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LIST of ACRONYMs

ACDI/VOCA/AMDE Agricultural Cooperative Development International/Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance/Agricultural Marketing Development Project

AEWs Agriculture Extension Workers

AGP Agricultural Growth Program

AU African Union

BCC Behavior Change and Communication

BOA	Bureau of Agriculture
BOFED	Bureau of Finance and Economic Development
CC	Community Conversations
CDC	Centers for Disease control and Prevention
CHDs	Child Health Days
CIP	International Potato Center
CLIPP	Community level Participatory Planning
CMAM	Community based management of Acute Malnutrition
DA's	Development Agents
DIP	Detailed Implementation Plan
EHNARI	Ethiopian Health and Nutrition Research Institute
ENHAT CS	Ethiopian Network for HIV and AIDS Treatment, Care and Support
EOS	Enhanced Outreach Strategy
ES	Economic Strengthening
FBP	Food By Prescription
FMOH	Federal Ministry of Health
FTC	Farmer's Training Centers
GHI	Global Health Initiative
GOE	Government of Ethiopia
GRAD	Graduation with Resilience to Sustainable Development
HCS	Health Centers
HDA	Health Development Army
HEWs	Health Extension Workers
HMIS	Health Management Information System
HP	Health Post
HPN	Health Population and Nutrition
HR	Human Resources
HSDP IV	Health Sector Development Program 4 th
HWs	Health Workers
ICT	Information Communication and Technology
IDEAS	Initiating and Demonstrating Effective Approaches for Scale up
IDD	Iodine Deficiency Disorders
IEC	Information Education and Communication
IFHP	Integrated Family Health Program
IRT	Integrated Refresher Training (for Health Extension Workers)
ISS	Integrated Supportive Supervision
IYCN	Infant and Young Child Nutrition
JHU CCP	Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs
LOL	Land O' Lakes
MASHAV	Israeli International Development Agency
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MI	Micronutrient Initiative
MIYCF	Maternal, Infant and Child Health Feeding
MIYCN	Maternal, Infant and Child Health Nutrition
MOA	Ministry of Agriculture

ModCAL	Modified Computer Assisted Learning
MOE	Ministry of Education
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSH	Management Sciences for Health
MSG	Mother Support Group
MWYCA	Ministry of Women, Youth and Child Agency
NACS	Nutrition Assessment Counseling and Support
NNC	National Nutrition Coordination
NNCB	National Nutrition Coordinating Body
NNCWG	National Nutrition Communication Working Group
NNP	National Nutrition Program
NTWG	Nutrition Technical Working Group
OR	Operations Research
PC	Peace Corps
PI	Principal Investigators
PMP	Performance Monitoring Plan
PSE	Pre-service education
QI	Quality Improvement
REACH	Renewing Efforts Against Child Hunger
REST	Relief Society of Tigray
RHB	Regional Health Bureau
SBCC	Social and behavior Change and Communication
SBM-R	Standards Based Management and Recognition module
SC US	Save the Children, US
SHN	School Health and Nutrition
SNNP	Southern Peoples Nations and Nationalities region
SUN	Scaling Up Nutrition
TOT	Training of the Trainers
TVET	Technical and vocational education and training
WG	Working Group
WorHO	Woreda Health Offices
VCE	Value Chain Expansion
ZC	Zonal coordinators

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Reporting Period:

This is a quarterly report of the USAID/ENGINE project for the **reporting period** from **1 April 2012 to 30 June 2012**.

Publications/reports

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

No/Not Applicable

Yes If yes, please list below:

Table 1: Publications/Training manuals

Title	Author	Date

Technical assistance

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	Type of TA provided
Ernest Guevarra	7 May 2012	18 May 2012	VALID University	Conduct baseline survey design and supervisors training. (See annex II)
Katja Siling	7 May 2012	8 June 2012	VALID University	Conduct baseline survey training and initial start-up. (See annex II.)
Kate Sadler	14 June 2012	22 June 2012	Valid University	Support operations research and monitor baseline survey. (See annex II.)

Avril Armstrong Mara Russell	10 June 2012	22 June 2012	Land O'Lakes (LOL)	Provide technical support for livelihood, nutrition, and cross-cutting gender interventions. (Draft report completed; final TA report will be submitted with fourth quarter report.)
Joy Miller Del Rosso	28 May 2012	8 June 2012	SC –US	Become familiar with all aspects of ENGINE and assist with high priority tasks such as social and behavioral change communication (SBCC) activities. (Draft report completed; final TA report will be submitted with fourth quarter report.)

If Yes, Please attach an electronic copy of the TA report as part of your submission (see Annex II).

Travel and Visits

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	Purpose of the travel

Have any Monitoring Visit/supervision been made to your program in during the reporting period?

Description of Monitoring team	Start date	End date	Sites visited	Written recommendations provided

ENGINE Zonal coordinators in collaboration with Horo Guduru Zonal Health Office (HO) experts	13 June 2012	22 June 2012	Guduru Health Center (HC); Health Post (HP); Jimma Geneti HC; Becho Woreda Health Office (WorHO).	Provide ongoing supportive supervision for HCs and HPs to ensure provision of high quality nutritional assessment, counseling, and follow-up.
ENGINE M&E Advisor, Livelihood M&E specialist, West Shoa Zonal coordinator and Oromia M&E officer	25 June 2012	26 June 2012	Dendi WorHO (Ginchi Health Center (HC) and Asgori Health Post (HP); Ambo WorHO (Meti Health Visit)	Establish and strengthen referral and linkage system between health facilities and community for optimal management and implementation of IYCN counselling services.
Senior Nutrition and Livelihoods Advisor; Agriculture Production Advisor (LOL); Nutrition and Livelihoods coordinator	7 May 2012	8 May 2012	Weliso woreda	Implement nutrition-sensitive agriculture such as homestead production of nutrient-rich vegetables and fruits to increase diet diversification and improve nutritional status of beneficiaries.
Senior Management team (Chief of Party-COP, Deputy Chief of Party-DCOP, and Operations Manager)	12 June 2012	13 June 2012	East Oromia Region: SC Adama sub-office, Agarfa Agricultural Training Center, Agarfa WorHO, Bogojji Woreda Bureau of Agricultural (BoA) Kebele Administration Office, Farmer Training Center (FTC); Zonal Health Department)	Continue nutrition-focused, cost-effective interventions. Document clear criteria established for selecting HH's and women's groups and other successful collaborative processes to share with other regions. Continue strong government multi-sector coordination while also reaching out to local nutrition and Feed- the-Future (FtF) partners. Provide continuous supportive supervision after IRT training.
Senior Management team (COP,	14 June 2012	15 June 2012	West Oromia Region: West Shoa SC sub-	Continue strong M&E activities and share management tools with

DCOP, and Operations Manager)			office, Dendi (HO, HC, HP, Agriculture Office, women's groups, IRT training, FTC), Ambo (WorHO), Becho (Health Bureau, HP, HH visits), SW Shoa Zonal HO	other regions. With the impending rainy season, the timing of livelihoods inputs is critical. For next quarter, focus on implementation at the community level using existing structures in partnership with multi-sector government and non-governmental partners.
Senior Management team (COP, DCOP, and Operations Manager)	20 June 2012	21 June 2012	Amhara Region: Bahir Dar SC sub-office, South Achefer (HO, Agriculture Office, FTC, women's group), Jabi (WorHO, HC, HP), Regional Health and Agricultural Bureaus	Continue close collaboration with government counterparts. Newly recruited zonal coordinators will bring interventions closer to the community and households (HHs) and focus on post-training follow-up. Encourage health workers and support health extension workers (HEWs) to reach beneficiaries.

