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Acronyms

COE	Center of Excellence
DQA	Data Quality Audits
FHI 360	Family Health International
FMOH	Federal Ministry of Health
FP	Family Planning
FY	Financial Year
GOE	Government of Ethiopia
HMIS	Health Monitoring Informations Systems
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MOU	Memoranda of Understanding
RHB	Regional Health Bureau
SNNP	Southern Nations Nationalities People
USAID	United States Agency for International Development

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Background

PROGRESS II is a 4 year Cooperative Agreement funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) (December 2013 December 2017) to Family Health International (FHI 360). PROGRESS II builds on the successes of the PROGRESS project and its main objective is to enhance the family planning (FP) monitoring and evaluation (M&E) capacity of the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH), not only in data collection, but also data utilization for decision making to improve programs and enable the Government of Ethiopia (GOE) to meet their family planning goals. The PROGRESS II project focuses specifically on six key areas:

- 1) Enhancing the monitoring component of the Centers of Excellence
- 2) Expanding the geographical reach of the Centers of Excellence
- 3) Continued and expanded technical assistance to the FMOH based on expressed priorities
- 4) Roll out and M&E implementation of lesson learnt from FP symposium supported.
- 5) Expanding M&E support to include permanent FP methods
- 6) Providing M&E support to the FMOH mHealth initiative

FHI 360's technical assistance strategy is focused on building capacity of the FMOH staff at Federal, Regional, Zonal and Woreda levels. FHI 360 provides trainings on M&E; extraction and analysis of family planning service delivery data to support the decision making process; and establishing additional FP M&E Centers of Excellence (COE) in selected Woredas of Afar, Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, Gambella, Oromia, Southern Nations Nationalities People (SNNP), Somalia, Tigray regions, while continuing to support the 26 established under PROGRESS I. In addition, FHI 360 in collaboration with the FMOH will conduct independent evaluations of the trainings of health professionals and health extension workers led by FMOH and development partners.

This report provides the performance results of the PROGRESS II program during Quarter 1 of the 2015 financial year (FY) – October to December 2014.

Project Results and Accomplishments

Result 1: Enhancing the Monitoring Component of the Centers of Excellence Refresher Trainings, Training of new M&E staff, Data Quality Audits (DQAs):

Baseline assessment of selected COE woredas was conducted in SNNP region’s Wenago and Soro woredas and eight health centers in these woredas from December 8 to 12, 2014. Distribution of COE materials were provided to woreda health offices and health centers in Amhara and Oromia regions. Materials were distributed in four health centers in Dembia woreda of Amhara Region from December 6 to 12, 2014, while materials were distributed in Oromia Region’s Seyo woreda health office and four health center from October 25 to November 1, 2014.

Supportive site supervision was carried out in Amhara and Tigray regions this quarter in collaboration with the Regional Health Bureaus. Supportive supervision was conducted in Tigray region in Medeby Eizana, Werileki, Ganta Hafeshom, Offla, Kafta Humera, and Enderta Woredas and 23 health centers from December 6 to 16th. In addition it was conducted in Amhara region, Dembia Woreda and four health centers from December 7th to the 22nd.

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Supportive Supervision Tigray	Material Distribution and Orientation Oromia

Result 2: Geographic coverage of COEs increased

M&E skills trainings were given in Oromia and SNNP regions this quarter. The training discussed different M&E skills, including how to design a performance monitoring plan, explication of HMIS indicators and their relationship to program results, data entry and management, basic analysis and reporting of results and data quality assurance. As staff turnover and/or reassignments are common among the individuals we have provided refresher trainings old staff and training for new staff.

During the quarter, we provided refresher training for seven COE woredas in Oromia (Becho, Limu Genet, Kuyu, Merti, Habro, Cheliya and Adaba) from October 14 to 17th. Refresher training was also provided to six SNNP COE woredas (Arbaminch zuria, Chenna, Dale, Meskan Gurage,

Sodo Zuria and Halaba woredas) from November 18 to 22, and six COE woredas in Amhara Region (Hulet Eju Enesie, Tehuluadrie, Mecha, Habru, Dera, Dangila) from October 21 to 26th.

