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Acronyms

AONN	Association of OVC NGOs in Nigeria
CBGMP	Community Based Growth Monitoring and Promotion
COP	Chief of Party
CPN	Child Protection Network
CPC	Child Protection Committee
CSO	Civil Society Organization
CSI	Child Status Index
CUBS	Community Based Support for OVC
DQA	Data Quality Assurance
FBO	Faith-Based Organization
FIDA	International Federation of Female Lawyers Association
HES	Household Economic Strengthen
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
HCT	HIV Counseling and Testing
IP	Implementing Partner
IYCF	Infant and Young Child Feeding
IGA	Income Generation Activities
LGA	Local Government Area
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MWASD	Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development
MSH	Management Sciences for Health
NACA	National Agency for Control of AIDS
NICAB	Nigeria Indigenous Capacity Building
NEPWHAN	Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria
OVC	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
PEPFAR	US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
PLWHA	People Living With HIV/AIDS
PMP	Performance Measurement Plan
SOPs	Standard Operating Procedures
SOW	Scope of Work
SPDC	Shell Petroleum and Development Company
STTA	Short Term Technical Assistance
TWG	Technical Working Group
UNICEF	United Nations Children Education Fund
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USG	United States Government

I. Financial Status Report

USAID/Nigeria QUARTERLY REPORT

CUBS Project
Quarterly Progress Report
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<u>ACTIVITY SUMMARY</u>
Implementing Partner: Management Sciences for Health
Activity Name: Management Sciences for Health, Inc. (MSH) – Community Based Support (CUBS) for OVC in Nigeria Project
Activity Objective Support the Government of Nigeria to implement its National Plan of Action on OVC by developing and strengthening community based service delivery for Orphans and Vulnerable Children as well as building community ownership, reducing gender discrimination and increasing OVC involvement and advocacy.
USAID/Nigeria SO 14: Reduce the Impact of HIV/AIDS in selected states
Life of Activity (start and end dates): October 7 2009 – October 6, 2014
Total Estimated Contract/Agreement Amount: \$20,907,645
Obligations to date: \$11,647,092
Current Pipeline Amount: \$1,496,794
Accrued Expenditures this Quarter: \$886,431
Activity Cumulative Accrued Expenditures to Date \$10,150,298
Estimated Expenditures Next Quarter: \$1,230,108
Report Submitted by: <u>Zipporah Kpamor (Project Director)</u> Submission Date: <u>July 27, 2012</u> Name and Title

II. Quarterly Data Achievement on Intermediate Results

Results #1: Increased Number of OVC Served with 6+1 Services

Indicator	Indicator Description	Yr3 Target	Achievement				Total	% of Target Achieved	Explanation
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
C1.1.D	# of eligible clients (OVC) provided with a minimum of one care service		13282	7462	4658	0	25402		All 38 CSOs of years 1 & 2 continued to provide service to OVC throughout the reporting period. Grant modifications enabled enrollment of new OVC. More enrollment is expected in the following quarter.
	- Number who were newly enrolled	12,500	4147	176	2988	0	7311	58%	
	- Number previously enrolled	20,856	9135	7286	1670	0	18091	67%	
	Education Male		650	1053	402	0	2105		
	Education Female		612	1165	334	0	2111		
	Health Male		1194	2165	796	0	4155		
	Health Female		1198	2279	805	0	4282		
	Psychosocial support Male		6407	3043	3023	0	12473		
	Psychosocial support Female		6401	2740	2955	0	12096		
	Shelter Male		278	239	279	0	796		
	Shelter Female		297	382	254	0	933		
	Protection Male		972	1306	1023	0	3301		
	Protection Female		970	1339	886	0	3195		
	Nutrition Male		366	336	320	0	1022		