Accomplishments and successes during the last three months

Program Management:

Staff recruitment: To facilitate implementation of ENGINE's nutrition-sensitive agriculture activities at the zonal level, 14 livelihood zonal coordinators (ZCs) from Land O'Lakes (LOL) were recruited for livelihood activities in the four regions. Some of the ZCs have already started while others will be onboard by the end of July 2012. Similarly, 19 ZCs for health and nutrition were recruited and started the last month of the third quarter in all four regional offices. Recruitment of ZCs was done in close collaboration and involvement of responsible zonal health and agriculture offices. These ZCs will be stationed in the respective zonal health and agriculture offices to facilitate ENGINE's activities at the woreda and community level while supporting the zones to implement and supervise nutrition and livelihood activities.

At the central office in Addis, the DCOP, Gender Advisor, Animal Production Advisor, and Livelihood M&E Specialist joined the Engine team. In Amhara region, two drivers and an office attendant were recruited and started work this quarter. ENGINE's subprime, Tufts

University, hired the Lead & Senior Researcher, M&E Data Quality Manager, M&E Impact Assistant manager, and Project Administrator for the baseline and impact evaluations. Also, JHU-CCP's four full-time program officers started their new positions (Media and Development, Materials Development, Community Mobilization and Training, Knowledge Management and Maternal Health); however, the Senior SBCC Advisor unexpectedly resigned shortly before scheduled to begin employment. To resolve this issue, the post was quickly re-advertized and the selected candidate will start next quarter.

Sub Grantees Management: ENGINE manages the five sub-grantees by fully integrating them into the ENGINE team management structure. The four-sub primes (Valid University, Tufts University, JHU-CCP, and LOL) that are housed in the ENGINE Addis office actively participate in weekly staff meetings to discuss progress toward completing planned activities as outlined in their signed sub-grantee agreements. Likewise, ENGINE organizes monthly technical updates and quarterly management meetings with Jhpiego, the only off-site prime. ENGINE reviews and provides feedback on all sub-grantee deliverables, coordinates TA visits, disseminates technical materials and updates, and monitors sub-grantee narrative and financial reports to ensure compliance with USAID rules and regulations. ENGINE will facilitate a retreat in mid-August with all staff (including sub-grantees) to discuss lessons-learned from the past year, jointly develop the second annual work plan, and encourage team building and a shared vision of the overall goal and objectives of ENGINE.

Technical Assistance: During the third quarter, ENGINE has received technical assistance from LOL, Tufts University, VALID University, and SC-US HQ in economic strengthening, baseline survey implementation, operations research, and overall nutrition programming.

Start up Activities:

After a long period of negotiation and discussion with the SNNP Bureau of Finance and Economic Development (BOFED), ENGINE signed the regional MoU on April 30, 2012 with the Regional Health Bureau (RHB), Bureau of Agriculture (BOA), and BOFED. The SNNP regional ENGINE launch was carried out in Hawassa from May 12-13, 2012 and attended by 58 participants including senior regional health and agricultural bureau representatives, the region's presidential social advisor, nutrition focal persons, health and agriculture zonal and woreda officers, Agricultural Growth Program (AGP) focal persons, ENGINE national and regional staff, and regional development partners such as ACDI/VOCA. USAID-Ethiopia representatives from the Global Health Initiative (GHI) and Feed-the-Future (FtF) were part of the regional launch. Opening speeches were delivered by Sheri-Nouane Duncan-Jones

(Senior GHI Advisor and ENGINE AOTR) and Cullen Hughes (USAID Agricultural Officer and FtF Team Leader).

Following the SNNPR regional level launch and planning workshop, sensitization meetings were conducted in five zones (Gedio, Kaffa, Gurage, Siltie and Sidama) and their respective woredas with relevant sector staff (health, agriculture, education, women affairs, and zonal and woreda administration staff). A detailed overview of ENGINE activities in health, agriculture, livelihood, and education were presented, discussed, and consensus reached. These partnership meetings were attended by 224 participants in the five target zones.

Building partnership

Coordination and collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH), Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), and other key partners are critical to achieving ENGINE’s objectives in Ethiopia. With this understanding, SC US undertook the following activities:

- ENGINE held four meetings with USAID (AOTR and FtF coordination team) to review project progress, identify challenges and issues affecting implementation, and provide timely solutions.
- ENGINE actively participated in the second quarterly FtF partners’ coordination meeting organized by USAID on May 3, 2012. Following the meeting, ENGINE took the lead in identifying, coordinating, and facilitating nutrition activities among FtF partners and other key stakeholders. (See FtF collaboration matrix in Annex III). A summary of progress made toward planned areas of collaboration in the matrix are presented in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Collaborative Activities with FtF and Other Partners

FtF Partner	Collaborative Activities (Completed and Planned)
MASHAV-Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engine trained 14 MASHAV Small Holder Horticulture (SHH) Development Agents (DA’s) in MIYCN at Butagira Horticulture Center from June 14-15, 2012 • MASHAV SHH staff will train ENGINE zonal coordinators and regional nutrition and livelihood officers on the basics of horticultural crop production (vegetables & fruits) from July 26-27, 2012 at the Butagira Horticulture Nursery Center. • MASHAV also expressed their cooperation in provide planting materials (seeds and seedlings) for homestead production of horticultural crops (fruits and vegetables) in FTCs and school gardens.

ACDI/VOCA Agricultural Growth Program-Agricultural Development Project in Ethiopia (AGP-AMDE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGINE staff participated in the ACDI-VOCA Maize-value chain stakeholders meeting on May 31, 2012 and ENGINE's senior M&E advisor presented on fortification at this meeting, ENGINE M&E advisors met with ACDI/VOCA M&E team on June 21, 2012 to discuss baseline methodology, tools, share lessons-learned, and how to leverage data for decision making.
CARE-Graduation with Resilience to Sustainable Development (GRAD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGINE provided training materials and counseling cards on MIYCN to GRAD. ENGINE regional coordination meetings were held with GRAD/ Relief Society of Tigray (REST) to discuss areas of collaboration and ways to avoid duplication of efforts.
Peace Corps (PC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGINE invited the PC to participate in the ENGINE ToT on MIYCN for MSGs in Addis from June 10-11, 2012; the PC staff member who participated in this ToT is responsible for primary programming and training for all PC volunteers in Ethiopia. ENGINE provided nutrition-HIV related materials to PC volunteers in July, and plans to provide nutrition training to PCVs during their in-service trainings in August and October.
Other Partners	Collaborative Activities (Completed and Planned)
International Potato Center (CIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIP provided training for ENGINE on cultural practices and management of orange –flesh sweet potatoes. CIP will provide some planting materials for orange-fleshed sweet potato and recommend private companies that multiply the same for quantities beyond their capacity. CIP will arrange site visits for the ENGINE livelihoods team to view their activities and planting materials around Wendo Genet and Hawassa where the center has established nurseries.
Micronutrient Initiative(MI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGINE actively participated in a workshop to launch 'integrated program IDEAS for IYCN/CMAM (Initiating and Demonstrating Effective Approaches for Scale-up for Infant and Young Child Nutrition/ Community Management of Acute Malnutrition).
World Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGINE participated in the five-day workshop on the World Bank NNP implementation mission to Ethiopia
ENHNRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGINE was part of the two-day consultative and planning workshop on effective modalities to improve pregnant women's compliance to daily iron-folate supplementation organized by the Ethiopian Health and Nutrition Research Institution (EHNRI).