New M&E skills building trainings were also given for newly established COE woredas in Somali Region (Gursum, Harshin, Kebribeya, December 8 to 13), in Amhara Region (Dembia and Angolela woredas, October 27 to November 1), and Oromia region (Abay chomen and Seyo woredas, October 8 to 11).

The M&E skill building training supports trainees to develop individualized action plan detailing specific M&E activities they will undertake following the training to improve M&E within their worksite. The action plans include indicators for assessing performance post-training. Action plans and indicators are monitored during supportive supervision. In each supported region, a focal person at all levels are trained from regional health bureau (RHB) and zonal health bureau and serve as liaison between the woreda health office and RHB.



Result 3: Technical assistance to the FMOH continued and improved

FHI 360 worked with regional, woreda and health center officials in Amhara, SNNP, Amhara, Tigray, Oromia, Benishangul Gumuz, Gambella and Somali Regions to build their capacity on monitoring and evaluation through trainings, supportive supervision and assist with the development of FP quality of care indicators and assessment tools, and distribute IT materials for data quality improvement.

Result 4: Roll out and M&E implementation of lesson learnt from FP symposium supported.

Currently the FMOH and partners are conducting a costing exercise based on the goal set in the FP Symposium and the Growth Transformation Plan and Health Sector Development Plan. FHI 360, following the comments of the MCH directorate, will provide need-based financial and technical support after the development of the FP costed implementation plan being developed by Futures Group.

Result 5: M&E of the PMs Expansion supported

FMOH requested FHI 360 to conduct a post-training assessment of permanent family planning methods. Data collection tools were developed and translated into Amharic, data collection will start in January 2015.

Result 6: Implementation of the FMOH m-health initiative supported

We have not had any requests from the FMOH about the m-health initiative but will provide necessary support as requested.

Partnership and Coordination

Partnership with Federal Ministry of Health

FHI 360 always works very closely with the Policy Planning Directorate and the Maternal and Child Health Directorate to establish the COEs, and provide M&E training and FP training evaluations. FHI 360 also participates in the FP and health monitoring and information system (HMIS) technical working groups of the FMOH. We participated in two FP technical working group meetings, two HMIS technical working group meetings, and one HMIS workshop in quarter I of FY2015.

Partnership with Regional Health Bureaus

FHI 360 works very closely with the Regional Health Bureaus of Amhara, Tigray, Oromia, SNNP, Benishangul Gumuz, Gambella and Somali in the selection of Centers of Excellence woredas, baseline assessments of selected sites and distribution of COE materials. FHI 360 also participates in the joint supportive supervision activities of the regional health bureaus as per their request.

Coordination with other RH/FP Implementing Partners

Through the FP technical working group and joint implementation of activities at the federal and regional levels, FHI 360 coordinates with other implementing partners in core committee and planning meetings related to FP.

Challenges and Lesson Learned

The main challenges related to implementation of PROGRESS II activities was the project approval by the FMOH. Over the quarter the PROGRESS II team worked closely with the different directorate and state Ministry to clarify what PROGRESS II project is currently contributing at the federal, regional and woreda levels. A tri-party memorandum of understanding (MOU) has been developed with USAID, FMOH and FHI 360. After approval from USAID the MOU will be submitted to the FMOH for final project approval.

Another challenge is the RHBs have requested FHI 360 to conduct supporting supervision of all sites monthly, we are currently trying to figure out how to accommodate this request.

Major Activities Planned for Next Period

Result 1: Monitoring Component of Center of Excellence enhanced

Supportive supervision will be carried out in Bensihanguel Gumuz (Bambasi and Debati woredas), Amhara, and Oromia regions. Baseline assessment will also be conducted for Afar Region, Berhale woreda. Distribution of IT materials and furniture in Somali, Gambella and SNNP regions will take place in the coming quarter. Skill transfer visits are planned for Oromia and SNNP regions.

