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List of Acronyms

AMDA	Association of Medical Doctors of Asia
APF	Armed Police Force
ART	Anti-Retroviral Therapy
ASHA	Advancing Surveillance, Policies, Prevention, Care and Support to Fight HIV/AIDS
APRO	Asia Pacific Regional Office
IBBS	Integrated Biological Behavioral Surveillance
CHBC	Community and Home-Based Care
DACC	District AIDS Coordination Committee
DAFT	Design, Finance and Technical
DFID	Department for International Development, UK
DRI	Direct Relief International
EPC	Essential Package of Care
FHI	Family Health International
GFATM	Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
IA	Implementing Agency
IDU	Injecting Drug User
IHS	Integrated Health Services
IMPACT	Implementing AIDS Prevention and Care Project
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MARP	Most At Risk Population
MIS	Management Information System
MoHP	Ministry of Health and Population
MSM	Men having Sex with Men
NCASC	National Center for AIDS and STD Control
N'MARC	Social Marketing and Franchising Project for AIDS, Reproductive Health and Child Survival
NPHL	National Public Health Laboratory
OI	Opportunistic Infection
OVC	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
PLHA	People Living with HIV/AIDS
PMTCT	Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission
QCM	Quarterly Coordination Meeting
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SACTS	STD/AIDS Counseling and Training Services
SBC	Strategic Behavioral Communication
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SRM	Surveillance, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
TUTH	Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VCT	Voluntary Counseling and Testing
WHO	World Health Organization

Executive Summary

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Constraints faced during the reporting period include turnover of key ASHA Project staff member, ongoing political instability and frequent change in government counterparts.

I. Introduction

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The ASHA Project staff members, representatives from USAID Nepal, and the Program Manager from Constella Futures Washington DC, participated in a retreat in June 2007 to begin the process of developing the ASHA Project Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Workplan. The workplan will be completed by September 2007.

II. Program Management

A. Human Resources

New Hires/Resignations

During this reporting period the ASHA Project hired four personnel. Two of these positions were key personnel for the project.

Table 1: New Personnel for ASHA Project (Jan-Jun 2007)

Name	Position Title	Start Date	Remarks
Ms. Jacqueline McPherson	Chief of Party, ASHA	Jun 1, 2007	Key personnel position Previous Deputy Director
Dr. Nirmal Pandey	Senior Policy Advisor	Feb 1, 2007	Key personnel position
Mr. Rajesh Khanal	Field Officer, Mid/Far Western Region	Jan 2, 2007	New position
Mr. Bhagawan Shrestha	Field Officer, Eastern Region	Apr 26, 2007	Replacing Dr. Alka Thaku
Mr. Dhan Jeet Gurung	Gardener	Mar 1, 2007	
Ms. Sarita Thapa Magar	Cleaning Assistant	Mar 1, 2007	

Ms. McPherson replaced Ms. Asha Basnyat as Chief of Party for the ASHA Project, who accepted a post with FHI/Zambia Country Office. Dr Pandey replaced Mr. Bhojraj Pokhrel who resigned from the ASHA Project during the previous reporting period to accept a high level Government post as the Chief Election Commissioner. Mr. Pandey was previously with the National Planning Commission in the Nepal Government.

The ASHA Project began recruitment for a new Deputy Director to replace Ms. McPherson, who previously held this post and on May 31, 2007 assumed her new position as Chief of Party. The recruitment process will be completed by July 2007.

Table 2: Resignations from ASHA Project (Jan-Jun 2007)

Name	Position Title	Resignation Date	Remarks
Ms. Asha Basnyat	Country Director, FHI; Chief of Party, ASHA Project	Jun 1, 2007	Accepted post with FHI Zambia Country Office
Dr. Alka Thaku	Field Officer, Eastern Region	Apr 25, 2007	Left to pursue further studies

Staff Development

ASHA Project staff participated in various professional development activities:

- 3 staff participated in three-day Basic Facilitator Training in Nepal (Institute of Cultural Affairs);
- 4 staff participated in two-day Leadership Training in Nepal (Institute of Cultural Affairs);
- 2 staff participated in five-day Technical Leadership Meeting in Bangkok (FHI);
- 4 staff participated in seven-day exposure trip to visit CHBC sites in India (funded by FHI IMPACT);
- 10 staff participated in computer training to learn Photoshop Software for use in project activities;
- 1 staff participated in the training workshop on improving HIV/AIDS resource allocation : linking Asian Epidemic model and GOALS model in Bangladesh (USAID, FHI, Constella Futures Bangladesh);
- 1 staff participated in a five-day exposure trip to Bangkok to visit programs involving Thailand uniformed services in HIV/AIDS.
- 1 staff participated in seven-day training in Quantification and Pipeline Analysis for HIV/AIDS Commodities provided by the USAID/DELIVER, Supply Chain Management System (SCMS) Project (John Snow Inc./Management Sciences for Health).

B. Partnership Management and Development

The senior staff members from the ASHA Project partners, Family Health International, Constella Futures and Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA)-Nepal, met on a regular basis during this period to coordinate activities. Staff from the Program Unit, Technical Unit and Policy Unit met weekly to discuss program progress, updates and constraints.

A total of 17 new subagreement awards were approved by USAID and signed with IAs during this reporting period. These subagreements are designed and developed through a joint process including representatives from the IAs and a design, finance and technical (DAFT) team from the ASHA Project. Table 3 provides a brief description of each subagreement award including the focus of each subproject and the geographic location. A complete list of all current IAs under the ASHA project with detailed descriptions of each award is given in Annex A.

