With cost of living increases – salaries are low and it may be necessary to go to USAID again.
- The indicators require adjustment and the numbers that are feasible to reach are far below the expectations of the contract.
- Water access remains a challenge in all six cities.
- Often the land donated by cities is unwanted by others and is challenging to develop

## Semi-Annual Data Quality Challenges

- The gardens require time and expertise to develop. It is challenging to balance the needs of gardens with the need to make appropriate linkages with health facilities and other local resources.
- The numbers of beneficiaries does not match the targeted number proposed for the program.
- Providing quality sustainable gardens needs to be the goal of the project, and requires that target numbers be reduced.

### WHAT IS CURRENTLY BEING DONE TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS

- Cost of living increases are being evaluated now.
- A meeting was held with key USAID staff related to the indicators and a plan for adjustment was made.
- Water sources and research related to water is being gathered and reviewed.
- IPs are encouraged to find solutions to the issues they have with land and water before adding new sites.
- Mapping and networking are being encouraged to ensure that the staff can focus on the gardens and involve experts in the work related to health through referral – and inviting experts to discussion groups.
- The issue of numbers will be presented to USAID through the COTR.

### WHAT'S PLANNED IN THE FUTURE?

- Field fairs based on the open house model in Addis are being planned in all six cities. These are part of an advocacy strategy which will raise the visibility of the program and be a catalyst for increased partnership with government agencies and NGOs
- Drip kits, water sources and quality of irrigation will be tracked to ensure appropriate and effective use. This has begun and will continue.
- Job aids for staff in field related to gardening, and health will be refined and disseminated to supervisor trainers and extension officers.
- Discussion groups will be formalized with themes – as informal training for beneficiaries, starting in May
- The baseline will be reviewed and finalized in May
- The health integration officer will be hired by FHI in May
- Side by side guidance will be provided by staff to group gardens to ensure proper implementation of the program goals.
- The indicators will be finalized in May and an indicator for prevention will be added.
- The target numbers will be reviewed and discussed with the COTR in April/May

## Major Activities in the coming Semi-Annun

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES SHOULD HIGHLIGHT PLANNED ACTIVITIES + SOLUTIONS TO IDENTIFIED CONSTRAINTS

- The IEE will be reviewed and recommendations discussed and implemented if appropriate. (next quarter)
- The water assessment will also be reviewed and the information prioritized for use by the staff. (next quarter)
- Assessments have begun for introduction of poultry, fruit trees and small ruminants. (reviewed next quarter – implemented 4<sup>th</sup> quarter)
- New gardens will be started using lessons learned from previous garden sites. (next quarter)
- Meetings will be held with USAID to discuss cost of living and other issues that impact staff. (next quarter)
- The new health integration officer will help to strengthen the referral process, and informal trainings related to health. (hired next quarter- implemented from then on)

## Indicator Data

### 1. PEPFAR Indicators

Number of providers/caretakers trained in caring for OVC <sup>1</sup>					
	Male	Female	Total	SAPR08	SAPR09
Addis Ababa					
Afar					
Amhara					
Benishangul					
Dire Dawa					
Gambela					
Harari					
Oromiya					
SNNPR					
Somali					
Tigray					
<b>TOTAL</b>					
<p><b>Remark: If SAPR09 result is less than SAPR08 and/or APR08 results, please provide explanation</b></p> <p>The USAID Urban gardens program trains caretakers in gardening with nutrition and income improvement included. This is part of caring for OVC. The program has not begun to collect these records yet. This will be collected in the third quarter.</p>					

Target for the reporting period	Total achieved (this is equal to the TOTAL in the above table)	Remark: EXPLANATION FOR ACTIVITIES WITH EITHER HIGH OR LOW ACHIEVEMENTS VIS A VIS THE TARGET IS REQUIRED
NA for this period of time		

Number of OVC served by OVC programs					
	Male	Female	Total	SAPR08	SAPR09
Addis Ababa	164	124	288		
Afar					
Amhara	650	622	1272		
Benishangul					
Dire Dawa					
Gambela					
Harari					
Oromiya	108	102	210		
SNNPR	197	165	362		
Somali					
Tigray					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1119</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>2132</b>		
<p><b>Remark: If SAPR09 result is less than SAPR08 and/or APR08 results, please provide explanation</b></p> <p><b>Not applicable</b></p>					

Target for the reporting period	Total achieved (this is equal to the TOTAL in the above table)	Remark: EXPLANATION FOR ACTIVITIES WITH EITHER HIGH OR LOW ACHIEVEMENTS VIS A VIS THE TARGET IS REQUIRED
5,000	2132	Unrealistic total target for year of 15,000 OVC

<sup>1</sup> Indicate collaboration/s with other PEPFAR partners for co-sponsored training activities.

Number of OVC who received primary direct support <sup>2</sup> (subset of Number of OVC served) [3 or more services] <b>NA for this time period- gardens just starting up</b>			
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>

Number of OVC who received supplemental direct support (subset of Number of OVC served) [1 or 2 services either PEPFAR funded or leveraged]			
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>1119</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>2132</b>

Number of OVC receiving food and nutritional supplementation through OVC programs <b>NA for this time period – gardens just starting up</b>			
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>

Number of OVC served by OVC programs by core program area:

<b>Core Program Areas</b>	<b>Number supported</b>
Food and Nutritional Support	<b>2132</b>
Shelter and Care	
Protection	
Health Care	
Psychosocial support	<b>2132</b>
Education and Vocational Training	
Economic Opportunity/Strengthening	

Number of OVC supported by age:

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number supported</b>
Under 2 years	0
2-4	18
5-11	456
12-17	1658
<b>Total</b>	<b>2132</b>

## 2. Non-PEPFAR Indicators

Please report on the following indicators or other key non-PEPFAR indicators that are used to track the program. (Optional)

- # of Implementing partners involved in USAID/UGP = **24**
- # of towns where urban gardening activities are operating = **6**
- # of households participating in USAID/UGP = **4130**
- # of HIV affected women who are participating in USAID/UGP = **1108**
- # of OVC caretakers who are participating in USAID/UGP = **2980**
- # of OVC under the beneficiaries = **7963 (M = 3954; F = 4009)**
- # of child-headed households participating in USAID/UGP = **276**
- # of women-headed households participating in USAID/UGP = **1644**

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