- In the SNNP region, ENGINE attended a Sidama zonal performance review meeting about strengthening partnership with key stakeholders working in the region such as

the Integrated Family Health Program (IFHP), IntraHealth, World Health Organization, Médecins Sans Frontières, Plan International, and Ethiopia Red Cross Society. The objective of the meeting was to coordinate activities and submission of reports and synchronize trainings given by the different partners. In Amhara region, ENGINE participated in two of the region's Nutrition and Health Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings with the agenda of avoiding duplication of resources by collaborating efforts to bring about a sustainable reduction in malnutrition. As such, ENGINE reported its performance for the months of April and May 2012 and shared its June workplan with the TWG. In Oromia, ENGINE also initiated partnership with Plan international and IFHP at the zonal level.

Meeting with Multi-Sector Bureaus

Agriculture: During this reporting period, the ENGINE livelihood team held a meeting with the Federal Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), Extension Directorate, and AGP coordination unit; and also with the Amhara and SNNPR Bureau of Agriculture, AGP coordination unit. The objectives of these meetings were to establish coordination and resolve any implementation issues. As a result, the MOA has provided feedback on the draft MOU and discussions are underway for signing the MOU by the fourth quarter.

Health: The ENGINE COP held a meeting with State Minister of FMOH and briefed him on the status of project implementation and mechanisms to support the FMOH on revising the NNP and finalizing the FMOH plan of action for nutrition. The State Minister provided ENGINE with guidance in preparing a blended and harmonized nutrition training package for facility-based health workers, and forwarded the MOU to the legal department for review.

IR1: Capacity for and institutionalization of nutrition programs and policies

IR1.1: Strengthened policy environment

Planned Activities:

- Provide support for revision of the National Nutrition Program (NNP).
- Revitalize the National Nutrition Communication Technical Working Group (NNCWG).
- Conduct desk review of human resources (HR) needed for nutrition coordination and implementation.
- Revise and update PROFILES Advocacy tool.

Accomplishments:

ENGINE has been instrumental in contributing to several high level nutrition policy decisions and initiatives through representation on the National Nutrition Program (NNP) revision team, Nutrition Technical Working Group (NNTWG), National Nutrition Committee (NNC), National Nutrition Coordinating Body (NNCB), National Nutrition Communication Working Group (NNCWG), National Food Fortification Task Force, and participation in national and regional technical capacity building trainings.

Provide support to revision of Policies, guidelines and standards: The ENGINE COP and Senior Policy and Capacity building Advisor are members of the NNP revision core committee and provide technical support and active participation in the NNP compilation and finalization process, including mainstreaming gender into the NNP. ENGINE also contributes to the national school nutrition program by representing ENGINE and FMOH on the working group to develop the National School Health and Nutrition (SHN) strategy. As a result, the draft SHN document has been submitted to the Minister for Education (MOE) for review and approval.

Support revitalization of the National Nutrition Committee (NNC) with clear TORs/MOUs for roles and responsibilities of each sector: Working with (Renewing Efforts Against Child Hunger) REACH, ENGINE coordinated the first National Nutrition Coordinating Body (NNCB) meeting held on April 17, 2012 in Addis Ababa to facilitate effective multi-sectoral nutrition coordination and linkages at the national level. It was chaired by His Excellency State Minister for Health and other sector State Ministers; and included representatives from the United Nations (UN) Cluster lead; Health, Population, and Nutrition (HPN) Co-Chairs, academia, and media. The meeting was successful in endorsing the NNCB terms of reference (TOR) in influencing the GOE to join the Scaling-up Nutrition (SUN) movement.

Revitalize the National Nutrition Communication Working Group: ENGINE supported the FMOH in successfully revitalizing the National Nutrition Communication Working Group (NNCWG). This committee was established in the second quarter to comprehensively address nutrition communication, social mobilization, and advocacy in the revised NNP and ensure effective coordination and harmonization of nutrition communication and advocacy materials and tools at all levels. In this third quarter, the NNCWG conducted its third meeting with the FMOH as chair, as well as the Public Relation and Communication Directorate, and other sector Ministers communication experts (MOA, MOE and MWYCA), representatives from ENGINE, EVERYONE Campaign Ethiopia, UNICEF, Alive and Thrive, and the Micronutrient Initiative (MI).

Technical support for national food fortification: ENGINE's Senior Policy and Capacity building Advisor was nominated to be the focal point and coordinator for the National Food Fortification task force, signifying ENGINE's contribution to the NNP and the Government of Ethiopia (GOE). ENGINE also provided technical support for a national workshop on Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) facilitated by the FMOH in Hawassa from May 29-31, 2012.

Participation in the capacity building activities for FMOH and program staff at national and regional levels: In order to create a critical mass of trainers at national and regional levels to improve the management of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM), ENGINE, through its Senior Policy and Capacity Building Advisor, has participated in this capacity building activity by being a trainer in the first training of trainers (TOT) on a six-day SAM case management workshop using a harmonized training module organized by the FMOH jointly with World Health Organization and UNICEF. Thirty-two participants attended this high level training in Hawassa on May 14, 2012 representatives from FMOH, RHBs, different regional and referral hospitals, universities, regional health science colleges, UNICEF regional offices, Save the Children USA country and regional offices, and World Health Organization country office.

Conduct desk review of HR needed for nutrition coordination and implementation:

This activity was rescheduled for the fourth quarter because of overlapping activities in the third quarter.

Revision and updating of Policy Advocacy Tool: Over the past three months, ENGINE made several attempts to obtain the PROFILES software from the FMOH to revise and update the tool using the latest Demographic and Health Survey information, but the FMOH was unable to locate the database. To overcome this obstacle, ENGINE reached out to the COP of the newly awarded USAID-funded FANTA-3 project – who initially developed the Ethiopia PROFILES software with the FMOH – for assistance in locating and revising the tool. After the tool has been revised, ENGINE will collaborate closely with the FMOH and FANTA-3 to develop the policy and advocacy approach for disseminating the findings.

IR1.2: Pre-service and in-service nutrition training for healthcare agents strengthened

Planned activities:

- Conduct Standard Based Management and Recognition (SBM-R) module I training for 12 pre-service education (PSE) target institutions.
- Assist SBM-R baseline assessments and conduct feedback meetings in all project institutions.
- Conduct a nutrition forum for graduating students.