Result 2: Geographic coverage of CoEs increased

Refresher Training for established COE woredas in Tigray (six COE woredas and 24 health centers) and new M&E skill building training will be conducted in Wenago and Soro woredas of SNNPR and in Hamibara and Berhale woredas of Afar Region. The participants are composed of participants from the Regional Health Bureaus, Zonal Health Departments, Woreda Health Offices and health centers.

Result 3: Technical assistance to the FMOH continued and improved

Technical assistant to the Federal, regional, zonal and woreda health offices will be provided.

Result 5: M&E of the PMs Expansion supported

FHI 360 will continue to support the FMOH to identify, design, and undertake special studies on FP initiatives. FHI 360 will also support post training assessment of permanent family planning methods, data will be collected and analysis will be done in close collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health.

Environmental Compliance

FHI 360 ensures that all environmental consequences of the project have been identified and considered. There were no environmental compliance issues to report this quarter.

Family Planning Compliance

During the COE trainings the PROGRESS II team covers FP compliance as part of the standard training. During supportive supervision the teams evaluated FP compliance at the difference sites as well as provided guidance on the various compliance regulations.

In addition, as per our Cooperative Agreement AID-LA-14-00001, FHI 360 ensures that all funds are administered in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in 22 CFR 226, entitled "Administration of Assistance Awards to US Non-Governmental Organizations".

FHI 360 meets all US Government requirements for voluntary population planning activities. No funds under this award were used to pay for the performance of involuntary sterilization as a method of family planning or to coerce or provide any financial incentive to any individual to practice sterilization. No funds made available under this award were used to finance, support,

or be attributed to the following activities: (i) procurement or distribution of equipment intended to be used for the purpose of inducing abortions as a method of family planning; (ii) special fees or incentives to any person to coerce or motivate them to have abortions; (iii) payments to persons to perform abortions or to solicit persons to undergo abortions; (iv) information, education, training, or communication programs that seek to promote abortion as a method of family planning; and (v) lobbying for or against abortion. The term “motivate”, as it relates to family planning assistance, shall not be construed to prohibit the provision, consistent with local law, of information or counseling about all pregnancy options.

No funds made available under this award were used to pay for any biomedical research which relates, in whole or in part, to methods of, or the performance of, abortions or involuntary sterilizations as a means of family planning. Epidemiologic or descriptive research to assess the incidence, extent or consequences of abortions is not precluded.

Expenditure Report

	USD spent QT1 Oct-Dec 2014	LOP Spent
Salaries	60,314.16	229,490.54
Fringe Benefits	3,663.43	90,243.25
Consultants		27,577.69
Travel & Transportation	10,726.21	26,731.03
Supplies & Equipment	620.07	3,306.23
Other Direct Costs	101,320.79	247,575.53
Indirect Cost	98,181.77	258,181.17
Total	274,826.43	883,105.44

Pipeline

Total USAID fund received	1,571,192
FHI 360 expenditures until December 2014	883,105.44
Amount remaining as of January 2015	688,086.56

Data Sharing with Government of Ethiopia

All activities undertaken by FHI 360 and reported here were jointly undertaken with the FMOH. These data have also been reported to the FMOH and regions through regular reports and publications.

