

MILESTONE 2 REPORT



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

HEALTHY PREGNANCY is a project of cooperation international for development executed by EHAS Foundation (Spain) and TulaSalud (Guatemala) and funded by USAID. The purpose of this document is to describe the progress of the execution of the project, detailing timing, activities, tasks, expenses and justifying documentation at January 2015. This document acts as the Milestone N° 2 required by USAID by October 1st (the delay in the delivery is due to the delay in the reception of the first disbursement of USAID funds as it has been explained in the report).

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PROJECT DETAILS

1.	Title	Healthy Pregnancy
2.	Grant N°	AID-OAA-F-14-00014
3.	Ejecutive Agency	Fundación Enlace Hispano Americano de Salud (EHAS)
4.	Local Organization	Asociación TulaSalud
5.	Country	Guatemala (Department of Alta Verapaz)
6.	Period	18 months: From July 1 st 2014 – January 1 st 2016
8.	Target beneficiaries	3,000 pregnant women
9.	Objective	The general objective of the project aims to reduce maternal and perinatal mortality by supporting the work of the health brigades with technologies specially designed for rural areas.

WORKPLAN



	Tasks	Start	End	Days	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12	M13	M14	M15	M16	M17	M18	MILEST ONE
1 COORDINATION & MONITORING																							
1.1	Review the work plan and adapt it to the final start date.	01-07-14	15-07-14	15																			
1.2	Identification of target communities.	01-07-14	30-07-14	31																			
1.3	Build the baseline	01-08-14	01-09-14	31																			
1.4	Hold monthly coordination meetings.	01-07-14	01-01-16	546																			
1.5	Perform field visits and follow up reports.	01-07-14	01-01-16	546																			
1.6	Write final report.	01-10-15	01-01-16	92																			
2 EQUIPMENT & STRIPS PURCHASE																							
2.1	Purchase ultrasound probes.	01-07-14	15-09-14	75																			
2.2	Purchase solar panels, batteries and laptops.	01-07-14	15-09-14	75																			
2.3	Integrate the kits and run tests to check that the equipment works correctly.	15-09-14	01-10-14	15																			
2.4	Purchase of urine test strips and reagent for dry blood screening.	01-07-14	15-09-14	75																			

**PROGRESS ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTION
MILESTONE N° 2 (M2)**



1 COORDINATION & MONITORING	
1.1	Review the work plan and adapt it to the final start date.
M1	Task completed in Milestone N° 1 (July 2014).
1.2	Identification of target communities.
M2	<p>The communities of the Department of Alta Verapaz target of this project have been selected based on their isolation and their high rates of maternal and neonatal mortality. As a starting point, the selected municipalities are Cahabon, Chahal, Chisec, Coban, Fray Bartolomé de las Casas, Lanquin, Panzos, San Cristobal Verapaz, San Pedro Carcha, Senahú and Tucuru. However, the target communities within these municipalities may be subjected to change because the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare of Guatemala (MSPAS) is making some adjustments in "Coverage Extension Program", which provides healthcare to rural communities. This project is based on the health staff of this Program for performance the pregnant controls, so the the final choice of communities will depend on the resources that MSPAS allocate for the continuation of this Program in 2015. This is an unexpected mishap that it is being followed carefully. In fact, the coordinators of the project are working closely with DASAV (Direction of Health Area of Alta Verapaz, belonging to MSPAS) defining alternatives to ensure that it does not affect the project objectives and guarantee that committed health controls are carried out. In this sense, due to the high interest of DASAV in the success of this project there is no problem to solve this mishap, since this institution is willing to offer their resources to meet those communities which are not covered by the Program for Extension of Coverage to perform the prenatal controls.</p>
1.3	Build the baseline
M2	<p>In the same way as Activity 1.2, the temporary paralysation of the "Coverage Extension Program" has caused a delay in the definition of the Baseline, due to its data will depend on the final communities where the project will operate. Once the MSPAS confirm the resources allocated to the continuity of the program in 2015 (this confirmation is expected before the end of January 2015), the final communities will be selected and the analysis of their health indicators will start to ensure the final evaluation of the project. Meanwhile, in order to speed the progress of the activities, the coordinators of the project are working with the Evaluation Team of the IDB (Inter-American Development Bank, another of their funders) to design a rigorous and relevant evaluation that shows how the tools provided by "Healthy Pregnancy" have influenced health indicators in the areas of intervention. In this design, this Activity A.3 that defines the baseline is also essential.</p>
1.4	Hold monthly coordination meetings.
M2	<p>Since the beginning of project in July 2014, weekly videoconferences were carried out with EHAS and TulaSalud team, (directed by Ana García Rey -Project Coordinator- and Isabel Lobos -Country Coordinator-), to track the implementation of the project. These meetings have allowed to manage the selection of the municipalities of intervention, the search for equipment suppliers, the purchases and shipments and the training of health staff. Moreover, the meetings are being useful to track the links with MSPAS and DASAV as key actors of the project.</p>
1.5	Perform field visits and follow up reports.
M2	<p>TulaSalud staff have visited monthly the communities where the project will operate in coordination with the Health Centers belonging to the DASAV. Also, once the purchases of equipment were carried out in November 2014, the tools were tested by performing ultrasounds in the communities (this test allowed to strengthen the training provided in September 2014 -see Activity 3-). The Responsible of prenatal healthcare of the project has reported to EHAS the progress on these visits by reports and videoconferences.</p> <p>Moreover, on EHAS team behalf, the Project Director, Ignacio Prieto, has performed a visit to the municipalities of Alta Verapaz in September 2014 (coinciding with the Activity 3 of training for health staff) to coordinate the implementation of the initiative and hold meetings with participants and beneficiaries.</p>
1.6	Write final report.
2 EQUIPMENT & STRIPS PURCHASE	
2.1	Purchase ultrasound probes.
M2	<p>8 portable ultrasound probes has been purchased through an USA supplier (INTERSON) to integrate the in the "Healthy Pregnancy" kits. It has also been managed the shipment to Guatemala (the documents documents that prove both expenditure are attached to this report: USAID.C1 and USAID.C4). TulaSalud staff has reported to EHAS the costs incurred by monthly reports for the financial management of the project. The delay in the execution of these purchases (month 5 instead of month 3, as it has been indicated in the Workplan) was caused by the delay in the reception of the first disbursement of USAID (reception in October 17th, 2014).</p>
2.2	Purchase solar panels, batteries and laptops.