- Develop standards for nutrition education for health and agriculture cadres.
- Complete the ENGINE PSE baseline assessment report.
- Develop/adapt nutrition competencies for agriculture workers and health care cadres.
- Conduct technology assisted (ModCAL) effective teaching skills trainings for health and agriculture institutions.
- Identify needs for educational materials and technologies (audio-visuals, skills learning equipment, Information, Communication, and Technology (ICT) materials/ installation, etc).
- Develop a training package for nutrition program managers.

Accomplishments:

Implement performance and quality improvement processes to strengthen nutrition education: During the third quarter, ENGINE focused its activities on the quality of nutrition education in health and agriculture targeted institutions. The Standards Based Management and Recognition (SBM-R) process was initiated at 12 pre-service education (PSE) project institutions. SBM-R module I training was given for instructors (faculties) of nutrition education, deans, and school heads of each institution in three rounds. A total of 73 (17 Female, 56 Male) participants attended the training, which is above what was planned for the quarter (48). This is with due consideration of the current level of staff turnover, anticipating a similar trend will occur in the coming four years, and several of the institutions proposed to have more staff to be trained. The trainings were given in Hawassa for Universities, in Bishoftu for agriculture Technical and vocational education and training (TVET) colleges, and in Axum for regional health science colleges. In all three rounds of training, participants critically reviewed the SBM-R tool in groups and came with detailed comments for plenary discussion. Finally, the training was concluded with the inclusion of agreed upon comments on the tool and each school agreed to measure its progress using the SBM-R tool uniformly. Following the SBM-R module I training, a baseline assessment using the SBM-R tool and feedback meeting was conducted at each institution with the assistance of ENGINE PSE advisors. In the feedback meetings, participants identified their institutional gaps, conducted an analysis of the gaps, and prepared an action plan with timelines, using the elements of the SBM-R core competencies (see Annex IV: Sample action plan for Hawassa). These capacity building exercises will help to sustain the nutrition education quality in the 12 institutes.

Strengthen the curriculum for nutrition education and support efforts of stakeholders on nutrition programs: During this reporting period, ENGINE has developed a draft nutrition core competency document for health cadres (TVET and B.Sc. level). The first draft

was submitted to relevant experts for review will be finalized and ready for use in the fourth quarter.

In addition, ENGINE has organized and conducted a half-day nutrition forum for graduating class students and staff of the College of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Gondar. The forum was intended to familiarize graduating students and staff with the NNP, existing nutrition interventions, and to create a forum to openly discuss important nutrition issues. Participants were excited about the forum and suggested such a forum should continue in the future. The forum was attended by a total of 328 participants from the College community on June 29, 2012.

Enhance instructional capacity and create an enabling environment for nutrition education: Last quarter, effective teaching skills using ModCAL was carried out in ENGINE PSE institutes (health and agriculture). This quarter, ENGINE started the process of identifying the necessary educational materials and technological needs of the target institutions such as audiovisuals, skills learning equipments/set up, and Information Communication and Technology (ICT) assessment. This activity will continue in the next quarter and the final list of nutrition educational materials and technologies will be known for purchasing and support.

Strengthen nutrition service provision through in-service training and supervision: To increase and support the supervision skills of woreda and regional nutrition program managers, ENGINE adopted a training material from Jhpiego's "Training skills and supportive supervision course" material. This course will be a nutrition ToT course for woreda and regional managers, which will be cascaded in the ENGINE implementation years and form a critical mass of trainers for integrated supportive supervision in the regions where ENGINE is working. The course is designed taking into consideration the busy schedule of managers. The three-day training skills course will follow a basic nutrition training/course. The training materials will be finally ready early in the fourth quarter and training will be done in the same quarter.

In this quarter, the ENGINE PSE baseline assessment report was finalized. The baseline assessment has captured relevant information regarding the current performance of nutrition departments/units in line with the identified ENGINE PSE indicators. The report comprises background, purpose, methods, key findings, summary, and recommendations (see Annex V: Summary Report of PSE Baseline assessment).

IR2: Quality and delivery of nutrition and health care services improved

IR2.1: Quality of nutrition services strengthened

Planned activities:

- Provide nutrition and health training for Health Extension Worker (HEW) supervisors.
- Provide Integrated Refresher Training (IRT) and on-the-job nutrition and health training for HEWs.
- Conduct joint supportive supervision with government staff at different levels.
- Support regular government staff supportive supervision activities.
- Conducting training on coaching and mentoring for HEWs supervisors and woreda managers.
- Conduct SBCC material mapping exercises and analyze target audiences for health and agriculture workers.
- Conduct SBCC material review and update workshop.
- Print and distribute existing IYCF and maternal nutrition SBCC materials to ENGINE woredas.

Build the capacity of health facility staff and frontline workers to provide high quality services: Using its training materials from the second quarter – with the addition of gender as a critical cross-cutting component of the curriculum — ENGINE provided several TOT on Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition counseling (MIYCN) for health workers (nurses, physicians, health officers) from cluster health centers as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: MIYCN Training for Health Workers by region and sex

Training type	Amhara			Oromia			Tigray			SNNP			ENGINE total		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	total
MIYCN TOT for HWs	-	-	-	14	8	22	-	-	-	42	19	61	56	27	83
MIYCN training	64	52	116	42	23	65	91	22	113	-	-	-	197	97	294
IYCN TOT for MSG facilitators and mentors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	25	37
Grand Total													265	149	414

In addition to the MIYCN trainings given to HWs and Agriculture Extension Workers (HEWs), ENGINE has made significant progress toward integrating nutrition into existing HIV/AIDS programs. ENGINE plans to integrate nutrition into current HIV/AIDS programs within health centers in operational woredas. This is strategized in collaboration with the Management Sciences for Health (MSH's) Ethiopian Network for HIV and AIDS Treatment, Care, and Support (ENHAT-CS) project which could be a potential area to bring more change in mothers who are either HIV positive or negative. As a result, ENGINE has given a two-day training on MIYCN to Mother Support Group (MSG) facilitators' from both ENGINE woredas and health facilities and MSH's ENHAT-CS sites. The training was given to 33 facilitators/trainers (including participation from the Peace Corps) in Addis Ababa from June 12-13, 2012 (See Table 2). Trainees are expected to cascade this training to the MSGs in their respective regions. Once the training is cascaded to the MSGs, ENGINE will ensure that nutrition is integrated into the MSG program through joint supportive supervisions. Trainees were from government offices (regional health bureaus, worked health offices, and health centers), and MSH's ENHAT-CS project. As part of TOT training, ENGINE adapted counseling cards to be used by MSG mentor mothers during their regular discussions with support group members. In the fourth quarter, ENGINE will provide follow-up support to cascade the training to MSGs in each region.

Support IRT for health workers and HEWs: In the third quarter, ENGINE supported the rollout of Integrated Refresher Training (IRT) to HEWs in Amhara and Oromia. ENGINE has supported a total of 313 IRT trainees in the third quarter (See table 3 below). The post training follow-up has started and will continue in the fourth quarter.