ANNEX 1: Project Sites

Previous Established Sites under PROGRESS I						
Region	Zone	Woreda	HC1	HC2	HC3	HC4
Amhara	East Gojjam	Hulet eju enesie	Kernewari	Sedie	Keraniyo	Aweja
	South Wollo	Tehuledarie	Hayk	Hara	Sulula	Seglen
	West Gojjam	Mecha	Merawi	Amarit	Wetet Abay	Rim
	Awi	Dangila	Chara	Gisa	Abadira	Gumdri
	South Gonder	Dara	Hamusit	Ambesamie	Arb Gebeya	Gelawdios
	North Wollo	Habru	Mersa	Wurgesa	Sirinka	Girana
Oromia	South West Shoa	Becho	Tulu Bolo	Awash Bunie		
	Arsi	Merti	Aomsa	Golgota	Hela	Gora Silingo
	Noth Shoa	Kuyu	Brity	Dero	Kerata	0
	West Shoa	Chelia	Babich	Gedo	Alesoyoma	0
	Jimma	Limu kosa	Limu Genet	Ambuye	Chime	Babu
	West hararge	Habro	Gelemso	Belbeleti	Wachu	0
	West Arsi	Adaba	Adaba	Lajo	Gadido	Hako
SNNPR	Sidama	Dale	Megera	Dagia Shoye	Bera Tedicha	Mesenkela
	Halaba	Halaba	Halaba	Tuka	Besheno	Guba
	Gurage	Meskan	Hamus Gebeya	Dobe	Enseno	Meseret Wogeram
	Kefa	Chena	Koda	Dimbira	Wacha	Shishinde
	Gamo Gofa	Arbaminich zuria	Shelle	Lante	Zigiti Bakole	
	Wolaita	Sodo zuria	Shela Berkoshe	Tome Gerera	Amacho Kodo	Waraza Lasho
Tigray	Central	Werileke	Nebelet	May Kenetel	Edaga Arbi	
	Western	Medebay Eizana	Kulufereha	Selekelaka	Tikul	
	Eastern	Ganta Hafeshom	Bizat	Mugulat	Ady Ayenom	Dibla
	Southern	Offla	Zata	Fala	Hashenge	May Mado
	Western	Kafta Humera	Adebay	Maykedra	Adigoshu	Adi Herdi
	Southern	Enderta	Mereb Meti	Maymekdan	Aragura	Romanat
Benishangul Gumuz	Assosa	Bambasi	Bambasi	Mender 46		
	Metekel	Debati	Debati	Barbera		

New Sites - PROGRESSII						
Region	Zone	Woreda	HC1	HC2	HC3	HC4
Afar*	Kilbet Rasu	Berehale WHO	Teyrabora HC	Adda HC	Shahigubi HC	
	Gebiresu	Hamibara WHO	andido HC	Worer HC	Awash Arba HC	
Somali	Fafen	Gursum WHO	Bombasi HC	Fafen HC		
		Harshin WHO	Harshin HC	Lankerta HC		
		Kebribeyah WHO	Kebribeyah HC	Hartshek HC	Werabajiru HC	
Amhara	North Shoa/debrbrehan	Angolela WHO	Tangago HC	Kotu HC	Chacha HC	Tsigerada HC
	North Gonder	Dembia WHO	Kola Duba HC	Ayanba HC	Chuayet HC	Girarge HC
Oromia	HoroGuduru Wollega	Abay Chomen WHO	Fincha HC	Homi HC	Mazoria HC	Gaba Laga HC
	Kelem Wollega	Sayo WHO	Duli HC	Ano HC	Aleku Dorgome Hc	Mata HC
Gambela	Nuer	Lare WHO	Keurgng HC			
	Mejeng	Godare WHO	Meti HC			
	Anyuwahk	Dima WHO	Dima HC			

* Afar sites have yet to be established, we are still in discussion with AFAR RHB.