Table 3: Approved contracts and sub-agreements with Implementing Agencies, Jan - Jun 2007

No	Implementing Agency	Focus	Location
1	Asha Kiran Pratisthan	CHBC Services for PLHA in Kailali District	Kailali
2	Child and Women Empowerment Society	HIV/AIDS Prevention to Care Program in Kaski District	Kaski
3	Dharan Positive Group	Home Based Care and Support Program in Dharan	Sunsari
4	Gangotri Rural Development Forum	CHBC Services for PLHA in Achham District	Achham
5	Jagriti Mahila Sangh	Network Capacity Building for Advocacy	Kathmandu Valley
6	Junkiri Banke	CHBC services for PLHA in Banke District	Banke
7	Manabiya Srot Bikas Kendra Nepal	Capacity Building of Networks in the Western Region	Western Region
8	National Reference Laboratory	Provide laboratory services for Integrated Bio-Behavioral Survey among Men having Sex with Men in Kathmandu Valley	Kathmandu
9	New ERA	Conduct Integrated Bio-Behavioral Survey among IDUs in Kathmandu & Pokhara Valley, Eastern <i>Terai</i> and Western to Far Western <i>Terai</i> ; and MSM in Kathmandu Valley	National
10	Recovering Nepal	Institutional Capacity Building for Recovering Drug Users Network in Nepal	National
11	Sahara Paramarsha Kendra	VCT Counselor Training and Supportive Monitoring of Services	National
12	Sahakarya	Capacity Building of Networks in the Central and Eastern Region	East/Central Regions
13	Sahara Plus	Care and Support Services to PLHA in Kathmandu	Kathmandu
14	Society for Women's Awareness in Nepal	Network Capacity Building for Advocacy	National
15	STD/AIDS Counseling and Training Services (SACTS)	Provide laboratory services for Integrated Bio-Behavioral Survey among IDUs in Kathmandu & Pokhara Valley, Eastern <i>Terai</i> and Western to Far Western <i>Terai</i> ; and MSM in Kathmandu Valley	National
16	Thagil Social Development Association	HIV Prevention and Care Program in Kailali and Kanchanpur Districts	Kailali, Kanchanpur
17	Vijaya Development Resource Center	Capacity Building of Networks in the Far Western Region	Far Western Region

C. Coordination and Collaboration

The ASHA Project collaborates closely with national and local Government institutions and other key stakeholders including donors and civil society. During this reporting period, the ASHA Project senior management staff from FHI, AMDA and Constella Futures conducted joint field visits to the regional sites to formally present the ASHA project and interact with local government officials and IAs working under the ASHA project. Senior managers also presented the ASHA Project to the newly appointed director for the National Center for AIDS and STD Control (NCASC) and the NCASC staff.

In an effort to further increase coordination and collaboration at the regional level, the ASHA Project staff initiated regular quarterly coordination meetings (QCMs) in five locations—Kathmandu, Eastern Region, Central Region, Western Region and Mid/Far Western Region. These QCMs are attended by all ASHA partners, district government officials, USAID representatives, USAID partners and other key donors/stakeholders. During the meetings, stakeholders discuss program progress, program constraints and ways to improve regional coordination and collaboration.

The ASHA Project staff members also collaborate closely with USAID HIV/AIDS partners on an ongoing basis. For example, the Strategic Behavioral Communication (SBC) Specialist provided technical input to the communication committee formed by the Social Marketing and Franchising Project for AIDS, Reproductive Health and Child Survival (N'MARC) /AED to develop new packaging of the existing Panther brand condoms marketed by Nepal Contraceptive Retail Sales Company, and develop a new generic condom campaign.

D. Technical Assistance and International Travel

During this reporting period, the ASHA Project received valuable assistance from 25 local consultants in a number of topic areas including management of anti-retroviral therapy (ART) and opportunistic infections (OI), PMTCT, CHBC, STI case management, SBC, management information systems (MIS) and project management/administration. A list of all local consultants providing technical assistance during this period and their scopes of work is included in Annex B. Technical assistance was also provided to the ASHA Project by FHI Asia Pacific Regional Office from technical specialists in surveillance, STI case management, laboratory services and CHBC. Dr. Suneeta Sharma from Constella Futures also visited Nepal to provide management support and assist Futures initiatives currently in-process, including an assessment of operational barriers and the GOALS model.

Key international travel during this reporting period included an exposure visit for a team of six Armed Police force (APF) personnel and one ASHA project staff member. This team traveled to Bangkok to observe HIV related activities among Thai uniformed services and organizations working with MARPs. In addition to the APF trip, four ASHA staff traveled to Bangkok for training programs. Details of all international travel are included in Annex C.

III. Technical Program Elements (Progress and Results by Results Areas)

Results Area 1: Reduce transmission of HIV/AIDS epidemic through targeted prevention interventions within specific high-risk and vulnerable populations
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- Conducted Safe Highways Program activities for HIV prevention to care along the East West Mahendra Highway in the *Terai* with 12 IAs in 22 districts.
- Conducted HIV prevention to care activities for Female Sex Workers (FSWs), their clients, Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) and PLHA with 8 IAs in Kathmandu Valley, Birgunj and Pokhara cities.
- Conducted HIV prevention to care activities in Far Western Nepal for migrants with 4 IAs in 2 districts. This program is closely linked with the DFID-funded Reaching Across Borders Project implemented in the Far West and India by FHI. Reaching Across Borders built upon the successful Safe Migration Initiative under the USAID-funded FHI/IMPACT Project and IAs from the ASHA Project also provide support to the ART clinical sites supported under DFID.

Results Area 2: Build capacity of Government of Nepal and civil society to manage and implement HIV/AIDS activities and to inform policy formulation at national, local and community levels to reduce stigma and discrimination and enable access to services

Building capacity of Government of Nepal

The ASHA Project provides substantial technical assistance to the Government of Nepal, primarily through the NCASC and National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL). As the efforts towards mainstreaming HIV continues, it is expected that the ASHA Project will expand assistance to other ministries including Ministry of Home, Labor and Education. The following are specific activities completed during this reporting period:

- Provided technical assistance to NCASC for recruitment and selection of staff members to work at NCASC under The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM).
- ASHA Project Senior Management Team participated in a national meeting with key stakeholders to finalize the National HIV/AIDS Action Plan 2006-2008. This plan was endorsed by the Nepal Government.
- Assisted in the facilitation of a Training of Trainers on HIV Diagnosis conducted by the National Public Health Laboratory in collaboration with WHO and using standard WHO curriculum. The ASHA Project Technical Team members were also involved in the curriculum development and planning of the training.
- Provided technical assistance during the UNDP/GFATM-funded two-day training on Logistics Management Training on HIV Test Kits for their implementing partners (30 participants). The training facilitators were from NCASC, UNDP, NPHL and the ASHA Project. The ASHA Project Technical Team facilitated sessions on national testing protocol, waste management, post exposure prophylaxis, logistic needs for VCT sites, transportation and storage of test kits, test kit usage, and recording and reporting system.
- Conducted presentations on a variety of technical topics as outlined in Table 4.
- Provided technical assistance to the NPHL on establishing External Quality Assurance Scheme for HIV testing and guidance on coordination for the scale up of laboratory capacity through the World Bank funded avian influenza project.
- Provided technical assistance to NPHL to conduct a 5-day STI/VCT laboratory training for 13 laboratory technicians. The training included laboratory components of both VCT and STI services.
- The ASHA Project provided critical technical assistance and support to the National HIV/AIDS Program through participation on the following national technical working groups and committees:
 - National Logistics Committee: The ASHA Project Logistics Specialist is a member of both the National Logistics Committee and the National Logistics Task Force and provides technical assistance for forecasting, updating logistics SOP manual, logistics training and management of the ASHA Project supplemental grant to the NCASC for storage and distribution of HIV commodities (implemented through Management Support Services, Ltd.).
 - National Laboratory Technical Working Group: The ASHA Project Technical Unit Head and ASHA Project Laboratory Specialist are key members of this group. The Laboratory Specialist provided technical assistance to review the national HIV testing algorithm and prepare a training curriculum and modules for national laboratory training for Rapid HIV testing and STI testing.
 - National PMTCT Technical Working Group: The ASHA Project ART/OI Specialist provided technical assistance to NCASC on the development of PMTCT guidelines and curriculum and participated in the National PMTCT Review in March 2007.
 - National CHBC Technical Working Group: The ASHA Project, in coordination with NCASC, led a review of the CHBC programs nationwide. The program review team was comprised of representatives from NCASC, USAID, FHI and NGOs working in CHBC in Nepal.

- National Pediatric Technical Working Group: The ASHA Project provided significant technical assistance in the development of the National Guidelines on Pediatric HIV and AIDS, which were officially disseminated by NCASC during this reporting period. The process was coordinated by UNICEF Nepal.
- National STI Technical Working Group: The ASHA Project staff participated in STI Technical Working Group meetings to set criteria and prioritize districts for scaling up STI services through training and securing STI drugs for the sites.
- National VCT Technical Working Group: The ASHA Project Technical Unit Head participated in ongoing meetings and the revision of the National VCT Guidelines.
- National OVC Technical Working Group: The ASHA Project Deputy Director participated in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Conference on Children Affected by HIV/AIDS held in Kathmandu on Mar 7-8, 2007. Representative from 7 SAARC countries discussed a framework that could be used for strategic planning for national programs. FHI/Nepal is a member of the OVC Technical Working Group for Nepal.
- National Working Group on Decentralization and Multisectoral Response: ASHA Project staff have been a member of this group since its inception in March 2007 and participated in prioritizing activities to strengthen the District AIDS Coordination Committees (DACC). The ASHA Project started work on analysis of the functioning of the DACC in all 75 districts. This analysis will be used by the group to set a road map towards strengthening the district response to HIV/AIDS nationally. (The analysis will be complete in August 2007)

Building Capacity of Civil Society

To build capacity of civil society to effectively participate in the national HIV response and reduce stigma and discrimination, the ASHA Project conducted the following activities during this reporting period:

- Conducted an orientation /discussion with key network stakeholders and ASHA Project staff on operational barriers and policy initiatives.
- Signed agreements with *Manabiya Srot Bikas Kendra* (Human Resource Development Center) Nepal, *Sahakarya* (Cooperation), and *Vijaya* (Victory) Development Resource Center to conduct a training and supervision program for members of beneficiary group networks on topics related to organizational capacity.
- Signed agreements with *Jagriti Mahila Sangh* (Awakened Women's Association) and *Nari Chetana Samaj* (Society for Women's Awareness) in Nepal to build capacity of NGOs working with female sex workers.
- Signed agreement with Recovering Nepal to build capacity of the recovering drug user network in Nepal and the network partners.
- Conducted ASHA Project Orientation for 13 ASHA Project IAs in Kathmandu.
- Conducted regular monthly review meetings with all ASHA Project IAs.
- Conducted an interaction session on HIV/AIDS related stigma for 11 PLHA support groups in Eastern Region during a workshop on Treatment Preparedness in Dharan funded by Tides Foundation.
- Conducted an exposure visit with six members of the Armed Police Force (APF) to Bangkok to observe programs conducted by the Thai uniformed services and most-at-risk groups
- Conducted a high level "Policy Champions" meeting with prominent Nepali politicians and leaders including the Speaker of the House, Miss Nepal, the Election Commissioner and Parliamentarians. Leading representatives from various beneficiary groups presented information on HIV/AIDS and human rights.

Table 4: Presentations on Technical Updates under ASHA Project (Jan-Jun 2007)

Topic	Presenter	Audience
How to talk with patients with HIV on the side effects of ART drugs	Dr. Howard Grossman, HIV Clinician, Clinical Mentor International Center for Equal Healthcare Access	ASHA Project Staff, ART doctors
Voluntary Counseling and Testing	Ms. Kamala Moktan CHBC Specialist ASHA Project	Staff members from Bank of Kathmandu
Pediatric HIV and ART	Dr. Lisa Stevens ART/OI Specialist ASHA Project	ASHA Project Staff
Why Nepal is Still Classified as a Concentrated Epidemic Country	Dr. Laxmi Acharya SRM Team Leader ASHA Project	ASHA Project Staff
GIS Operational Mapping	Bharat Raj Gautam M&E Officer ASHA Project	ASHA Project Staff
Clinical issues on responding to the needs of MSM	Dr Graham Neilsen Sexual/RH Advisor FHI APRO	Over 50 doctors, nurses and NGO staff
Policy Issues in HIV/AIDS	Dr Suneeta Sharma Constella Futures Washington DC	ASHA Project Staff and HIV networks

Results Area 3: Improve planning, collection, analysis and use of strategic information by stakeholders to facilitate a more effective and targeted response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic
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- The ASHA Project Surveillance, Research Monitoring and Evaluation (SRM) Team provided technical assistance to draft the National M&E Plan through the National M&E Technical Working Group and in support of the UNAIDS “three ones” plan which includes one National M&E Plan. The ASHA Project SRM Team also provided technical support to the NCASC for the process of developing a national system of unique identification numbers for clients accessing HIV-related services.
- Signed agreements with New ERA, STD/AIDS Counseling and Training Services (SACTS) and National Reference Laboratory to conduct the Integrated Biological Behavioral Survey (IBBS) among IDUs in Kathmandu & Pokhara Valley, Eastern *Terai* and Western to Far Western *Terai*; and MSM in Kathmandu Valley.
- Participated in the national review of the Second Generation Surveillance System for HIV/AIDS adopted by Nepal. This review was conducted by UNAIDS, with technical assistance from WHO, UNAIDS, and FHI. Dr. Dimitri Prybylski, Senior Technical Officer, FHI/Asia Pacific Regional Office and ASHA Project SRM Team Leader participated in several meetings and conducted site visits. The results were disseminated by NCASC.
- Conducted three two-day training programs on MIS and mapping for a total of 12 ASHA Project IAs in the Eastern, Central and Mid/Far-Western Regions to introduce routine data recording systems; project indicators; and the use of mapping to plan and monitor HIV/AIDS interventions.
- Conducted MIS training for 15 IAs that provide Integrated Health Service (IHS) for MARPs to introduce new forms used for recording patient’s information in STI, VCT, CHBC and Care, Support

& Treatment. During this training a technical session was facilitated from NCASC to review the National M&E plan.