	Nutrition Female		396	369	247	0	1012		
	Economic Strengthening Male		0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Economic Strengthening Female		1	0	20	0	21	0	
C5.1.D	# of eligible clients (OVC) who receive food and/or nutrition services	No target	762	705	567	0	2034	0	
1.4	# of Caregivers trained in caring for OVC	2500	225	1832	389	0	2446	98%	With improved capacity of CSOs and better established Community structures, caregiver training have been devolved to CSOs. This hastens the process and strengthens caregiver – CSO bonding which is essential for sustained service delivery. Using this strategy, outstanding trainings will be conducted in the next quarter.
1.5	# of OVC referred for clinical services	No target	33	8	125	0	166		

Results #2: Strengthened Capacities of National and State Governments to better Protect and Care for OVC

Indicator	Indicator Description	Yr 3 Target	Achievement				Total	% of Target Achieved	Explanation
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
2.1	# of AIDSTAR states with comprehensive OVC plans	3	0	1	1	0	1	33%	The project will support more states to adapt the National Plan of action next quarter in collaboration with other IPs to reduce duplication of effort in the other CUBS states.

2.2	# of functional state, and LGA community coordination (OVC Forums) mechanisms in place to monitor OVC programs	3state s/(16 LGAs)	11 (2 LGA s)	11(2 LGAs	11(6 LGA s)	0	11	>100%	The project has continued to support all 11 states coordination forums both technically and otherwise. So far 6 LGA TWG have been formed. The outstanding 10 LGAs for this year will be formed in the next quarter.
2.3	# of AIDSTAR states with existing functional referral systems	3	9	9	9	0	9	>100%	The dissemination and functionality of the referral system is our next focus as well as setting up the referral directory of the remaining 2 CUBS states.
2.4	# of persons from state ministries and LGA trained in leadership and management	60	0	67	0	0	67	>100%	The LGA staff trained on leadership and management in the area of Cordination has been the pilar in setting up the LGA structures and more efforts are being chanelled to the LGA to ensure sustainability.
2.5	# of persons who successfully completed an in-service training in strategic information including data collection, collation, analysis and use	50	0	11	74	0	85	>100%	With the roll out of NOMIS, staff were trained on the new database and will roll out to states in the following quarter. Ekiti State Ministry of Women Affairs (SMWA) was also supported in training on OVC data tools as well as OVC survey tools

Results #3: Gender Related OVC Programming Issues addressed in Focal States

Indicator	Indicator Description	Yr 3 Target	Achievement				Total	% of Target Achieved	Explanation
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
3.1	# of female adolescent OVC reached with a comprehensive prevention package	2500	0	0	733	0	733	29%	With the project's current prevention strategy that includes active collaboration with prevention IPs to reach ready OVC population, 733 female adolescents were reached with the minimum prevention package of services and efforts to meet the set target are on top gear for the remaining quarter across all 11 states
3.2	# of female child-headed household supported by the OVC program	No target	20	20	20	0	20		
3.3	# of programs that address protection issues for female OVC and caregivers	39	38	38	38	0	38	97%	Child protection committees have been set up by all CSOs and in all communities we work. MSH is finalizing the child protection guideline which will be adapted by CSOs to fit local context.
3.4	# of OVC reached with individual and/or small group level preventive interventions that are based on evidence and/or meet the minimum standards required	5000	0	0	1315	0	1315	26%	With the project's current prevention strategy that includes active collaboration with prevention IPs to reach ready OVC population ; 1315 adolescents were reached with the minimum prevention package of services and efforts to meet the set target are on top gear for the remaining quarter across all 11 states

Results #4: Increased Local Capacity to Implement Monitor and Evaluate OVC Programs