Table 3: Summary of IRT Rollout Trainings by Region and Sex

Region	Sex Disaggregation		Total
	Male	Female	
Amahara	20	102	122
Oromia	115	76	191
Grand total	135	178	<u>313</u>

Since Tigray region already covered IRT trainings through other resources, ENGINE is working closely with key stakeholders to fill other gaps as needed. For example, upon the request of woreda health authorities, ENGINE provided 2790 Health Development Army (HDA) volunteers with stationary materials as part of their logistical training support. Since ENGINE was recently launched in SNNPR, IRT support is planned for next quarter.

Training of AEWs and DAs on nutrition topics (MIYCN) supported at woreda level: As shown in Table 4, ENGINE conducted MIYCN TOT for agricultural extension workers (AEWs), Development Agents (DA's), and other education experts in Amhara, SNNPR, and

Oromia. The TOT included practical sessions on how to prepare meals for mothers and children using a variety of affordable local and nutrient-dense foods. The AEW trainings will be cascaded to DAs' at the kebele level with a focus on nutritional counseling and preparation of food in the regions in the fourth quarter. Also, in response to a request from the Shirka WorHO in Oromia, a cooking demonstration session was conducted for 99 HDAs to promote MIYCN on June 27, 2012. ENGINE has fully supported with the necessary inputs and organized the demonstrations sessions in collaboration with key stakeholders.

Table 4: Summary of MIYCN training for AEWs and DA's by Region and Sex

Training type	Region and sex									ENGINE's total		
	Amhara			Oromia			SNNP					
	M	F	Tot	M	F	Total	M	F	total	M	F	Total
MIYCN TOT	38	2	40	0	0	0	12	7	19	50	11	61
MIYCN roll out training	323	62	385	647	134	781	0	0	0	970	196	1166
Grand total												1227

Support regular government staff supportive supervision activities: ENGINE has supported regional joint supervision in Amhara, Tigray, and Oromia organized by the respective Regional Health Bureaus (RHBs). The supervision was conducted in May and June in Amhara and Tigray regions over a period of two weeks. ENGINE provided technical assistance and some financial support for travel costs. In both regions, ENGINE has technically participated in overall health and nutrition supervision. In Oromia, Joint supervision was conducted in five woredas and will be scaled-up in next quarter.

Conduct mapping of nutrition services in ENGINE woredas to develop service directory for referral and linkages: Nutrition stakeholder mapping was started in the second quarter and completed for Amhara, SNNP, and Oromia regions. This quarter, ENGINE finalized the mapping of nutrition services in Tigray and the required data is available for program planning and implementation.

Improve tools used by frontline health and agriculture workers to promote nutrition: To jumpstart the SBCC activities, while the formative research and strategy development process are being undertaken, ENGINE has supported the production and use of readily available BCC tools for HEWs, HWs, and AEWs developed by the USAID-funded Infant and Young Child Nutrition (IYCN) and Alive & Thrive projects. ENGINE has reprinted 11,000 IYCF BCC materials and 5000 Amharic quick reference books from Alive & Thrive in the third quarter. Of which, 2775 quick reference books, 1000 posters, and 90 counseling cards were distributed to Amhara region. The other regions will receive the materials next quarter.

IR2.2: Health and nutrition service seeking behaviors increased

Planned Activities:

- Conduct desk review research and inventory of existing nutrition communication materials and resources.
- Conduct community conversations and identify key community groups and change agents.
- Design and conduct formative qualitative research.
- Gather and review existing materials for micronutrients at "select" health centers and health posts.
- Develop/adapt SBC materials for community mobilization efforts to educate about the role of micronutrients

Accomplishments:

ENGINE supported and strategically integrated nutrition into the third annual Save the Children “EVERYONE Campaign” run which took place in Hawassa on May 6, 2012. The campaign featured the nutritional theme: “*Let’s fight Child malnutrition*” and optimal nutritional behaviors were promoted through a mobile SBCC team in Hawassa and national media coverage. ENGINE held a press conference with journalists from local and national radio and television stations and wrote a press release to encourage journalists to promote dietary diversity to improve maternal and child nutrition.

Conduct desk review research and inventory of existing nutrition communication materials and resources: Many of the SBCC activities, including the desk review, were re-programmed because of sub-prime start-up delays and difficulty in hiring and retaining a SBCC Advisor. To assist the SBCC team, ENGINE organized a visit by SC-US Senior Technical Advisor and Headquarters Technical Backstop, who has extensive SBCC experience in Ethiopia, to provide technical assistance in reviewing and providing feedback on existing tools and materials. As a follow-up to her visit, ENGINE has initiated a systematic and detailed desk review of the nutrition BCC materials, developed a SBCC mapping tool, conducted mapping exercises, and a target audience analysis.

Conduct community conversations and identify key community groups and change agents: ENGINE finalized the Request for Proposal (RFP) for NGOs to conduct community conversations (CCs), TOTs, and training of community change agents. This activity was originally planned for 30 woredas covering all four regions. However, ENGINE has re-programmed this activity to meet the unique regional needs of targeted communities. As such, ENGINE will pilot the CC activities in a phased approach starting in 10 woredas from

the four regions; refine the approach based on field test results; and then scale-up to the remaining 20 woredas. Next quarter, ENGINE and the selected NGOs will begin training workshops and CCs in 10 woredas using adapted CC training materials and tools developed by UNICEF and Alive & Thrive.

Design and conduct formative qualitative research: JHU-CCP drafted the formative desk review, concept note, and RFP. Based on technical feedback received by ENGINE and SC-US about the scope and the direction of the research, JHU-CCP will finalize the formative research by next quarter.

Educate on best practices concerning micronutrient supplementation: After the formative research is completed and SBCC strategy developed, ENGINE will develop best practices for promoting micronutrient supplementation.

IR2.3: Increased access to Health and nutrition service

Planned activities:

- Support development/adaptation of referral forms and integration of services.
- Support CHD for ENGINE woredas.
- Establishing CMAM sites and support distribution of CMAM guidelines and job aids.
- Provide training on Nutrition Assessment Counseling and Support (NACS) to HCs and MSGs.

Accomplishments:

Strengthen referral system and access to essential supplies within maternal and child health services

Support development/adaptation of referral forms and integration of services: This activity is under discussion with partners such as FBP about practical ways to integrate services and their referral, which is planned to be conducted in the fourth quarter.

Support CHD for ENGINE woredas: ENGINE has financially supported the Oromia region for Child Health Days (CHD) and Enhanced Outreach Strategy (EOS) transition workshops. ENGINE also supported CHDs in Tigray region to provide Vitamin A and deworming for children under-five. ENGINE is committed to supporting CHDs and tracking coverage in all four regions next quarter.

Establish 21 CMAM sites in collaboration with UNICEF and FBP: ENGINE conducted a preliminary assessment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) in ENGINE woredas. Based on the results, three woredas were identified as having high SAM prevalence and next quarter ENGINE will begin preparations and trainings to establish CMAM sites in these high risk areas (Shirka, Agarfa and Lemu na Bilbilo). ENGINE may decrease the number of CMAM sites because of supply issues (see challenges section).

