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Acronyms and Abbreviations

CoE	Center of Excellence
COP	Chief of Party
DQA	Data Quality Audits
EMA	Ethiopia Midwives Association
EPHA	Ethiopia Public Health Association
FHI 360	Family Health International
FMOH	Federal Ministry of Health
FP	Family Planning
FY	Financial Year
GOE	Government of Ethiopia
HEW	Health Extension Worker
HMIS	Health Monitoring Informations Systems
HSDP	Health Sector Development Program
HSTP	Health Sector Transformation Plan
IFHP	Integrated Family Health Project
IT	Information Technology
IUCD	Intrauterine Contraceptive Device
JSS	Joint Supporting Supervision
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MCH	Maternal Child Health
MOU	Memoranda of Understanding
NFPCIP	National Family Planning costed Implementaion Plan
PMTCT	Prevention to Mother-to-Child Transmission
RHB	Regional Health Bureau
RHB	Reproductive Health
SNNP	Southern Nations Nationalities People
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WoHO	Woreda Health Office
ZHD	Zonal Health Departments

Executive Summary

The PROGRESS II Project started December 2013 and builds on the successes of the PROGRESS Project. The first part of the year focused on conducting supportive supervision of existing Centers of Excellence (CoEs) in four regions and establishing new CoEs in five regions, including three pastoralist regions. In total the team successfully conducted supportive supervision in 20 woreda health offices and 67 health centers in Southern Nations Nationalities (SNNP), Amhara, Oromia and Benishangul Gumuz regions. The supervision was conducted by Family Health International (FHI 360) staff in collaboration with regional, zonal and woreda health officials. During these visits the team reviewed the readiness of the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) team at the woreda and health center level to use the health monitoring information system (HMIS), including data management and reporting practices. In addition they ensured the Information Technology (IT) equipment and office furniture provided to the CoEs under PROGRESS were in well-functioning order. After each visit, the team debriefed the respective Zonal Health Departments (ZHD) and Regional Health Bureau (RHB) Heads on the findings of the visit, including the support provided to the CoEs.

The PROGRESS II team also held discussions and drafted memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with Somali, Gambella and Afar regions to establish new CoEs. The MOU with Gambella has been finalized early on in the year, the MOU with Somalia was signed in quarter IV, and discussions continue with the Afar RHB. Twelve new CoE woredas have been identified and are in different stages of establishment.

A successful dissemination event highlighting key achievements under PROGRESS was held in Addis Ababa in collaboration with the FMOH and the Amhara RHB in June 2014. Results from the four family planning studies conducted under PROGRESS were presented.

Lastly, FHI 360 has submitted a project proposal to the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) on September 1, 2014 and is currently waiting on the Ministry to give feedback on the planned activities for FY15. FHI 360 has also communicated with the FMOH's Maternal Child Health (MCH) directorate that the PROGRESS II project will support several of the activities the Directorate has planned to carryout in the 2007 Ethiopian Calendar year (FY15).

Background

PROGRESS II is a 4 year Cooperative Agreement funded by 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) M&E capacity of the 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 the goals outlined in the Health Sector Development Program IV (HSDP IV) and the upcoming Health Sector Transformation Plan (HSTP). 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) Support the FMOH to monitor the roll out of the FP Symposium recommendations
- 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. The technical assistance and collaboration focuses on monitoring and evaluating the results of the Implanon[®] and intrauterine contraceptive device (IUCD) interventions. 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 in selected Woredas of Amhara, Oromia, SNNP, Tigray, Gambella, Somalia, Benishangul Gumuz, and Afar regions, while continuing to support the 26 established under PROGRESS. In addition, FHI 360 is mandated by the FMOH to 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 the 2014 fiscal year (FY), specifically highlighting results of the fourth quarter of the FY14 implementation period.

Project Results

Result 1: Enhancing the Monitoring Component of the Centers of Excellence

Refresher Trainings, Training of new M&E staff, Data Quality Audits (DQAs): Due to delayed obligation of funds to PROGRESS II and FMOH project approval many activities were delayed. As a result, no trainings or DQAs were conducted during FY14. However, trainings for Gambella, Somali and Oromia regions that were planned in quarter IV will be conducted in the first quarter of FY15. Moreover, in FY14 the activities that must be completed prior to trainings and DQAs were conducted. These included establishment of new CoEs (including signing of MOUs, conducting baseline assessment, distribution of materials), and the conducting of supportive supervision. These two activities have been the main focus of FY14 while trainings, refresher trainings, DQA, skill transfer visits, and data extraction will be the focus of FY15.