Indicator	Indicator Description	Yr 3 Target	Achievement				Total	% of Target Achieved	Explanation
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
4.1	# of persons trained in the use of the CSI	50	0	142	0	0	142	>100%	We had to train more volunteers to address volunteer attrition/burn out issues.
4.2	% of new OVC who are screened at enrollment with the CSI	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	>100%	All OVC are screened at enrollment with CSI and re-screened after 6-12 months of service to monitor how services that are being provided have improved the quality of life of OVC.
4.3	# of service sites/delivery points that received a DQA visit	39	0	38	0	0	38	97%	External Data Quality Assurance (DQA) visit by NMEMS, a USAID IP is currently on-going in selected states and result will inform areas of needs. This is additional to quarterly internal DQA visits to all CSOs by project staff.
4.4	% of service sites/delivery points that receive a QA visit during the reporting period	33%	0%	100%	0%	0%	100%	100%	

III. Quarterly Progress

Some of key achievements from this quarter include:

Intermediate Result 1: Increased Number of OVC Served with 6+1 Services

- The number of OVC served with 6+1 services by both year 1 and year 2 CSOs have continued to increase. 2988 of OVC were newly enrolled and served while 1670 of the maintained OVC were served. The sharp depression in Quarter 2 as shown in figure 1 was due to the contract modification process which left the CSOs without additional target for new enrollment thus services concentrated on previously enrolled OVCs.
- The annual contract of all 23 year 2 CSOs has ended in May, 2012. They all delivered on their targets as stated in the scope of work. The contracts have been modified to enable them provide service till end of September, 2012 when there will be renewal of the grant cycle.
- A total 348 caregivers were trained in the reporting period thus increasing the number trained this FY12 to 2446. This is to ensure continuous improvement in the quality of services provided to the OVC.

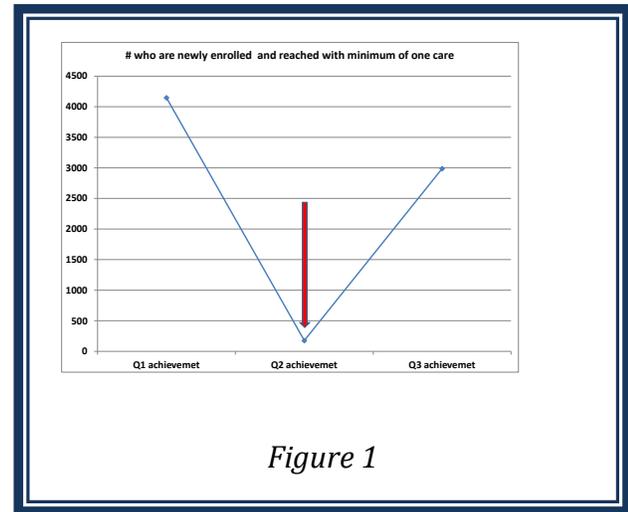


Figure 1

- Protection issues of OVC are being addressed through the provision of birth registration, establishment/strengthening of child protection committees who take up cases of abuse etc. During the quarter under review the CSOs have been able to get birth registrations certificates for over 1900 vulnerable children. With project support, state ministries of Women Affairs have made it possible for CSOs and communities to get birth registrations for OVC at no cost from the National Population Commission. Equally, in collaboration with Child Protection Network (CPN), International Federation of Female Lawyers (FIDA) and Legal AID council, the project has taken up cases of rape/ abuse of the girl children in Imo and Bayelsa within the reporting period. CPC continues to be sensitized on the necessary steps to take when this happens.
- The first learning session of the draft quality standards pilot held in Akwa Ibom this quarter. Experiences shared will inform national scale up.
- As part of quality improvement and in response to one of the findings in the internal review, the project trained 34 health and nutrition workers from the states and LGAs, Staff Program Officers and CSO staff as trainers in Nutrition and Health. This was stepped –down to an additional 233 participants across the project states. This capacity building activity was prioritized to reach pregnant women, mothers and caregivers of children 0-5years because of their special needs. Thus the content of the training included topics like basic postnatal care (immunization, community based growth monitoring and sanitation education), Infant and Young Child Counseling and Feeding (IYCF), HCT and PMTCT, Women nutrition, feeding in the context of HIV, malnutrition, Positive Deviance Hearth and home gardening amongst others. At this training were CSO staff, state Nutrition/Home Economic officers and health workers (Community Health Extension Workers, Midwives and Nurses) who will support the necessary linkages for