- Conducted a pilot participatory evaluation with one ASHA Project IA to identify the best practices of the project, strengths/weaknesses and assess the overall internal dynamics of the project implementation.

Results Area 4: Increase access to quality care, support and treatment services through public, private and non-governmental sources for PLHA and their families

- Signed agreements with 5 IAs in Kailali, Sunsari, Achham, Banke and Kathmandu Valley for community and home-based care (CHBC) for PLHA.
- Signed agreement with Sahara *Paramarsha Kendra* (Sahara Counseling Center-SPK) to conduct VCT counselor training and supportive monitoring and supervision. SPK will also conduct general counseling training for outreach workers.
- Finalized VCT Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for ASHA IAs.
- Conducted technical monitoring visits to ASHA IAs to monitor and supervise the quality of the laboratory services; STI and HIV clinical services; strategic behavioral communication activities; and CHBC activities.
- Conducted two 10-day HIV Clinical Management Training Programs in coordination with NCASC for a total of 40 participants.
- Conducted two 7-day National CHBC Training Programs for a total of 43 participants from ASHA Project partners and Government organizations.
- Provided clinical mentoring on ART and OI case management to health providers from ASHA Project partners who provide health services for PLHA.
- Conducted session and provided print materials on CHBC and nutrition for PLHA during program organized for MSM PLHA by Blue Diamond Society.
- Conducted 6-day training on STI Case Management for 23 participants from Government, NGOs and ASHA project partners.

Results Area 5: Create linkages among stakeholders and support national coordination of Nepal's cross sectional HIV/AIDS program supported

- Participated in the development of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and National HIV/AIDS Action Plan for 2006-08.
- Conducted regular coordination meetings with government and other collaborating agencies including WHO, UNAIDS and the NMARC Project.
- Participated in orientation program on HIV/AIDS activities under the National Action Plan organized by NCASC for their internal staff members.
- Presented ASHA Project activities to UNDP staff members and their implementing partners in the central region.
- Supported the District AIDS Coordination Committees through NGO partners including district level meetings and presentations of project activities to key district stakeholders.
- Created linkages between the ASHA Project and DFID-funded Reaching Across Borders Project for Nepali migrants in Far Western Nepal and India. This included establishment of a cross-border referral system for clients on ART; regular teleconferences with FHI India; and close collaboration on the ASHA Project satellite radio program and formation of radio listener groups.
- Hosted visits to project sites by high-level government officials (Secretary of Health-MOHP).

- Conducted interaction programs to introduce the ASHA Project in the MidWestern, FarWestern, Western and Central regions. Participants included representatives from local government organizations, IAs and local NGOs and Community-based Organizations (CBOs). The ASHA project senior management team was present during the interaction programs and also paid courtesy visits to local government officials at ASHA field office sites including the District Public Health Officer, Local Development Officer and local government hospital staff.
- The ASHA Project SBC Specialist participated in meetings of the Social Marketing and Franchising Project for AIDS, Reproductive Health and Child Survival (N-MARC) Project communication working group to develop campaigns for two brands of condoms.

Other Supported Activities

USAID Share Fair Celebration

The ASHA Project participated in a one-day “Share Fair” event to profile USAID history, projects and achievements and current programs. The event was a part of USAID’s celebration of 50+ years in Nepal. Guests of the event included the diplomatic and donor communities, I/NGOs, Government of Nepal officials and other VIPs, media and even some of the ‘ole timers’ that worked with USAID over the years.

New FHI Partnership with Direct Relief International

Direct Relief International (DRI) approved FHI/Nepal’s application for partnership. DRI will begin shipping medical materials (equipment, drugs and other medical supplies) to Nepal immediately. This will help to meet the needs of our ASHA Project IAs.

New FHI Partnership with Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital (TUTH)

FHI/Nepal signed a Memorandum of Understanding with TUTH to work together in partnership to design and conduct clinical practicums for HIV clinical care providers as a follow on to the current (largely theoretical) 10-day HIV clinical management training provided to clinicians (doctors and nurses). These clinical practicums will be critical as more ART sites are launched throughout the country and many doctors and nurses have no exposure or practice in HIV case management.

Television Interview for the ASHA Project

A television interview with the ASHA Project’s Chief of Party and Senior Policy Advisor was broadcast twice on the *Jana Chaso* (“People’s Interest”) on the Image Channel. The 15-minute segment, which featured the ASHA Project’s HIV work, aired on June 14 and June 18.

ASHA Partners Volunteer for Brochure Distribution

ASHA Project partners in Kathmandu volunteered to distribute HIV/AIDS brochures during a USAID-sponsored Peace Concert in Kathmandu performed by Ozomatli, a band based in Los Angeles, California.

IEC Material Assessment

The ASHA Project conducted an assessment of all existing IEC materials related to HIV/AIDS in Nepal to avoid duplication and increase collaboration and sharing of materials.

IV. Monitoring and Evaluation Update

ASHA Project main indicators¹ and achievements for this reporting period are in Annex D. A summary of all trainings and workshops conducted for the period are summarized in Annex E. Highlights of achievements related to targets for this reporting period are as follows:

- Exceeded by 10% the target for the number of individuals reached through community outreach.
- Achieved the target for the number of USAID-assisted organizations providing HIV-related services. Additional partners are in the pipeline for subagreement development and contracts will be signed by next quarter.
- Exceeded by nearly double the target set for the number of individuals trained to promote HIV prevention.
- Achieved nearly 90% of the target for the number of people trained in sensitivity training.
- Completed data collection for the integrated bio-behavioral surveys (IBBS) for IDUs in Pokhara and Kathmandu, and men who have sex with men (MSM) in Kathmandu. Data collection is underway among IDUs in Eastern and Western to Far-western *Terai* highway districts.
- Delayed two VCT Counselor Trainings planned for this project period due to problems with selection of the training agency. The first VCT training is scheduled to begin August, 2007 in Dhangadhi, Kailali.
- Achieved the target on the number of individuals receiving VCT and palliative care services.
- Exceeded the target of number of VCT sites providing services. The target was 26; the ASHA Project currently has 32 VCT sites.