M2	8 laptops have been purchased through the Guatemalan provider GIGABYTEC TECNOLOGY (document USAID.C3 attached). Regarding the batteries, several models are being tested to select the one with longest duration, in order to optimize the performance of the ultrasound checks. Once the tests are completed, the purchase will be ordered to the selected provider. Moreover, before order the purchase of the solar panels, TulaSalud team is checking that they will be necessary in all the communities due to the lack of power supply, in order to buy the units strictly necessary.
2.3	Integrate the kits and run tests to check that the equipment works correctly.
M2	All components have been integrated into the 8 backpacks acquired (document USAID.C2 attached) and tested by performing ultrasound test in the intervention communities.
2.4	Purchase of urine test strips and reagent for dry blood screening.
M2	Up to now, no USAID funds have been allocated to these purchase because there are still available the test strips acquired for the initial pilot phase executed between 2012 and 2014. However, providers have already been contacted to check availability and budget, and USAID has already accepted the supplier. As soon as the stock run out, the new purchase will be ordered as it has been indicated in the project agreement.
3	TRAINING FOR HEALTH PERSONNEL
3.1	Coordinate the training logistics.
M2	A Training for the health staff was organized for the use of portable ultrasound system and analysis with test strips. The agenda of the course, carried out from 22 to 26 September in Coban (Alta Verapaz), was managed (Agenda attached to this report), the attendees were called and a space was booked. Also, the equipment belonging to the project from the previous pilot stage were arranged to be used by attendees as a practical example. In addition, the travel and accommodation of the Evaluation Responsible of the project, Dr. Patricia Hanna Crispin Milart, who travelled from Spain to teach the workshop, was coordinated (document USAID.T1 and USAID.T2 attached).
3.2	Develop materials for training (videos, handbooks, etc.).
M2	A document with the topics addressed during the course was prepared, detailing the most important aspects to consider in the use of mobile ultrasound system at the different stages of pregnancy. The material highlighted the reading of the checks results to ensure the diagnosis, and proposed practical exercises (Subject of the course attached to this report). The document was supported by a multimedia platform designed for the continue training of "Healthy Pregnancy" staff. The platform is available online and collects materials that develop each step and considerations to perform a quality prenatal control (http://www.ecografia.ahas.org/).
3.3	Provide ultrasound test training.
M2	The training for the use of the portable ultrasound system was carried out from 22 to 26 September 2014 in Cobán (Alta Verapaz) and coordinated by the Responsible Evaluation Project, Patricia Hanna Crispin Milart, Doctor specialized in Gynecology and Obstetrics. It was attended by 20 people from the health staff involved in the "Coverage Extension Program" that aims to provide healthcare in rural areas. These attendees will be responsible for conducting prenatal controls offered by the project (Participation Certificate attached).
3.4	Provide blood and orine strips test training.
M2	In the same way, the training for the use of the blood and urine analysis system with test strips was carried out from 22 to 26 September 2014 in Cobán (Alta Verapaz) and coordinated by the Responsible Evaluation Project, Patricia Hanna Crispin Milart, Doctor specialized in Gynecology and Obstetrics. It was attended by 20 people from the health staff involved in the "Coverage Extension Program" that aims to provide healthcare in rural areas. These attendees will be responsible for conducting prenatal controls offered by the project (Participation Certificate attached).
4	PREGNANT WOMEN HEALTH CONTROLS
4.1	Perform periodical prenatal check-ups in remote communities.
4.2	Perform dry blood tests.
4.3	Review ultrasonography and dry blood test results.
4.4	Maintenance of the equipment.
5	EVALUATION
5.1	Evaluation Design.
5.2	Collect data.
5.3	Analysis of data and evaluation report.
6	DISSEMINATION
6.1	Write proposals to scientific journals.
6.2	Present the results to the Ministry of Health of Guatemala.
6.3	Present the results to social investors.

6.4	Perform USAID Branding Plan
M2	<p>In the first months of the project, the following communication actions agreed in the Branding Plan of USAID have been carried out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Materials related to the development and monitoring of the project (reports, documents and other media used for trainings, etc.) containing the USAID logo. - Design and printing of the leaflets that will be given to the pregnant women in the health controls with information of the donors (attached). - EHAS and TulaSalud websites hosting a specific section for this project with informations of the donors(http://www.ehas.org/healthy-pregnancy/ & http://www.tulasalud.org/Programas/tele-medicina/ecografia-obstetrica-movil-y-pruebas-rapidas-en-sangre). In the same way, both organizations used their social networks to spread the project and its supporters. - A press releases to communicate the support of USAID and the beginning of the project was sent to Guatemalan media (http://www.ehas.org/usaidsupportsthe-work-of-ehas-and-tulasalud-in-guatemala-to-reduce-maternal-mortality/). - A press conference to communicate de beginning of the project. It took place in Alta Verapaz in a space of TulaSalud, where a backdrop poster with the logos of the donors was displayed (http://www.ehas.org/embarazo-saludable-se-extiende-en-guatemala-con-el-apoyo-del-fomin-bid/).