Support M&E trainees to develop individualized action plans: This activity is conducted during training/refresher training. As described above, this activity will be carried out in early FY15.

Family Planning Compliance: During the COE trainings the PROGRESS II team will be covering FP compliance. During supportive supervision the teams evaluated FP compliance at the difference sites as well as provided guidance on the various compliance regulations. See Table 1 for details on sites provided with supportive supervision.

Onsite Supportive Supervision: During FY14, supportive supervision was provided in SNNP, Amhara, Oromia, and Benishangul Gumuz regions. The supportive supervision was conducted in six woredas in SNNP region, six woredas in Amhara region, seven woredas in Oromia region, and one woreda in Benishangul Gumuz region.

Twenty woreda health offices and 67 health centers were visited for supportive supervision and provided with M&E, HMIS support as well as FP compliance (See Table 1 for details). On average each visit included an FHI 360 staff accompanied by one individual from the Woreda Health Office (WoHO), one from the ZHD and one from the RHB. Thus, in addition to FHI 360 staff members, 37 individuals from the WoHO, ZHD and RHB were involved in the 20 CoE woreda visits.

Table 1: COE on-site supportive supervision by region, woreda and health center

Region	Zone	Woreda	Health Centers				Months
Amhara	East Gojjam	Hulet eju enesie	Sedie	Keraniyo	Aweja		March & May, 2014 (QII & QIII)
	South Wollo	Tehuledarie	Hayk	Hara	Sulula		
	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			

Region	Zone	Woreda	Health Centers				Months
	Arsi	Merti	Abomsa	Golgota	Hela	Gora Silingo/ Angada	January, June, & July 2014 (QII, QIII, QIV)
	Noth Shoa	Kuyu	Brity	Dero			
	West Shoa	Chelia	Babich	Gedo			
	Jimma	Limu kosa	Limu Genet	Ambuye	Chime	Babu	
	West Hararge	Habro	Gelemso	Belbeleti	Wachu		
	West Arsi	Adaba	Adaba	Lajo	Gadido	Hako	
SNNPR	Sidama	Dale	Megera	Dagia Shoye	Bera Tedicha	Mesenkela	May, June & July 2014 (QIII & QIV)
	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	
Benishangul Gumuz	Assosa	Bambasi	Bambasi				May 2014 (QIII)

Participation in joint supportive supervision (JSS) visits: PROGRESS II staff members participated in government–led joint supportive supervision at the specific request of the regions. During FY14, at the request of the Oromia Regional Health Bureau, PROGRESS II staff participated in joint supportive supervision of a woreda-based planning held in Dembidolo town in Oromia’s Kelem Wolega zone. In quarter IV PROGRESS II staff also participated in SNNP RHB’s health sectors partner forum and 2006 EFY annual review meeting.

Assist with the development of FP quality of care indicators and assessment tools: During the third quarter a USAID intern drafted a FP quality of care assessment tool that will be refined and finalized in collaboration with the FMOH in FY15.

Increased utilization of data for decision making and sharing of lessons learned: FHI 360 worked with the FMOH and the Amhara RHB to launch four study reports and two research briefs at a dissemination workshop held on June 6, 2014, with presentations from FHI 360 staff as well as colleagues from the FMOH and Amhara RHB. The event was opened by Elizabeth Haytmanek of USAID Ethiopia and Dr. Teodros Bekele, Director of the Maternal and Child Health Directorate of the FMOH.

As part of the commitment to enhance data interpretation and presentation skills, FHI 360 staff worked closely with two representatives from the FMOH and Amhara RHB to analyze data and prepare presentations on two of the reports: the midterm evaluation of the IUCD initiative and a study of postpartum uptake of FP in Amhara Region.

To encourage data use for policy making, many representatives of the FMOH, the Amhara and SNNP RHB, and other implementing partner organizations were invited and attended

the event. The dissemination event also included a comparative look at the status of FP indicators in the past two years and found very encouraging trends.

Result 2: Geographic Coverage of CoEs Increased

At the end of PROGRESS I, 26 CoEs had been established. Under PROGRESS II, plans include the establishment of 14 additional CoEs, extending the geographic coverage in regions where the project is already active, and expanding to new regions. During the year discussions were held with RHBs to facilitate the selection of new CoE woredas in five regions. Of the 14 new CoEs to be established, 12 new CoE woredas were identified. Baseline assessments in each of the 12 woredas and 29 health centers in the catchment areas were completed. Refer to ANNEX 1 for details on CoEs.