Coordination meetings under the ASHA Project have been ongoing throughout the reporting period. The total number of meetings will be reported at the end of FY07.

V. Constraints

There were several major constraints during this project period that affected activities:

- Resignation of FHI Country Director /ASHA Project Chief of Party (designated key personnel position);
- Ongoing political instability; and,
- Lack of continuity of key senior government officials.

The constraints led to delays in some planned activities during this project period. In particular, the political instability and difficult security situation in the Eastern *Terai* led to continuous disruptions in program activities.

¹ All indicators will be reported at the end of FY07

Annex A

Signed Subagreements for ASHA Project (Jan to Jun 2007)

SN	Organization	Acronym	FCO#	Contact Information	Project Title	Region	Districts	Start Date	End Date	Budget
Implementing Agencies										
1	Asha Kiran Pratisthan	AKP	605096	Ms. Janaki B.K., President Attariya Chowk, Attariya, Kailali Tel: 091-550904	CHBC Services for PLHA in Kailali District	Far West	Kailali	Mar 16 2007	Mar 15 2008	\$16,309
2	Child and Women Empowerment Society Nepal	CWES	605100	Ms. Sarala Kumari Pandey Vice Chairperson Sabha Griha Chowk, Pokhara Tel: 061-551367 cwesn_kaski@yahoo.com	HIV/AIDS Prevention to Care Program in Kaski District	Western	Kaski	Jun 1 2007	May 31 2008	\$35,384
3	Dharan Positive Group	DPG	605091	Mr. Naresh Lal Shrestha, President Sainik Bhawan Line, Dharan - 10 Sunsari, Nepal Tel: 025-531321/9852047526 email: dpg_dharan@wlink.com.np	Home Based Care and Support Program in Dharan	Eastern	Sunsari	Mar 16 2007	Mar 15 2008	\$11,038
4	Gangotri Rural Development Forum	GRDF	605095	Mr. Kul Bahadur Sethi, Vice President Bayalpata, Achham Tel: 097-629305, Fax: 097-629305 Mob: 9841294820 email:	CHBC Services for PLHA in Achham District	Far West	Accham	Mar 16 2007	Mar 15 2008	\$15,294
5	Jagriti Mahila Sangh	JMS	605093	Ms Bijay Dhakal (9845029870) Ms Bhawana Sanyasi (9841538775) C/o WATCH Batisputali, P.O. Box 11321, Kathmandu Phone 977-1-4492644 Email: watchftp@wlink.com.np	Network Capacity Building for Advocacy	Central	Kathmandu Valley	Feb 16 2007	Feb 15 2008	\$10,003
6	Junkiri	Junkiri	605098	Mr. Bhim Bahadur Ghale, President Bus Park Road, Nepalgunj-5, Banke Tel: 081-522484 Fax: 081-525455 email: gardef@wlink.com.np	CHBC services for PLHA in Banke District	Mid West	Banke	Jun 1 2007	May 31 2008	\$16,934
7	Manabiya Srot Bikas Kendra Nepal	MSBK	605086	Mr. Upendra Malla Tara, Director Durbarthok, Nayabazar, Pokhara-9 Tel: 061-534300, 531544; Fax: 061-534046 email: wdr@fewanet.com.np	Capacity Building of Networks in the Western Region	Western		Feb 1 2007	Sep 30 2007	\$20,757
8	National Reference Laboratory	NRL	605094	Mr. Sushil Thapa, Managing Director New Baneshwor, POB 10910 Kathmandu Tel: 4784141/ 9851044367; fax: 4783045 email: nrl@netplus.com.np	Integrated Bio-Behavioral Survey among Men having Sex with Men in Kathmandu Valley	Central	Kathmandu Valley	May 1 2007	Nov 30 2007	\$48,990
9	New ERA	New ERA	605090	Mr. Yogendra Prasai, Director PO Box 722 Rudramati Marga, Kalo Pool, Kathmandu Tel: 4413603, 4423176 email: info@newera.wlink.com.np	Integrated Bio-Behavioral Survey among IDUs in Kathmandu & Pokhara Valley, Eastern terai and Western to Far Western Terai; and MSM in	National		Feb 1 2007	Dec 31 2007	\$158,318
10	Recovering Nepal	RN	605088	Mr. Ananda Pun Chairman P.O. Box 6744 Tel: 21111047, 016222448 Email: recovernp@wlink.com.np	Institutional Capacity Building for Recovering Drug Users Network in Nepal	National		Feb 1 2007	Jan 31 2008	\$28,286
11	Sahara Paramarsha Kendra	SPK	605097	Ms. Minerva Jonchhen, General Secretary Thapathali, PO Box: 8975 EPC 2612, Kathmandu Tel: 4250480, 016215849 Fax: 4250480 email: saharapk@wlink.com.np	VCT Counselor Training and Supportive Monitoring of Services	National		Jun 16 2007	Feb 29 2007	\$28,618
12	Sahakarya	Sahakarya	605084	Mr. Toya Nath Gautam, Gen. Secretary Mr. Sunil Sun Shakya, Acting Chairperson PO Box 12877 Jwagal, Kupondole, Lalitpur Tel: 5011108, 5011095 email: sahakarya@wlink.com.np	Capacity Building of Networks in the Central and Eastern Region	Eastern and Central		Feb 1 2007	Sep 30 2007	\$37,484
13	Sahara Plus	Sahara Plus	605089	Ms. Rosy Khadgi, President GPO Box 9580 (c/o J.R. Koirala) Buddhanagar, Kathmandu-10 Tel: 2220406 email: saharaplus2005@gmail.com	Care and Support Services to PLHA in Kathmandu	Central	Kathmandu Valley	Feb 16 2007	Feb 15 2008	\$7,378
14	Society for Women's Awareness in Nepal (Nari Chetna Samaj)	SWAN	605092	Ms Shova Dongol (9841207726), Chairperson Bijulibazar, Kathmandu, Nepal Tel: 22051022 Email: swannet@ntc.net.np	Network Capacity Building for Advocacy	Central	Kathmandu Valley	Feb 16 2007	Feb 15 2008	\$10,003