the provision of these services. To improve the quality of psychosocial support and skills development in children, the Sesame Workshop supported the project with educational and play materials in Akwa Ibom State when Project staff from Imo, Enugu, Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Delta and Rivers plus partner organizations in Akwa Ibom state participated in their capacity building workshop. Already the lessons from that workshop are being imbibed as the ministry of women affairs in Akwa Ibom state wants all the teachers in primary school to be trained in the use of these materials.

- Collaboration with other line ministries and corporate organizations yielded very positive results within the period as children enrolled on the program received special attention in provision of available services. In Bayelsa state CUBS supported OVCs benefitted from the State-led de-worming program. In Rivers state, CUBS supported OVC benefitted from the health outreach supported by SPDC and from textbooks distribution supported by the Ministry of Education.
- To close the obvious gaps in HIV prevention intervention, the project intensified its efforts in collaboration with other USG funded IPs in HIV prevention interventions such as ENCAP, ProACT, PACT REACH etc. To this end, 1315 OVC were reached with the minimum prevention package within the reporting period.
- Following the successful SESAME SQUARE psychosocial support training of trainers conducted in the South South Region by the USAID-funded project, CUBS staff in Akwa Ibom, have rolled out the step down of the training and the provision of the outreach materials to beneficiaries. These kits when deployed by lower elementary teachers are expected to improve reading and English literacy in their pupils. CUBS staff have also approached the State Universal Boards of Education to consider mainstreaming the curriculum in lower elementary and early childhood development centers throughout the states with a view to enhancing literacy and improving reading skills. For the remaining states of Delta, Bayelsa and Rivers, USAID approval has to be sought to obtain kits from SESAME SQUARE, after which the curriculum can also be rolled out.

Intermediate Result 2: Strengthened Capacities of National and State Governments to Better Protect and Care for OVC

- In continuation of the system strengthening support for OVC coordination to the state ministries of women affairs, the state Technical Working Group (TWG) on OVC held in Bayelsa, Ekiti, and Taraba states. Efforts are being made to ensure that these meetings are self sustainable.
- In Ekiti state, Ado and Ekiti West LGA TWG were inaugurated and in Delta State also, Udu and Oshimili South LGAs OVC TWG were inaugurated with the councils' leadership promising to continue in their support for OVC.
- In Delta state, the advocacy team of the OVC TWG has begun the process of meeting with the state house of assembly to gazette the Child's Right Act in the state, making it available for public dissemination, with a view to strengthening family courts in the state.

Intermediate Result 3: Gender Related OVC Programming Issues Addressed in Focal States

- Continuing with efforts to mitigate vulnerability of adolescent girls, the CUBS team in Rivers state has identified in the first phase, 14 female out of school adolescents and assessed their needs with a view to placing them in vocational skills training. These girls had and are still benefitting from HIV prevention messaging through youth club activities. The state team is actively identifying private/philanthropic and public sector resources and establishing linkages for mentorship and expansion of opportunities which these adolescents can access following training to ensure they can be adequately established in their chosen careers/trades. This way, the girls can afford to pay their way back to school/enter the work force.
- Gender orientation and protection training for a total of 104 individuals involved in social protection held in Delta, Bayelsa, Enugu and Imo states within the reporting period. The CUBS enhanced gender framework formed the basis for discussion around gender related issues in OVC programming, dealing with rape, harmful widowhood practices and inheritance rights of females, how to ensure access to legal protection for women and girls, understanding of how culture may propagate inequality and femal vulnerability. Law enforcement agents including members of the police force, lawyers, desk officers of ministries of womens affairs, and CSO representatives participated. Resource persons included representatives from Institutions of higher learning, the International Federation of women lawyers, Senor law enforcement agents. Networks emerged at the end of the trainings that will propel the decisions reached to strengthen child protective services in the states. Following the trainings, the CSOs present supported by CUBS developed checklists to review their work plans to include activities and indicators for mitigating female vulnerability and to improve gender-sensitive reporting.