As part of the establishment and support of CoE's, the project provides essential basic equipment and supplies for the successful implementation of M&E activities in the CoEs. Procurement of IT materials (e.g., computers), office electronics (e.g., fax machine, printers), and furniture (e.g., office desks and shelves) was completed for six CoE woredas in quarter IV. Moreover in quarter IV IT materials and furniture were delivered to two newly established CoEs: Abay Chomen Woreda in Oromia and Angolela Tera Woreda in Amhara (shown in Table 2 below).

Table 2: Status of New CoE Sites by Region, Woreda, and Health Center

Region	Woreda	Health Centers	Baseline assessment conducted	MOU	Procurement	Distribution	Startup Training
Gambella	Dima	Dima	May 2014	Completed	Completed	June 2014	Sept 29-Oct2 2014
	Goderae	Meti	May 2014	Completed	On process	FY15	
	Lare	Keurgng					
Oromia	Sayo	Duli	June 2014	Completed	On process	FY15	Oct 8-11 2014
		Aleku Dorgome					
		Matta					
		Ano					
	Abay Chomen	Fincha	June 2014	Completed	Completed	Sept. 2014	
		Gaga laga					
		Homi					
Somali	Gursu	Bombasi	May 2014	Completed	On process	FY15	Dec 2014
		Fafen					
	Harshin	Harshin					
		Lankerta					
	Kebribeya	Kebribeya					
		Hartshake					
Werebajiru							
Afar	Dupti	Megenta	June, 2014	Under discussion	Pending	FY15	Dec/Jan 2014
	Hamibara	Andido					
		Worer					
		Awash Arba					
Amhara		Tsigereda	June, 2014	Completed	Completed	Sept. 2014	

Region	Woreda	Health Centers	Baseline assessment conducted	MOU	Procurement	Distribution	Startup Training
	Angolela Tera	Tengego	June, 2014	Completed	On process	FY15	Oct 27-30 2014
		Kotu					
		Chacha					
	Dembia	Kola deba					
		Chuheight					
		Gerargae					
Benshangul Gumuz	Debati	Debati	PROGRESS I	Completed	Completed	Jan 2014	Completed
		Barbera					

Result 3: Continued and Improved Technical Assistance to the FMOH

Mentorship and coaching: At the national and regional level, technical assistance was provided to staff from FMOH and staff from Amhara Regional Health Bureau in analysis and presentation of research results. As a result of this TA and collaboration, a successful dissemination workshop was held on June 6, 2014 in Addis Ababa where studies from four studies were presented and the reports launched. The studies were:

‘The Intra-Uterine Contraceptive Device Revitalization Initiative- Results and Lessons from the Initial Phase’

‘Measuring the Results of the Implanon Scale-up Initiative in SNNP Region’

‘Assessing the relationship between exposure to front line workers and postpartum family planning uptake in Amhara Region’

‘Accelerated plan for scaling up prevention of mother-to-child (PMTCT) transmission services in Ethiopia: Achievements, challenges and opportunities for implementation’

Results from two of the studies, the IUCD and Amhara postpartum FP uptake studies, were presented by FMOH and Amhara RHB representatives respectively.

Two hundred hard copies of each of the IUCD, Implanon and PMTCT reports, and post-partum FP and IUCD research briefs were delivered to the FMOH.

Support evaluation of FP training: FHI 360’s PROGRESS project was mandated by the FMOH to conduct evaluation of FP trainings provided by different partners. In quarter IV of FY14, PROGRESS II staff evaluated the Implanon training provided to health extension workers (HEWs) by the Ethiopian Public Health Association (EPHA) at Nole Kaba woreda, West Wollega zone, Oromia region. In total 40 trainees were evaluated during their model demonstration and field practical attachment sessions, focusing on their counseling and insertion skills.

Work with the FMOH to identify and implement an electronic system to capture and disseminate results on new evidence to program managers: Discussions have been initiated with the FMOH on developing and implementing an electronic system to capture

and disseminate results in a user-friendly manner to encourage data-driven policy and decision making. The initial discussion was held on June 4 with the director of the Information Technology Directorate.

Result 4: Roll-out and M&E of Implementation of Lessons Learned from the FP Symposium Supported

Preparation of National Family Planning Costed Implementation Plan (NFPCIP) documents will be discussed with the FMOH in the coming FY15. The national FP symposium, which would be the basis for this plan was held in November 2012. The usefulness of this exercise or whether this activity should be replaced by another activity more in line with the current needs and plans of the FMOH will be discussed.