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Signed Subagreements for ASHA Project (Jan to Jun 2007)

SN	Organization	Acronym	FCO#	Contact Information	Project Title	Region	Districts	Start Date	End Date	Budget
15	STD/AIDS Counseling and Training Services	SACTS	605087	Dr. Vijay Lal Gurubacharya, Chairman Ms. Purna Devi Mandhar, Proj Coordinator New Road, Kathmandu G.P.O Box: 7314 Tel: 4246612, 2002172 Fax: 4227379 e-mail: sacts_vct@ntc.net.np	Integrated Bio-Behavioral Survey among IDUs in Kathamandu & Pokhara Valley, Eastern terai and Western to Far Western Terai; and MSM in Kathmandu Valley	National		Feb 1 2007	Sep 30 2007	\$45,968
16	Thagil Social Development Association	TSDA	605099	Mr. Purnananda Lekhak, President Ainthpur, Mahendranagar Tel: 099-523304, Fax: 099-523568 email: tsdakpur2@wlink.com.np	HIV Prevention and Care Program in Kailali and Kanchanpur Districts	Far West	Kailali and Kanchanpur	Jun 1 2007	May 31 2008	\$42,596
17	Vijaya Development Resource Centre	VDRC	605085	Mr. Khem Raj Sapkota, Exe Director Gaindakot-8, Nawalparasi Tel: 056-501172, 501100 Fax: 056-501401 email: vdrc@wlink.com.np	Capacity Building of Networks in the Far Western Region	Far Western		Feb 1 2007	Sep 30 2007	\$19,950

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No	Name	Address	Consultancy Dates	Scope of Work
1	Mr. Bijay Prasad Jayswal	Computer Point Naxal Kathmandu	Nov 15 - Apr 15, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To update existing MIS database to increase and ensure the program data quality in order to meet the new reporting requirement for unified reporting system for integrated health services.
2	Mr. Pratap Chandra Pradhan	Ranibari Ward 29 Lazimpat, Kathmandu	Open contract (as and when required)	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide translation services to FHI/Nepal.
3	Mr. Hari Shankar Niraula	41 Lokpriya Marg Dillibazar-33 Kathmandu	Jan 5, 2007 - Jan 4, 2008	Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist FHI in relation to the labor law, SWC Act and other relevant legal acts, ordinances and issues required to execute its program activities.
4	Mr. Murali Prasad Sharma	Maitighar Kathmandu	Jan 5, 2007 - Jan 4, 2008	Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist FHI in relation to the labor law, SWC Act and other relevant legal acts, ordinances and issues required to execute its program activities.
5	Ms. Pariksha Rana	Hanumansthan Marg Ganabhal Kathmandu	Jan 8-31, 2007	Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To organize all IMPACT Project sub-agreements, RRFs, contracts and their end-of project reports; Documentation, deliverables as well as other publications and IEC materials for filing for FHI/Nepal central files/masters and for submission to FHI/HQ.
6	Ms. Radhika Ghimire	Chapali Bhadrakali Ward 8 Kathmandu	Jan 24 - Apr 12, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To facilitate the sessions on CHBC training.
7	Ms. Sanu Tuladhar	113/23, Chittadhar Bhotahity Kathmandu	Jan 24 - Apr 12, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct CHBC training for CHBC workers; To work as lead facilitator.

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8	Mr. Agni Ojha	Sinamangal Ward No. 9 Kathmandu	Feb 14 - Mar 31, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To facilitate field testing of Adherence Counselor Training; Involvement in Pre-Course preparation meetings and review of materials as well as feedback session after the course.
9	Mr. Gyanu Kumari Gurung	Basundhara Ward No. 9 Kathmandu	Feb 14 - Mar 31, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To facilitate field testing of Adherence Counselor Training; Involvement in Pr-Course preparation meetings.
10	Mr. Krishna Gopal Shrestha	Sankhu Salkha Ward No. 3 Kiritipur	Feb 14-23, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist FHI/Nepal Country Office in production of appropriate images/ illustrations/drawings for the adaptation of My Staying Healthy Handbook.
11	Nani Baba Shrestha	1/171 Thapathali Parbati Marg Kathmandu	Feb 14 - Mar 31, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To facilitate field testing of Adherence Counselor Training; Involvement in Pre-course.
12	Mr. Parishkrit Shrestha	House No. 54 Ekaata English School Naradevi Kathmandu	Feb 5 - Mar 23, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To gather, assess updated existing HIV/AIDS related IEC produced by other agencies for reference and for project use; To design and produce new IEC as needed.
13	Ms. Pariksha Rana	Hanumansthan Marg Ganabhal Kathmandu	Feb 5 - Mar 31, 2007	Admin/Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalized IEC matrix based on existing records and with interaction with Field Officers; Distribution of IEC materials to IAs; Assist in filling sub-agreements/ contracts for program and central files.

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14	Mr. Bhagawan Shrestha	284 Rudreshwor Marga Dhobikhola Battisputali Kathmandu	Feb 5 – Apr 14, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To gather, assess updated existing HIV/AIDS related IEC produced by other agencies for reference and for project use; • Design and produce new IEC as needed; • Design an IEC assessment form for use by IA staff for feedback.
15	Dr. Lisa Lynne Stevens	ASHA Project Baluwatar, Kathmandu	Mar 8, 2007 - Mar 7, 2008	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To finalize the National Adherence Counselor Training; • Finalize the clinical standard operating procedures for pre-ART services to be adopted nationally; • Provide technical support for new ART sites as they roll out services; • Provide clinical support to clinicians providing clinical care for PLHA and support clinicians • Continue with ongoing projects.
16	Ms. Ambika Verma	Near Sagarmatha Radio Bakhundole Lalitpur	Mar 23 - Apr 30, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop library classification system for both electronic and hard copy information resource with guidelines for future expansion by ASHA staff.
17	Dr. Dinesh Binod Pokhrel	107 Ka-Hattigauda Marg Baneshwor Kathmandu-10	Mar 16 - May 14, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To revise Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for STI case management.

