

AIDSTAR-Two Project Trip Report – South Africa Oct. 22 – Oct. 25, 2012

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1. Scope of Work:

Destination and Client(s)/ Partner(s)	Cape Town, South Africa.
Traveler(s) Name, Role	Ummuro ADANO, Senior Technical Advisor, Capacity Building
Date of travel on Trip	October 22 – 25, 2012
Purpose of trip	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Meet with and support local consultant based at the Children's Institute, University of Cape Town to finalize the inquiry tool and kick-start the interview process for the technical brief on Child and Youth Care Workers in South Africa.
Objectives/Activities/ Deliverables	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Discuss and agree on inquiry tool that will be used to conduct interviews and gather data/information2. Develop list of key informants3. Visit with and conduct interviews with some key informants
Background/Context, if appropriate.	<p>The HIV/AIDS epidemic and other risk factors have led to a growing number of highly vulnerable children, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. Efforts to mitigate the impact of these factors have created an increasing demand for social service programs and services as well as an army of social service workers with the skills and experience needed to implement programs and meet a complex range of social service needs. Faced with these overwhelming needs, limited resources and competing priorities, a few countries have made efforts to address constraints through the creation of a new cadre of community-based social service workers, similar to community health workers.</p> <p>South Africa has had some positive experiences and lessons with its cadre of Child and Youth Care Workers. AIDSTAR-Two was requested by the USAID OVC Technical Working Group to research and develop a case study on the Child and Youth Care Workers that will provide documentation of the experience for South Africa and will inform other interested countries about a successful process for planning, developing and supporting community-based child and youth care workers, an important cadre in the provision of services to children affected by HIV/AIDS.</p>

2. Major Trip Accomplishments: Should include the major programmatic goals realized, relevant metrics, and stories of impact from the trip.

Ummuro and the local consultant held extended discussions to develop a common understanding of the assignment; rationalize and finalize the inquiry tool, identify key informants as well as the methodology/approach that will be used to collect data.

Ummuro also assisted the consultant to meet with and interview some of the key informants including Merle Allsop and Zeni Thomadoo (Director and Deputy Director, NACCW); Alfred Harris, Child and Youth Care Workers Coordinator, Department of Social Development; and Francisco, Principal of LieleBlom House, a residential facility for troubled and neglected children.

We also discussed and agreed on a timeline with the consultant. Additionally, a list of potential reviewers were also identified including Merle and Zeni as well as Dr Tonya Thurman (at Tulane) who was proposed by Anita Sampson, USAID/Pretoria.

3. Next steps: Key actions to continue and/or complete work from trip.

Description of task	Responsible staff	Due date
1. Submit draft technical brief for review	Lucy Jamieson (local consultant)	November 16, 2012
2. Circulate draft technical brief to reviewers for comments	Ummuro	November 19, 2012

4. Contacts: List key individuals contacted during your trip, including the contacts' organization, all contact information, and brief notes on interactions with the person.

See contact sheet attached.

Name	Contact info	Home organization	Notes
1.Lucy Jamieson		Children's Institute, University of Cape Town	
2.Alfred Harris		Department of Social Development, Cape Town	
3.Franscisco Cornelius		Director/Principal Lielebloom House	
4. Eddie Thesen		Training Offcer, Professional Services Unit, NACCW	
5.Merle Allsop		Director, NACCW	
6.Zeni Thomadoo		Deputy Director, NACCW	

5. Description of Relevant Documents / Addendums: Give the document's file name, a brief description of the relevant document's value to other staff, as well as the document's location in eRooms or the MSH network. Examples could include finalized products and/or formal presentations, TraiNet Participant List, Participant Contact sheet, and Meeting/Workshop Participant Evaluation form are examples of relevant documents.

File name	Description of file	Location of file