Result 5: Support the FMOH in Monitoring and Evaluating the Expansion of Permanent Family Planning Methods

In quarter IV, PROGRESS II has offered the FMOH technical and financial support for the M&E of the permanent FP methods initiative. The launch of the permanent methods initiative is included as part of the FMOH's plan for the 2007 Ethiopian calendar. The details of the support will be discussed and agreed on with the FMOH in the first quarter of FY15.

Result 6: Support to the FMOH's mHealth Initiative

Initial discussions on providing TA to the mHealth initiative have been started. The initial discussion was held on June 4 with the Director of the IT Directorate. As a next step, a meeting will be scheduled with the IT, Maternal & Child Health, and Policy and Planning directorates in early FY15.

Partnership and Coordination

Partnership with Federal Ministry of Health

During the year FHI 360 worked very closely with the Maternal and Child Health Directorate, Policy, Planning and M&E Directorate, Health Information Technology Directorate, and Resource Mobilization Directorate in CoE establishment, M&E training, FP training evaluations, as well as in developing and implementing study protocols, as requested. FHI 360 also participated in the FP and RH/MCH technical working groups of the FMOH. In quarter IV PROGRESS II was part of the meeting of the FP TWG.

Partnership with other Implementing Partner organizations

Our major partner for the PROGRESS II project continues to be the Integrated Family Health Program (IFHP) implemented by JSI and Pathfinder. Among the FP trainings conducted by IFHP, FHI 360 evaluates comprehensive long acting family planning methods training. IFHP shares their quarterly plans and invites FHI 360's technical officers to participate in their planning and review meetings. This established relationship will be used in the FY15 to conduct FP training evaluations. In FY14, FHI 360 has established working relationships with the Ethiopian Public Health Association (EPHA) and the Ethiopian Midwives Association (EMA) to enable us to evaluate FP trainings they provide.

Partnership with Regional Health Bureaus

FHI 360 continues to work very closely with the RHBs of Amhara, Tigray, Oromia and SNNP in the selection of CoE woredas, baseline assessments of the selected sites, distribution of

CoE materials, and conducting supportive supervisions of the CoEs. During FY14 this relationship has been extended to the RHBs of Gambella, Somalia, and Benishangul Gumuz. FHI 360 also participated in the joint supportive supervision activities of the RHBs.

Coordination with other Reproductive Health (RH)/FP Implementing Partners

In previous years, through the technical working groups 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. These other Implementing Partners include Marie Stopes International Ethiopia, EngenderHealth and Ipas. In quarter IV, FHI 360 participated in the FP2020 costing exercise the FMOH is conducting in collaboration with Futures Group.

Technical Assistance/STTA

Technical assistance used during this reporting period is described in the table below.

Source	TA provider	Period	Description
FHI 360 USA	Nancy Lamson	12 June-7 August	To provide overall leadership for the project as Acting Chief of Party

Meredith Maulsby, USAID Summer Intern assigned to PROGRESS II, reported to the FHI 360 office on June 18, 2014. Ms. Maulsby worked with the project team until mid-August 2014 and completed all her assignments.

Moreover, in January 2014 two USAID guests visited the Becho woreda COE in South West Shoa Zone, Oromia region. In quarter IV of FY 14, PROGRESS project staff (Meaza Yirga) participated in USAID's AidTracker training on June 26, 2014.

Challenges and Lesson Learned

Maintaining the project's implementation schedules was a challenge due to the multiple priorities and changes in the activities of the FMOH and the RHBs.

In addition, there were delays in the obligation to PROGRESS II which caused a slow-down of activities planned for the beginning of the project. Moreover, FMOH requested all activities to stop until they could approve the project proposal, we are still waiting approval. However they agreed that we could continue the role out of CoE activities. We are in constant communication with the FMOH to restart all planned activities.

Environmental Compliance

No issues.

Expenditure Report

	USD spent Total FY14
Salaries	164,136
Fringe Benefits	73,808
Consultants	26,928
Travel & Transportation	14,131
Supplies & Equipment	70,031
Other Direct Costs	81,694
Indirect Cost	156,807
Total	587,536

Pipeline

Total USAID fund received	1,571,192
FHI 360 expenditures until September 2014	587,536
Amount remaining as of October 2014	983,656

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 through regular reports and publications. All key publications are led by the FMOH with PROGRESS II providing financial and technical assistance through a capacity building approach.

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	0	0
	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	0
	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	0	0
	Metekel	Debati	Debati	Barbera	0	0

New Sites - PROGRESSII						
Region	Zone	Woreda	HC1	HC2	HC3	HC4
Afar	Awusi	Dubti WHO	Megenta 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			