Intermediate Result 4: Increased Local Capacity to Implement, Monitor and Evaluate OVC Programs

- A total of 74 persons successfully completed an in-service training in strategic information including data collection, collation, analysis and use.
- Following the call for roll out of National OVC Management Information System (NOMIS) as the national OVC database, all CUBS M&E specialists and program staff at the country office including IT specialists (16 officers) were trained on NOMIS in collaboration with FHI.
- Hands-on mentoring of the CSOs' M&E officers on NOMIS has started in all 11 states following the just concluded NOMIS training.
- CUBS supported Ekiti SMWA to train 59 M&E officers on OVC data collection tools that we helped them to develop, in preparation of their up-coming VC survey.
- Using the National Harmonized Organizational Assessment Tool (NHOCAT), Organizational capacity of 24 CSOs was assessed, bringing to fore strengths like community acceptability and presence, experience in programme area which will be consolidated upon and exposing gaps such as frail structures, poor governance, non-existent systems which will be developed and strengthened to enable the CSOs deliver

quality services.

- Based on assessment results, comprehensive development plan (intervention plan) were developed with the 24 CSOs to address identified gaps and strengthen local organizational capacity for quality service delivery

Intermediate Result 5: Document and disseminate successful innovative approaches, sustainable models, evidence-based best practices and lessons learned.

- The first ever forum on **Lessons Learned and Experience Sharing on Promising Practices in Household Economic Strengthening (HES)** was hosted by CUBS on 14 June 2012 in Abuja. This forum was borne out of a real concern by Implementing Partners working with vulnerable populations in economic strengthening activities, to reflect on workable models and to share in lessons learned. Thirty three (33) people attended, cut across a variety of dynamic organizations across the country, representing IPs, CSOs, Government and Donors. The forum critically examined various methods and approaches adopted to strengthen poor households. The success of this forum is that it established a foundational agenda for interaction on HES, provided a unique opportunity to discuss existing HES theoretical and pragmatic approaches, and envisioned novel approaches to encourage sustained critical reflection.

Intermediate Result 6: Cost Effective Project Management to Meet Deliverables

- CUBS has made a major shift from formal class room training to hands on mentoring in all aspects of capacity building efforts of the project.
- Leveraging resources such as in Organizational Development and prevention packages are also been maximally explored.
- Inclusion of training cost to CSOs' Scopes of Work (SOW) to improve their capacity, ensure sustainability as well as reducing direct project staff time/resources.

IV. Problems and Opportunities

Problems:

- Form B for birth registration is still in short supply from National Population Commission (NPOPC) in some states. In the mean time the project is doing all the preliminary documentation so transfer will be easy when the forms become available. Additionally, CUBS has intensified advocacy to NPOPC so that the OVCs will be prioritized when the forms become available.
- Inadequate political will and bureaucracy by most states for OVC programming have slowed down CUBS, however the project has continued to educate and advocate to her partners at the state level on the need to take over the leadership of OVC program coordination as well as empowering them to do so.
- Constant change in the leadership of State Ministries of Women Affairs and social development is slowing the pace of progress with system strengthening at State and LGA levels; the project has maintained relationships with the ministry and continued to

advocate at various levels that trained staff be retained so that there will be no information gap.