ANNEX 2: Gantt Chart

Result	Activities	progress for Quarter Oct14-Dec14	Next Steps	Status	Target Reached QT1	Comments
Result 1: Monitoring Component of the Centers of Excellence Enhanced						
Result 1: Monitoring Component of the Centers of Excellence Enhanced	1.1 Ongoing training, support, and supervision to COE staff					
	Refresher training	Oromia Region Oct. 14-17, Amhara Region Oct. 21-26, SNNP Region Nov. 18-22	Tigray Region (Werileki, Medebay Eizana, Ganta Hafeshom, Offla, Kafta Humera and Enderta woredas)	In progress	108 individuals provided with refresher training -	
	Training of new M&E staff	Somali Region Dec. 8-13, Amhara Region Oct. 27-Nov. 1, Oromia Region Oct. 8-11	SNNP Region (wenago and Soro woredas) Afar Region (Hamibara and Berhale woredas)	In progress	74 new M&E staff trained	
	Support M&E trainees to develop individualized action plans	Oromia, Amhara, SNNP, Somali		In progress	182 trained COEs staff supported to develop M&E action plans	
	Onsite supportive supervision	Tigray Region CoE Woredas (Wereleki, Medebay Eizana, Ganta Hafeshom, Offla, Kafta Humera and Enderta) and Amhara Region in Dembia woreda	Benishangul Gumuz Region (Babmbassi and Debati woredas), Oromia Region (Abay Chomen and Sayo woredas) and Amhara Region (Angolela and Dembia woredas)	In progress	7 COE woredas that received a supportive supervision visit	RHB, Zonal and Woreda officials accompany FHI360 on SS visits
Data quality audit (DQA)		Oromia, Tigray, SNNP, Amhara	Planned			

Result	Activities	progress for Quarter Oct14-Dec14	Next Steps	Status	Target Reached QT1	Comments
	Support COEs to tally method-specific uptake data	PROGRESS supported the COE sites with the new HMIS which is method specific		Completed		With the new HMIS this activity will now support HMIS to tally methods
	Facilitate skills transfer visits		Oromia Region (Adaba and Becho woredas) SNNP Region (Sodo zuria and Chena woredas)	Planned		
1.2 Participation in joint supportive supervision (JSS) visits						
	Support the RHBs to conduct Joint Supportive Supervision	No request from RHB this quarter	As requested	Planned		A request was made by FMOH/MCH Directorate but it was cancelled, waiting for rescheduling
	Assist with the development of FP quality of care indicators and assessment tools	Assessment tool developed, in discussion with FMOH on using tool		In progress	1 FP quality of care assessment tool developed	
	Focal person M & E training	Focal personas assigned at ZHD/WoHO levels in the new & refresher trainings in Oromia, Amhara, SNNPR and Somali		In progress	28 individuals trained	Under 1.1, this activity is included in the M&E training of new COE sites
1.3 Increase utilization of data for decision making and sharing of lessons learned						
	Support the FMOH, RHBs and COEs to improve skills in data interpretation and presentation.	None this quarter		Planned		A request was made by FMOH/MCH Directorate but it was cancelled, waiting for rescheduling

Result	Activities	progress for Quarter Oct14-Dec14	Next Steps	Status	Target Reached QT1	Comments
	Collaborate with FMOH to organize a National M&E Meeting	None this quarter		Planned		
Result 2: Geographic Coverage of COEs Increased						
Result 2: Geographic Coverage of COEs Increased	Identify woreda's to be established as COEs	Afar was the last region to decide on woredas which was completed in December		Completed	2 woredas in AFAR identified	We signed the MOU with Afar but they are requesting that we hold activities until the MOU with the FMOH is completed
	Procurement and distribution of IT equipment and furniture	Procurement completed except for Afar, distributed to Amhara Region (Dembia woredas) and Oromia Region (Sayo woredas)	Gambella Region (Lare and Godare woredas) Somali Region (Gursum, Harshin and Kebribeyah woredas) SNNP Region (Wenago and Soro woredas)	In progress	4 COEs received IT equipment	
	Conduct baseline assessments of selected woredas for COE establishment	SNNP Region (Wenago and Soro woredas) Dec. 8-12	Afar Region (Berhale woreda)	In progress	2 woredas assessed at baseline for establishment of COEs	
Result 3: Technical Assistance to the FMOH Continued and Improved						
Result 3: Technical Assistance to the FMOH Continued and Improved	3.1 Provide technical assistance to support in the rollout of the HMIS in the supported woredas					
	Integrate HMIS in the M&E trainings for COEs	Completed		Completed	26 COEs that received integrated M&E and HMIS training	We invite the RHB HMIS focal person to spend some time on HMIS during our M&E training.