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18	Mr. Bhaskar Singh Lala	P.O. Box: 4855 Baneshwor Kathmandu	Apr 16 - Sep 30, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide technical assistance to build the capacity of the implementing partners; Assist in preparation of financial management system.
19	Mr. Chhabi Lal Sitaula	B.S. Lala & Co. Putalisadak Kathmandu	Apr 16 - Sep 30, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide technical assistance in preparing voucher, maintaining ledgers and reports; Assist in strengthening the capacity of finance staff.
20	Ms. Pariksha Rana	Hanumansthan Marg Ganabhal Kathmandu	May 1 - Jun 15, 2007	Admin/Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sorting and packing of <i>Bishwas</i> bags, PE Toolkit materials for distribution to IAs; To assist in setting up Country Office resource room.
21	Mr. Basanta Chettri	Maharajgunj Kathmandu	May 22 - Jun 15, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist CHBC Program Assessment.
22	Dr. Sashi Sharma	Khadka Gaun Khadka Bhadrakali VDC 3 Kathmandu	May 22, 07 - Apr 30, 08	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide ART case management support to the Far West including clinical mentoring, travel to ART sites, supervision of case management.
23	Mr. Subash Rai	NAP+N Sallaghari Kathmandu	May 22 - Jun 15, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist in CHBC Program Assessment.
24	Mr. Shibu Giri	Nava Kiran Plus Lazimpat Kathmandu	May 22 – Jun 15, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist in CHBC Program Assessment.

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25	Mr. Soham Prasad Dhakal	3/469 Pulchowk Lalitpur	May 22 Jun 15, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist in CHBC Program Assessment; Translation during the Focus Group Discussion and in-depth interviews and prepare an in-depth interview and FGD report.
26	Ms. Sanu Tuladhar	113/23, Chittadhar Bhotahity Kathmandu	Jun 2-6, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide supportive supervision and monitoring to CHBC staff of Social Awareness Center (SAC).
27	Ms. Meghna R. L. Rana	Babar Mahal Villa P.O. Box: 294 Kathmandu	Jun 15 - Aug 31, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review all existing information related to the development of BISWAS brand; Build on the previous process to develop a strategy for expanding the sites under the BISWAS brand name and brand awareness among relevant MARP group.
28	Ms. Sushmina Manandhar	5/20 Layakusal New Road Kathmandu	Jun 12 - Jul 30, 2007	Admin/Management To provide Adobe Photoshop Graphics designing training to staff to develop and improve staff's creative skills in graphic design as well as to build staff capacity.
29	Mr. Sunil Babu Pant	Shiv Bhakta Marg 344, Khursani Tar Lazimpat Kathmandu	Jun 5 - Dec 31, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To comment on Nepali Questionnaire for MSM; Sensitization to study team on MSM during training session; Review final report.
30	Dr Ram Prasad Shrestha	Teku, Kathmandu, Nepal	Feb 26 – Jul 30, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of DACC status.
31	Ms Bandana Rana	Dhobighat, Lalitpur, Nepal	Jun 15 – Sep 15, 2007	Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide TA to Armed Police Force to develop their HIV/AIDS strategy and curriculum.

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No.	Name	Address	Travel From	Travel To	Dates	Purpose
1	Dimitri Prybylski	FHI Asia/Pacific Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand	Bangkok Thailand	Kathmandu Nepal	Feb 19 - Mar 2, 2007	To work in a team of international experts for reviewing the second generation surveillance system adopted by Nepal.
2	Kimberly Green	FHI/Cambodia CO	Cambodia	Kathmandu Nepal	May 21 - Jun 2, 2007	To conduct midterm CHBC program assessment of FHI/Nepal-ASHA Project
3	Laxmi Bilas Acharya (ASHA Staff)	FHI Nepal CO P. Box: 8803 Baluwatar Kathmandu	Kathmandu Nepal	Bangkok Thailand	Apr 22-26, 2007	To attend estimation and projection workshop organized by UNAIDS and WHO
4	Pranab Rajbhandari (ASHA Staff)	FHI Nepal CO P. Box: 8803 Baluwatar Kathmandu	Kathmandu Nepal	Bangkok Thailand	Apr 29 - May 5, 2007	To attend Global Technical Leadership meeting
5	Durga P. Bhandari (ASHA Staff)	FHI Nepal CO P. Box: 8803 Baluwatar Kathmandu	Kathmandu Nepal	Bangkok Thailand	Apr 29 - May 5, 2007	To attend Global Technical Leadership meeting
6	Dr. Graham Neilsen	FHI Asia/Pacific Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand	Bangkok Thailand	Kathmandu Nepal	May 15-30, 2007	To work with ASHA Project Technical Team to set up the QA/QI systems for STI services

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7	Jacqueline McPherson (ASHA Staff)	FHI Nepal CO P. Box: 8803 Baluwatar Kathmandu	Kathmandu Nepal	Chicago USA	Jul 14 - Aug 4, 2007	Home Leave
8	Robert A McPherson	FHI Nepal CO P. Box: 8803 Baluwatar Kathmandu	Kathmandu Nepal	Chicago USA	Jun 24 – Jul 24, 2007	Home Leave
9	Madeline McPherson	FHI Nepal CO P. Box: 8803 Baluwatar Kathmandu	Kathmandu Nepal	Chicago USA	Jun 24 - Aug 4, 2007	Home Leave
10	Robert L McPherson	FHI Nepal CO P. Box: 8803 Baluwatar Kathmandu	Kathmandu Nepal	Chicago USA	Jun 24 - Aug 4, 2007	Home Leave
11	Dr. Nirmal Pandey (ASHA Staff)	ASHA Project Constella Futures Kathmandu, Nepal	Kathmandu Nepal	Bangkok, Thailand	Apr 29 – May 5, 2007	Exposure tour for Armed Police Force, Nepal to Thailand
12	SSP Laxmi Prasad Basyal	Armed Police Force Kathmandu, Nepal	Kathmandu Nepal	Bangkok, Thailand	Apr 29 – May 5, 2007	Exposure tour for Armed Police Force, Nepal to Thailand