Strengthen integration of Nutrition into HIV/AIDS services: ENGINE is supporting the integration of nutrition into MSG sites of the Ethiopia Network for HIV/AIDS Treatment, Care, and Support (ENHAT-CS). (See capacity building activity above). Work is underway to harmonize M&E tools and logbooks for nutrition and HIV/AIDS services. As part of this effort, ENHAT-CS has participated in MIYCF training for MSGs. Following this training, ENHAT-CS will incorporate nutrition into their monthly mentorship program to support MSGs in their operational areas. ENGINE has also supported MSH with the provision of IYCN counseling card for MSGs. This collaborative effort will continue in the next quarter.

IR 3: Improved Prevention of undernutrition through community based nutrition care and practices

IR3.1. Improved maternal, IYCF knowledge and practices

ENGINE provided refresher and supplementary training and counseling tools to HEWs, AEWs, and DA's to counsel mothers and caretakers on maternal, IYCF knowledge, and practices (see IR2.1 capacity building section).

ENGINE has also performed preliminary research on demographics, radio stations, and radio programs in the four regions to draft a talk show concept paper. ENGINE is in the process of finalizing the radio concept note which contains a series of radio dramas with radio talk programs. The content of the radio dramas will be shaped by the formative research findings and SBCC overall strategy to be developed next year.

Furthermore, ENGINE is working with local celebrity, Chachi Tadesse, as an ambassador for nutrition. Chachi provided MIYCF messages during the Everyone Campaign event to a crowd of more than 2,000 people in Hawassa town from May 5-6, 2012 (see IR 2.2). The campaign called for attention to key MIYCF actions for pregnant women, mothers and children. The messages were delivered to a youth group who acted out messages in an impromptu street-theater performance. In addition, ENGINE held a contest for women that awarded them for creating nutritious plates of food, which displayed a diverse diet. Chachi delivered messages on nutrition during the contest, reinforcing the healthy choices that were made. Local nutrient-rich foods were provided during the contest and given as prizes.

IR3.2: Access to food and economic strengthening opportunities through programming and cross sectoral linkages increased

Planned activities:

- Set-up and orient targeting committee including all concerned partners.
- Identify women beneficiaries & organize women groups on common needs.
- Train women groups in business development and technical skills.
- Provide financial, technical, material, and infrastructural supports to address their strategic needs of women groups.
- Identify FTCs and schools for demonstration purposes.

Accomplishments:

Apply economic strengthening (ES) interventions to meet households' needs

Set-up and orient targeting committee including all concerned partners in ENGINE

woredas: This activity was carried out during the third quarter in Oromia, Amhara, Tigray and SNNP regions and all concerned parties were informed about the selection criteria and the kind of nutrition-sensitive technical and financial support ENGINE will provide households, interest groups, schools, and FTCs. This has led to the careful selection of the target groups for the livelihood and economic support of ENGINE in all regions. The kebele and woreda administrative and woreda offices of agriculture have been involved in this process in order to address the issue sustainably using the government structure of AGP. The selection and group formation followed the AGP community level participatory planning (CLIPP) approach based on targeting developed for this purpose.

Identify women beneficiaries and organize women groups on common needs: Using the CLIPP approach, beneficiaries and groups were supported in their need identification and procurement of required items in most regions and this support will continue in the fourth quarter. Training on business development and technical skills for 73 poultry beneficiaries has been provided in poultry management training that includes poultry feeding and care, marketing, and using the poultry product for household nutrition. The table below shows the distribution of ENGINE's economic and livelihood support by region. In SNNPR, beneficiaries have not yet been selected because the project was recently launched in May.

Table 5: Summary of the distribution of beneficiaries and groups formed for ES/Livelihood activities by region

Groups/beneficiaries	Amhara	Oromia	Tigray	SNNP	Grand Total
Women groups	20	34	8	-	112
Vulnerable households	550	847	345	-	1742
FTCs	20	34	8	-	62
School gardens	14	34	8	-	56

Identify FTCs and schools for demonstration purposes: Except in SNNP region, all regions have selected two FTCs and two school garden demonstration sites per respective woredas totaling 62 FTCs and 56 schools. For these sites, selections of agricultural technologies were also identified. In Tigray region, farm tools were provided to schools and FTCs. In all regions, agricultural inputs for the demonstration plots were identified and the purchase of the inputs underway especially in Oromia and Tigray.

Facilitate effective approaches to small scale horticulture and animal production to increase access to food for the most vulnerable households:

Selection of beneficiaries in homestead production of vegetables, root crops & fruits:

A total of 1742 most vulnerable households (50 households per kebele per woreda) were part of this activity in the four regions. To be included, beneficiaries or households needed to be willing to devote a plot of land for the homestead production purpose. In the selection of these most vulnerable households, priority was given to areas where small irrigation schemes were available to ensure production throughout the year and to focus on vegetables, root crops, and fruits that suit with the agro-ecology conditions. ENGINE will support the selected households with vegetable seeds, fruit seedlings, agricultural hand tools, and extension services from the DA's in the respective kebeles. In Oromia region, more than 80% of the households have prepared their backyards plots for gardening activities.

Selection of beneficiaries for provision of productive livestock: Those households selected for homestead vegetable production will also be covered under this activity to bring the required impact of nutrition and income to the household. As a result, households were provided with productive livestock (see Table 6 below) such as poultry, goats, and sheep. ENGINE is working to ensure the supply of these livestock by discussing with agricultural research centers and universities across the regions and the nation.

Table 6: Distribution of Productive Livestock by Groups and Households in Tigray

Type of Cooperative	No. of Groups	# of Households
Pure Goats	4	38
Pure Sheep	1	10

Mixed (Shoats)	1	4 members goats & 6 members sheep
Total	6	58

In addition to shoats, heifers were considered for an ENGINE livelihood intervention. However, as learned from AGP, heifers require costly feed and maintenance especially during the rainy season. As a result, ENGINE is developing a new livelihood and economic strengthening implementation modality considering household risk and utilization, training needs, required inputs, supply chain issues, and other factors of importance.

Field Implementation: During the third quarter, the ENGINE livelihood team conducted a field visit to 26 woredas in the four regions to monitor the livelihood activities and provide technical guidance. The team found that Kebele development committee, DA's, HEWs, and woreda officials of agriculture have successfully used the AGP targeting criteria to identify the women groups, vulnerable households, FTCs, and schools.

Site visits to agricultural research centers and universities: The livelihood team held meetings with agricultural research centers and universities to assess the availability of agricultural technologies and practices that could be recommended for small holder farmers specifically in regard to vegetables, fruits, and poultry production. Sites visited included Holeta, Melkassa, Debrezeit, Hawassa, and Wondo Genet agricultural research centers and Hawassa and Jimma.

IR4: Rigorous and innovative learning agendas adopted

IR4.1: Design and delivery of a research strategy

Planned Activities:

- Work with research team on development of draft 1(research partnership) of a research strategy.
- Develop and finalize research strategy/questions and roles/responsibilities.
- Establish research group(s) including PI/Co-PI for each study prioritized.