Opportunities

- CUBS team has continued to network through several National/State meetings aimed at system strengthening for quality services delivery for OVC such as Village savings and loans Associations (VSLA), NOMIS, NHOCAT review, OVC advocacy tools development, Ekiti OVC survey stakeholders meeting.
- Leveraging on in-house resources (personnel from other MSH projects) has come to prove a useful and cost effective modality for achieving the project's objectives. ProAct introduced and supported CUBS on NHOCAT which has been piloted. PlanHealth is supporting CUBS on the capacity building for strategic planning and policy development for our CSOs.
- Working with the USAID MARKETS team and deploying their household economic strengthening training model has also been cost effective as the CUBS states which have overlap with the MARKETS states have benefitted from MARKETS trainers, state based mentors, and market analysis for entrepreneurship opportunities especially in reducing vulnerability of beneficiaries. The further opportunity to incorporate a village savings and loans model into the trainings will now be explored as senior CUBS staff have received training for community managed microfinance from USAID in tis reporting period. It is expected that when this is stepped down to communities through CSOs, it should serve to further increase the success of the HES trainings

V. Success Stories

Attached

VI. Next Quarter Results and Related Tasks

During the next quarter, the following progress is expected in each of the intermediate results Component including:

Intermediate Result 1:

- Hold the 2nd learning session on the pilot of the OVC service standards in Akwa Ibom. Start analysis of the pilot result to inform program direction in planning for the next year.
- Formation of community mother-to-mother pair counseling groups will be established to provide a platform for community based education that supports mothers to ensure adequate nutritional care for children.
- Quality assurance visits and mentoring to CSOs across the 11 states
- Workplan for CSOs to finalize scope of work and plans for service delivery in year 4.

Intermediate Result 2:

- Mentoring visits to National and State governments in order to build on the structures and systems CUBS and other partners have put in place.
- Activation of TWG at Local Governments Councils level.

Dates for the launch of some LGA OVC TWG are listed below:

1. Owerri West LGA, Imo State- 10/07/2012
2. Oguta LGA, Imo State -11/7/2012 2012
3. Ehime Mbano LGA, Imo State-12/07/2012
4. Isiala Mbano LGA ,Imo State- 24/07/2012

5. Udi LGA, Enugu State- 30/07/2012,
6. Nkanu West LGA, Enugu State -30/07/2012
7. Sagbama LGA, Bayelsa State -2/08/2012

- Support Enugu and Bayelsa States to adapt the National Plan of Action and implement accordingly.

Intermediate Result 3:

- Building on lessons learned from implementing HES activities in Delta, Gombe, Akwa Ibom states, coupled with experiences of other key players as shared during the HES forum, CUBS will scale up implementation to Kebbi, Sokoto, Ekiti, Enugu and Taraba states.
- Rivers State team will be supported to place 14 adolescent girls whose needs have been assessed for vocational skills training.
- There will be active documentation of outcomes of on-going HES activities involving 147 female heads of households in Delta and Gombe states.
- There will be active documentation of outcomes of Girl Group activities and impact of reproductive health activities for females.
- Gender orientation and protection training will hold in Taraba, Sokoto and Kebbi states.

Intermediate Result 4:

- Continue hands-on mentoring and institutionalization of M&E in the system
- Preliminary analysis of the CSI data collected so far to identify OVC whose status has not improved so that remedial action can be taken as we strategize for next year work plan
- Review previous organizational capacity assessment report (16 year1 CSOs) vis-a vis present performance for effective evaluation and focused support to CSOs in relation to their local capacity to deliver
- In view of limited funding CUBS is re-strategizing mentoring approach and laying more emphasis on coaching and peer support to enable enhanced knowledge sharing and internalization
- Replacement of CSOs who had dropped.

Intermediate Result 5:

- Expand HES and document success stories as well as continue experience sharing with other IPs/CSOs.
- Harvest more success story
- Brown bag with other OVC IPs on preliminary CSI analysis in relation to evidence based Quality Improvement of OVCs
- Initiating collaboration in other technical areas, document and share best practices.

Intermediate Result 6:

- Mid Term Evaluation
- Work planning for year 4 and renewal of contracts

- Review of the grant renewal process
- Staff retreat