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13	DSP Anjani Kumar Pokharel	Armed Police Force Kathmandu, Nepal	Kathmandu Nepal	Bangkok, Thailand	Apr 29 – May 5, 2007	Exposure tour for Armed Police Force, Nepal to Thailand
14	INSP Dig Vijay Subedi	Armed Police Force Kathmandu, Nepal	Kathmandu Nepal	Bangkok, Thailand	Apr 29 – May 5, 2007	Exposure tour for Armed Police Force, Nepal to Thailand
15	INSP Prasant Gautam	Armed Police Force Kathmandu, Nepal	Kathmandu Nepal	Bangkok, Thailand	Apr 29 – May 5, 2007	Exposure tour for Armed Police Force, Nepal to Thailand
16	INSP Santosh Khadga	Armed Police Force Kathmandu, Nepal	Kathmandu Nepal	Bangkok, Thailand	Apr 29 – May 5, 2007	Exposure tour for Armed Police Force, Nepal to Thailand
17	INSP Dr. Paras Mani Shrestha	Armed Police Force Kathmandu, Nepal	Kathmandu Nepal	Bangkok, Thailand	Apr 29 – May 5, 2007	Exposure tour for Armed Police Force, Nepal to Thailand
18	Dr. Nirmal Pandey (ASHA Staff)	ASHA Project Constella Futures Kathmandu, Nepal	Kathmandu, Nepal	Dhaka, Bangladesh	May 20 – 24, 2007	Attend training on GOALS model
19	Dr. Suneeta Sharma (Constella)	Constella Futures Washington DC	Delhi India	Kathmandu Nepal	Jun 18-29, 2007	Assist Constella Futures staff in preparation of FY08 workplan; assist in GOALS and operational barriers activities

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20	Janet Robinson	FHI Asia/Pacific Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand	Bangkok Thailand	Kathmandu Nepal	Jun 24-30, 2007	To provide technical assistance to the National Public Health Laboratory

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Targets and Achievements

<i>SN</i>	<i>Indicators</i>	<i>ASHA Project Target FY-07 (Oct-06 to Sep-07)</i>	<i>ASHA Project Target for Period Jan - Jun 07</i>	<i>Asha Project Achievement Jan - Jun 07</i>	<i>% accomplished Jan - Jun 07</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1	Number of individuals reached through community outreach that promotes HIV prevention through other behavior change beyond abstinence and/or being faithful					
1.1	FSWs	10500	5250	5122	97.6	Prevention - New contact
1.2	Clients of FSWs	17000	8500	8399	98.8	Prevention - New contact
1.3	Male Migrants and their Spouse	14000	7000	10135	144.8	Prevention - New contact
1.4	IDUs	1500	750	335	44.7	VCT PIF- Pretesting data
1.5	Other Male	1000	500	321	64.2	Prevention - New contact
1.6	Other Female	1500	750	778	103.7	Prevention - New contact
		45500	22750	25090	110.3	Prevention - New contact
2	Number of USAID assisted organizations providing HIV/AIDS services (including prevention to-care)	43	-	44	102.3	Cumulative by June, 2007
3	Total number of individuals trained in voluntary counseling and testing according to national and international standards	100	50	-	-	
4	No. of individuals trained to promote HIV/AIDS prevention through other behavior change beyond abstinence and/or being faithful	700	350	635	181.4	This number includes outreach educator, community mobiliser, peer educators
5	Number of people who complete sensitivity training for reduction of HIV/AIDS-related stigma and discrimination	6000	3000	2625	87.5	This includes staff, outreach workers, all target groups and community people

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6	Number of people living with HIV/AIDS reached with palliative care and support services at USAID-targeted service sites	1500	750	745	99.3	We have reported the minimum number here. It includes only new people who received care services in this period. Follow up cases are not counted because of some problem in the software. This number will be changed once our software is ok
7	Number of MARPs receiving STI treatment at USAID-assisted sites	8000	4000	4018	100.5	Head count of both New and F/U using ID system (new software)
8	Total number of USAID-assisted service outlets providing voluntary HIV counseling and testing according to national and international standards	26	-	32	123.1	Cumulative by June, 2007
9	Total number of individuals who receive counseling, testing and results at USAID assisted voluntary counseling and testing service outlets	7000	3500	7880	225.1	Head count of both New and F/U using ID system (new software)

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Workshops and Trainings

No.	Topic	Title of Workshop / Training	Dates	# of Participants	Type of Participants
1	Strategic Information (Surveillance)	Conducting IBBS among IDUs and MSM	6/2/07 - 6/9/07	41	New ERA Field Researchers
2	Strategic Information (MIS)	Management Information Systems Training	3/28/07 - 3/29/07	22	Staff from ASHA Project IAs
3	Strategic Information (MIS)	Management Information Systems Training	4/4/07 - 4/5/07	30	Staff from ASHA Project IAs
4	Strategic Information (MIS)	Management Information Systems Training	6/14/07 - 6/18/07	11	Staff from ASHA Project IAs
5	Strategic Information (MIS)	Management Information Systems Training	6/7/07 - 6/9/07	6	Staff from ASHA Project IAs
6	Strategic Information (MIS)	Orientation training for MIS and Mapping	3/28/07 - 3/30/07	21	Staff from ASHA Project IAs
7	Strategic Information (MIS)	Orientation training for MIS and Mapping	3/22/07 - 3/23/07	18	Staff from ASHA Project IAs

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8	Strategic Information (MIS)	Mapping Workshop	4/16/07	28	Staff from ASHA Project IAs
9	Advocacy	Sensitization to Local Development Training Academy (LDTA) staff members on HIV/AIDS	1/29/07	31	LDTA staff
10	Advocacy	Advocacy and leadership training	5/22/07 – 5/26/07	25	FSWs
11	Advocacy	Advocacy and leadership training	5/24/07 – 5/28/07	25	FSWs
12	Clinical Management of HIV/AIDS	Training on Clinical Management of HIV/AIDS	12/27/06 – 1/6/07	21	Doctors, Staff Nurse/ Nurse 4 Government Doctors (Bharatpur , Doti and Seti zonal) 3 Government Staff nurse/ Nurse (Bharatpur , Doti and Seti zonal)

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13	Clinical Management of HIV/AIDS	Training on Clinical Management of HIV AIDS	3/20/07-3/30/07	40	Doctors, Staff Nurse/ Nurse 7 Government Doctors (Baglung, Bharatpur, Chutara, Achham, NAMS, Teku, TUTH) 9 Government Staff Nurse/ Nurse (Baglung, Bharatpur, Mahakali Zonal Hospital, Achham, NAMS, Teku, TUTH)
14	Laboratory (HIV and STI Testing)	STI/VCT Laboratory Training	4/25/07-4/29/07	13	Lab Technician, Lab Assistant
15	STI Case Management	Training on STI Case Management	6/25/07-6/30/07	23	Doctors , Staff Nurse/ Nurse, Health Assistants
16	CHBC	Community & Home Based Care Training	2/5/07-2/12/07	18	ANM, PLHA
17	CHBC	Community & Home Based Care Training	3/22/07-3/28/07	25	Staff Nurse , ANM & PLHA