Accomplishments:

Establish research group(s) including PI/Co-PI for each study prioritized and finalize research strategy: Following the identification of operations research (OR) questions in the second quarter, discussions have continued between ENGINE and the research partners (Hawassa University, Jimma University, and EHNRI). Some of the accomplishments of this quarter were:

- Each research partner has discussed internally and with ENGINE on the role and responsibilities to be assumed in the research process. The sub-agreement with each partner will be signed in the fourth quarter.
- ENGINE has supported research partners in identifying their specific interest and helped to form functional teams that will guide the research efforts of the partners. A lead researcher from each partner, whose name will be in the subcontract agreement, will be responsible for communication on the research study during the design and protocol development.
- During this quarter, work plans have been developed for ENGINE research activities with each research partner (**See Annex VI:**).

Follow-up Operations Research (OR) activities of local research partners

EHNRI: A working group has been formed with members from EHNRI, Tufts University-ENGINE, Save Children-ENGINE, and FMOH to support EHNRI staff to move forward with the sub-agreement and the Nutrition Policy Research study (one of the thematic areas identified during March 2012 meeting). During the third quarter, the working group has ensured that the nutrition policy question and three other questions were included in the annual work plan of EHNRI. EHNRI will lead the Nutrition Policy Research because of its central location and as a leading government institution in nutrition research and policy formulation.

Hawassa University: On June 7, the ENGINE research team visited Hawassa University and met with the Head of the Institute of Nutrition, Food Science, and Technology and discussed the sub-contract agreement and how to move forward with the ENGINE research questions and support to their MSc. and Ph.D. students. During this meeting, implementation modalities and procedures for assigning project PI's and or Co-PI's were agreed upon.

Jimma University: During this quarter, ENGINE has discussed moving forward with the sub-agreement and OR questions. Two research protocols on acute malnutrition (severe acute malnutrition and moderate acute malnutrition) were discussed and protocols are now being further refined and budgets checked before final validation.

MSc Thesis support in four Universities in Ethiopia: During the third quarter, ENGINE started supporting GOE capacity building efforts to have trained health and nutrition professionals in the country. ENGINE plans to financially and technical support three to five graduate student's MSc thesis in each of four universities (Jimma, Hawassa, Gondar and Haromaya) in the area of nutrition and nutrition-related themes or linking agriculture and nutrition. Collaborating universities were identified, consulted, and MOU's were signed

between ENGINE and the universities. According to the agreed implementation procedure, two out of four universities have submitted MSc thesis proposals to ENGINE for review. ENGINE has developed selection criteria and designated a panel of experts to review and screen the proposals.

IR4.2: Develop and manage an innovative documentation and dissemination strategy and M&E system

Planned activities

- Conduct ENGINE baseline survey data collection and preliminary analysis.
- Provide TA to GOE in integration of nutrition indicators into the HMIS and development of national information system.
- Integrate M&E trainings with ENGINE program components.
- Finalize the M&E tools for the program.
- Conduct quarterly supportive supervision at facility and community levels.
- Implement orientation/training on data collection, analysis, and use to WorHOs, health facilities, and ENGINE staff.
- Develop quality Improvement framework for nutrition services.

Accomplishments:

Baseline survey data collection and analysis: In quarter three, ENGINE has secured ethical clearance from Tufts University, Oromia and Amhara regions, and seeking the last one from SNNP which was submitted during this third quarter. The final baseline survey design document was submitted to USAID this same quarter. In preparation for survey data collection, three survey managers were trained from May 14-18 by two Valid International experts, covering topics such as contextualizing the questionnaire, coverage survey techniques, questionnaire piloting, sampling methodologies, logistical planning, and data entry / analysis. The survey data collectors (15) were recruited and then trained for two weeks. The training took place in the field (Woliso woreda) and involved a combination of theoretical and practical sessions. The questionnaire was significantly modified according to feedback from the pilot testing, and in-depth supervision was given on questionnaire delivery, sampling techniques, case-finding for the coverage survey and anthropometry best practices. The database for all data entry was completed.

The survey started on June 4, 2012. Two woredas have been completed (Becho and Karsa/Malima in Oromiya region). The survey analysis findings will be shared when sufficient number of woredas is covered. A reporting format for the baseline survey is near completion which will allow fast production of woreda-by-woreda level results, highlighting the key statistics in tables, graphs and charts.

Support and provide technical assistance to FMOH and WorHOs with the integration of nutrition indicators into the HMIS: This activity was re-programmed to the second year because the FMOH has not yet included nutrition indicators into the routine HMIS.

Conduct quarterly supportive supervision at facility and community levels: At the regional level, ENGINE has participated in the joint supportive supervision in Amhara (one), Tigray (two), and Oromia (one) regions. It has supported the regional states with fuel and technical assistance during the supportive supervision. It has also conducted its own district level supervision through program officers, national office staff, and senior management of ENGINE. Extensive visits have been made by the livelihood team to 26 woredas using a structured checklist. The health and nutrition team has also developed a supervision checklist which is in use by regional ENGINE staff. ENGINE woredas are supported to include nutrition issues in their supervision tools. This activity is planned to continue in the fourth quarter with post training follow-up.

The ENGINE management team visited Amhara, Oromia, and Tigray field sites during this quarter (see project monitoring table). The team provided feedback to ENGINE regional and zonal health and agriculture offices and visited FTCs, women groups, health posts, health centers, and WorHOs. The ENGINE central M&E team made a field visit in Amhara and Oromia regions. During those visits, WorHOs data personnel were encouraged to analyze data using MS Excel, and discussions were held on how to increase the use of data for programmatic decision making.

Conduct review meetings at the woreda and regional level: This activity is planned for most ENGINE woredas in Amhara and Oromia next quarter. However, ENGINE has supported a nutrition performance review meeting in Oromia, which took place from June 28-July 1, 2012 through a cost sharing mechanism. In addition, ENGINE supported IRT performance review meetings in SNNP by supporting Kaffa, Gurage, Silte, Sidama and Gedio zones. In Tigray and Oromia regions, ENGINE has been involved in woreda planning activities of the respective regions and providing technical support to the GOE.

M&E tools development and checklists: ENGINE has developed data collection tools and the tools have been piloted in Amhara and Oromia regions and are ready for starting data collection from the field. ENGINE has drafted a monitoring checklist for its programmatic use as detailed in the quarterly supervision section above and the final checklist will be finalized in August 2012. ENGINE has also identified data elements/indicators not included in the HMIS, but necessary to meet USAID and ENGINE requirements and has integrated this into its monthly and quarterly reporting formats. ENGINE has also developed internal program indicators for tracking of its activities.

Orientation/training on data collection, analysis, and use to WorHOs, health facilities, and ENGINE staff: This activity was postponed until the fourth quarter because ENGINE is still finalizing the performance monitoring plan (PMP) and indicators with FtF and the Mission as well as discussing the M&E training agenda with RHBs. Next quarter, ENGINE will conduct M&E training in Oromia and Amhara regions, and work with Tufts University to establish an effective M&E system for the overall project.

Quality Improvement for nutrition services: ENGINE developed a TOR for Mary-Eve Hammock, Global HIV Advisor/SC-US, to provide QI TA for ENGINE in August/September. Her main task will be to develop a Quality Improvement (QI) assessment tool and methodology for ENGINE. While in Ethiopia, she will develop a road map for implementing the QI process and finalizing the QI framework in collaboration with FBP and other key stakeholders.

