

# **Comprehensive Postpartum Project**

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# PROGRESS REPORT

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## **I. Service Delivery**

### **A. Establish twelve comprehensive postpartum centers**

USAID/Jordan and the Ministry of Health have completed almost all renovation/ upgrading and refurbishing of centers before the CPP Contract was initiated in Jordan. Zarqa Hospital and SFWS' Zarqa Center are the only two centers where the renovations are still taking place. It is estimated that during the third quarter of the first year, all the renovation activities will be completed.

Most of the equipment has arrived in the country. Ministry of Health is in the process of disseminating the equipment and supplies to the centers.

### **B. Develop and establish the National Standards and Service Delivery Guidelines.**

During the first quarter of the project, four working groups who will prepare recommendations for guidelines have been established. These are; family planning, maternal health, infant health and counseling groups. The members of the committee have been identified by the Ministry of Health. The members have been selected among the representatives of service delivery channels in Jordan, including the Ministry of Health, Royal Medical Services, Jordan University and JAFPP. Some international organization representatives are also among the members of these groups.

The background documents have been collected from various sources and reference material packages for each working group have been prepared during this quarter. The working groups will start convening during the second quarter and submit their recommendations at the end of the third quarter.

### **C. Develop and establish the standardized Computerized Management Information Systems (CMIS)**

During the first quarter, existing data collection and recording systems of the service delivery channels have been reviewed. Various hospitals and clinics have been visited and information have been collected from these centers, including Al-Basheer Hospital, Irbid Hospital, Zarqa Hospital, SFWS Zarqa Center, Al-Sareeh Center and King Hussein Medical Center. The Center Managers and staff responsible from the MIS have been met during these visits. All the forms and systems being used by the MOH, RMS and some NGOs have been reviewed.

In order to receive the inputs from all service delivery channels, an MIS Committee has been established during the first quarter. Six- member- committee is comprised of three representatives from the Ministry of Health, one representative from the Royal Medical Services, one representative from the SFWS and the MIS specialist of the CPP Project. At the end of the first quarter, the committee has developed the first drafts of the woman and the infant health care records. The woman record will consist of five main sections; General Information, Ante-Natal Care, Post Natal Care and Delivery, Family Planning and Referral.

ified the pilot center as Al-Basheer Hospital. The first drafts will be during the second quarter.

ent of the computerized MIS for the CPP centers, a visit to the Jordanian Family Planning and Protection took place in order to be familiarized with the computerized MIS. Also the computerized system of Al-Sareeh Center was reviewed in details with the person responsible for the MIS at the Center. As a result of the review of the information to be collected in the clinic records, the needs of the MIS system have been identified.

### **Product operations research to improve incrementally the quality and efficiency of**

This activity will take place during the fourth quarter of the project. The identification of the research topics will take place during second quarter.

## **II. Training**

### **A. Develop and update the counseling and clinical curricula**

The counseling curriculum consultant has been contracted during the first quarter and she started working on revising the existing MOH counseling curriculum by incorporating new sections in maternal and child health counseling.

The local counseling curriculum committee members have been identified by the Ministry of Health. The committee members will start reviewing the draft curriculum prepared by the consultant during the second quarter. The curriculum committee will meet with the consultant in Amman, at the end of the second quarter.

The clinical training curriculum consultant has been contracted and he has started working on revising and updating the clinical training curriculum during this quarter.

The local curriculum committee members have been identified by the Ministry of Health. The committee will receive the initial draft from the consultant during the second quarter. They will review and provide recommendations to be discussed during the consultant's visit to Jordan in the second quarter.

### **B. Provide in-country training**

In-country training activities will start during the second quarter of the project. However preparations of the first three trainings have started during the first quarter. Counseling Skills Training and Clinical Skills Training trainers have been contacted and their scopes of work have been forwarded. The counseling training will take place during the second quarter, while the clinical training will take place during the third quarter of the project. Initial

contacts have been also made to assign a consultant for the Management Training, which will be held during the fourth quarter of the project.

### **C. Provide out of country training**

During the first quarter, all necessary travel arrangements have been made for the CPP Project Director of the MOH to participate in the six week "Family Planning Program Management and Supervision Training" at the International Health Program in the US. He will attend the course during the first month of the second quarter.

Necessary arrangements have also been done for two trainees to attend the three week course of JHU/CCP in communication which will be held in Jordan this year. This training will emphasize on IEC program management, monitoring, and evaluation. The MOH trainees who will attend the course, work closely with the CPP project.

Selected Ob/Gyns from different CPP centers will receive Norplant insertion and removal and immediate postpartum IUD insertion techniques training in Tunisia and Turkey respectively during the fourth quarter of the first year of the project.

## **III. IEC**

### **A. Strengthen IEC management capacity of Ministry of Health.**

During the first quarter of the project, a contact was established with the Health Education Unit of the Ministry of Health, as the main counterpart for IEC activities. The Director of the Unit, was briefed on project objectives, and a formal agreement for cooperation from the unit was obtained from the Minister of Health. In addition, at the suggestion of the technical team, in order to build capacity in the unit, one of the unit's professional staff has been detached to work full time on the project.

To strengthen the existing capacity of the MOH to manage and implement IEC programs in family planning, the staff members identified to work in the CPP project, will participate in a short term training course that is being sponsored by the Johns Hopkins University in Amman. The Director of the Planning Department is funded by Pathfinder, while the other staff member will fill one of the free slots provided by Johns Hopkins University to the Government of Jordan.

Along with the MOH Health Education Unit, an inventory of existing communication resources has been conducted that will help the project team make better use of the resources in the country, and identify external technical needs. Interviews were conducted with over thirty private sector companies and a few non governmental organizations. The information obtained is already being put to use, and will be analyzed and summarized in a short report. A companion exercise - focusing more on the potential of NGOs and private sector companies for leveraging will be postponed to later this year.