Result	Activities	progress for Quarter Oct14-Dec14	Next Steps	Status	Target Reached QT1	Comments
	Support printing and dissemination of the new HMIS forms	As requested	waiting for request from FMOH PPD	Planned		
	Support the DQA efforts of the regions and the HMIS	None requested		Planned		
	Mentorship and coaching	Part of supportive supervision, see above		In progress	7 COEs received M&E mentoring and coaching	Under 1.1, this activity is part of supportive supervision
3.2 Participate in and support to FP/RH and MNCH technical working groups						
	Support presentation of FP results from studies conducted by the FMOH during TWG meetings or dissemination events	Attended 2 FP TWG meetings, and 2 HMIS TWG and 1 HMIS workshop		In progress		
	Support revision of FP guidelines and training materials		Will conduct assessment on permanent methods as requested by FMOH	In progress		
3.3 Work with the FMOH to identify and implement an electronic system to capture and disseminate results on new evidence to program managers						
	Conduct a baseline assessment of results dissemination			As needed		

Result	Activities	progress for Quarter Oct14-Dec14	Next Steps	Status	Target Reached QT1	Comments
	practices at the FMOH					
	Prepare a concept paper and obtain agreement with the FMOH			As requested by FMOH		
	Design and test the electronic system			As requested by FMOH		
	Rollout implementation of the system			As requested by FMOH		
3.4 Build the capacity of the FMOH and RHBs to manage implementation of evaluations and studies						
	Support the FMOH to develop research/special studies agenda	Discussion with FMOH and MCH Directorate	On going	In progress		
	Support the FMOH to develop research protocols.	In discussion with MCH directorate on possible research ideas		In progress		
	Provide technical assistance during the implementation of the studies.		Once research starts we will work with FMOH and RHB on implementing studies	Planned		
	Support evaluation of FP training	Discussion of post training evaluation of permanent methods	Data collection will start in January			
	Extraction of method-specific FP data			Changed		This activity is now part of the HMIS and PROGRESS will

Result	Activities	progress for Quarter Oct14-Dec14	Next Steps	Status	Target Reached QT1	Comments
						support FMOH on HMIS for FP data
Result 4: Roll-out and M&E of the Implementation of Lessons Learnt from the FP Symposium Supported						
Result 4: Roll-out and M&E of the Implementation of Lessons Learnt from the FP Symposium Supported	Assist the FMOH to develop a National Family Planning Costed Implementation Plan (NFPCIP)	We are collaborating with Futures Group who is doing the costing, and will provide any assistance to the FMOH as necessary		Ongoing		.
	Assist the FMOH to develop a PMP to measure the progress in implementation of the NFPCIP			As requested		
	Facilitate meetings to review implementation status of the NFPCIP			As requested		
Result 5: M&E of the PMs Expansion Supported						
Result 5: M&E of the PMs Expansion Supported	Develop indicators for measuring results on PMs training and uptake			Planned		

Result	Activities	progress for Quarter Oct14-Dec14	Next Steps	Status	Target Reached QT1	Comments
	Assist the FMOH with the development of training evaluation tools	FMOH requested FHI 360 to conduct a post training assessment of permanent family planning methods	Data collection will start in January in Amhara (Debreberhan, Mehale Meda, Dessie) SNNP (Yirgalem, Welayita Sodo, Chena and Arbaminch) Oromia (Ambo, Shambu and Nekemte) Dire Dawa and Addis Ababa - Jan 12-18, 2015	In progress	1 protocol and data collection tools developed	
	Conduct PMs post-training evaluation	Conduct post training assessment of PM	Data collection will start in January	In progress		
	Provide technical assistance for special studies and evaluations on PMs	On going		In progress	Working closely with the FMOH on 1 PM assessment	
Result 6: Implementation of the FMOH mHealth Initiative Supported						
Result 6: Implementation of the FMOH mHealth Initiative Supported	mHealth TA	As requested		Planned		
	Support the development of costed action plans for the mHealth initiative	As requested		Planned		This will be as requested by the FMOH
	Facilitate mHealth technical meetings	As requested		Planned		