Meeting with USAID M&E specialists and the FtF M&E contractor: In order to harmonize its PMP, ENGINE has conducted one meeting with the USAID M&E contractor to discuss the various issues regarding FtF indicators. ENGINE will revise the PMP based on the consensus reached, which will be submitted again in the fourth quarter to USAID.

Cross Cutting:

i) Gender

Planned activities:

- Conduct gender audit assessment.
- Perform gender analysis.
- Gender mainstreaming in ENGINE program including trainings.
- Participate in existing gender TWGs.

Accomplishments:

Identifying key Gender related activities for ENGINE: After a thoroughly revising the ENGINE work plan, the Senior Gender Advisor has identified the opportunities and gaps where gender can be integrated in the ENGINE project. The revised work plan has included the following key activities: conducting a Gender audit, Gender Analysis in selected regions, participating in the revision of guidelines/ manuals to include gender concern, integrating gender concerns in the development of IEC/SBCC materials and Communication strategies of ENGINE, integrating gender in the major planned trainings carried out by ENGINE, integrating gender in livelihood activities of ENGINE, and integrating gender sensitive M&E mechanisms for ENGINE.

Participation in the revision of NNP: In the third quarter, ENGINE, as part the NNP revision, has contributed significantly to the revision of the NNP to make it engendered through the participation of its senior Gender Advisor to make sure that the NNP has addressed gender issues and identifying gender-related indicators. The Gender team has finalized a draft document and indicators on gender to be included in NNP.

Developing a TOR for conducting a Gender Audit: During the third quarter, one of the key gender activities planned was conducting a gender audit in the MOH and MOA, and their decentralized structures. This audit is planned with the intention to identify the opportunities and gaps in these sector offices for integrating gender in relation to their nutrition and livelihood programs in ENGINE operational regions. Accordingly, a draft TOR for the consultancy has been developed, the TOR will be finalized in the fourth quarter and the necessary data will be collected and analyzed to inform the program.

Integrating gender in MIYCN training for Health and Agriculture cadres: In an effort to mainstream gender in the program and address the issue sustainably, ENGINE has integrated gender in all major trainings conducted at national and regional levels, which will be cascaded to the community level. In this effort, gender training was integrated as part of the MIYCN training provided for health workers and agriculture workers from selected zones of SNNPR. The training was given to a total of 61 health workers (42 male & 19 female) and 19 Agriculture Workers (7 female & 12 Male). The gender sessions included: definition of sex and gender, concepts of gender (gender roles, relations, expectations, behaviors); gender analysis and how they can employ these concepts to their daily work, gender mainstreaming and some key strategies that could be employ in their areas to promote gender equality in their nutrition and livelihood programs. Training was assisted by an interactive group work sessions. The training materials are now part of the ENGINE training package.

ii) People with Disabilities (PWD) and ENGINE

ENGINE promoted nutrition messages for children with disabilities at the Day of the African Child advocacy event at the African Union headquarters on June 15, 2012, which highlighted the theme: *The Rights of Children with Disabilities: The Duty to Protect, Respect, Promote and Fulfill*. ENGINE project took part in the opening event by developing nutrition and disability advocacy messages explaining that malnutrition is one of the underlying causes of disability. These messages were displayed on flyers and banners and incorporated into a speech delivered by Chachi Tadesse, a nationally celebrity, who was one of the event organizers and a SC-US Ethiopia ambassador. High level officials from the African Union Commission, ambassadors from African countries, the special advisor to the Ethiopian president, government state ministers from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Women, Children and Youth Affairs were all present, as well as children with disabilities and their parents.

Major Activities planned in the next reporting period (1st July 2012 to 30th September 2012)

IR1: Capacity for and institutionalization of nutrition programs and policies

- Support revitalization of NNC with clear TORs/MOUs for roles and responsibilities of each sector.
- Participate in the development of NNC working document.
- Support revision of the NNP.
- Participate in national nutrition guideline and strategy development, policy document revision, and harmonization.
- Participate in capacity building activities for FMOH and program staff at national and regional levels.
- Represent ENGINE in workshops and meetings.

IR2.1 and 2.3: Quality of nutrition services strengthen

- Desk review for HR.
- Develop training package for nutrition program managers.
- Conduct supportive supervision with government staff at different levels.
- Support regular government staff supportive supervision activities.
- Provide training to HWs on IYCF and CMAM.
- Provide onsite mentoring and post training follow-up for HWs.
- Prepare work plan for next fiscal year.
- Train ENHAT-CS's MSG mentor mothers from ENGINE targeted woredas on the full course of infant feeding in the context of HIV.

- Work with Food by Prescription (FBP) to strengthen mechanisms of community-facility referrals, tracing lost-to-follow-ups for clients receiving nutrition-HIV services.
- Train health workers from Amhara, Tigray, and SNNP regions on MIYCN which includes infant feeding in the context of HIV.
- Revise MIYCN training manual to develop a harmonized IYCN training manual which will be further taken to the FMOH to have a nationally harmonized IYCN training manual.
- Implement quality Improvement for nutrition services through tool development and data collection.

IR 2.2 and 3.1: Improved maternal, IYCF knowledge and practices

- Visit the four regions in July/August to gather additional materials for an in-depth analysis. Distribute remaining reprint materials.
- Finalize formative research concept note and RFP in mid-August for the formative research to begin next quarter.
- Develop the SBCC and Advocacy strategy using results from the formative research.
- Hire NGOs, field test the training of the trainers, training of community change agents, and community conversations in 10 woredas. Develop materials for community mobilization activities.
- Develop an online toolkit for ENGINE nutrition materials/tools.
- Finalize radio talk shows according to formative research results.

IR3.2: Economic strengthening and livelihood planned activities

- Conduct orientation workshop for the zonal coordinators.
- Develop ENGINE livelihood and horticulture modality framework for implementation.
- Provide basic training on horticultural crop production for regional Livelihood and Nutrition Officers and Zonal coordinators organized by MUSHAV.
- Train zonal coordinators on the mapping exercise data collection and M&E tools.
- Finalize economic strengthening mapping.
- Conduct beneficiaries selection process as per the targeting criteria set in woredas where selection process is not started (SNNPR).

IR4: Research and M&E planned activities

- Continue baseline survey data collection and woreda- by-woreda analysis.
- Finalize two research proposals with Jimma University.
- Work with Principle Investigator (PI) #2 on final protocol refinement and study set-up.
- Support university MSc thesis proposals review and implementation.

- Finalize subcontract agreement with research partners – EHNRI, Hawassa, and Jimma Universities.
- Submit proposals for IRB approvals and clearances by September 2012.
- Recruit Assistant Researcher and Research Managers.
- Finalize development of ENGINE M&E tools and data collection formats.
- Start conceptualizing the M&E database.
- Provide baseline survey supportive supervision and progress follow-up.
- Prepare and submit annual report to USAID.
- Conduct quarterly supportive supervision at facility.
- Organize and participate on work planning meeting for year II.
- Develop and pre-test QI tool.