

**AVSC INTERNATIONAL  
 QUARTERLY REPORT: APRIL 1 – JUNE 30, 2000**

| Date                                | Technical Assistance Visits  |
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| April 2000                          | <p><b>Bolivia:</b> Conducted 6 supervision visits for 19 participants to follow-up on OTB activities.</p> <p><b>Colombia*:</b> Conducted Informed Consent (IC) Counseling orientations at 4 hospitals; 2 Infection Prevention (IP) workshops for representatives from 8 public hospitals; 3 Management Workshops for representatives from 9 public hospitals and services sites; and, 9 COPE exercises for 4 private and 5 public hospitals.</p> <p><b>Guatemala:</b> Conducted COPE exercises in 5 Social Security service delivery sites that resulted in the development of action plans for each. Participated in a planning meeting with URC and Quality Health future partners to review contract development for joint activities.</p> <p><b>India:</b> Conducted 8 follow-up training sessions on Laparotomy, Miniaparotomy, and IUCD for 93 doctors and nurse practitioners. Conducted 10 CS follow-up orientation sessions for 41 District Lead Trainers in Varansai, Allahabad, Unnao, Moradabad, and Sultanpur, Shahjahanpur, Kanpur, Sitapur, Aligarh and Jansi. Held discussions with CMS regarding plans to conduct an Abdominal Tubectomy Standardization Workshop.</p> <p><b>Jordan:</b> Conducted two counseling training workshops 9with emphasis on counseling for Tubal Ligation (TL)L at 2 MOH Training Centers. This resulted in increased competence of 13 Ob/Gyns and 14 Nurses to provide TL counseling to clients.</p> <p><b>Nepal:</b> Conducted 2 whole-site trainings IP at Butwal Hospital that resulted in the training of physicians, paramedics and clinical support staff, as well as the creation of coordination mechanisms and a team of local trainers.</p> <p><b>Paraguay:</b> Conducted COPE exercises at 4 MOH hospitals and service sites that resulted in action plans for implementation by staff.</p> <p><b>Philippines:</b> Conducted collaborative review of the USAID Mission’s Strategy for FY 2000-2004 for SO3/Specific Objective 3 at the Partners’ Retreat – Synergy Workshop. Participated in the FP Pre-Policy Workshop with DOH-FPS Manila – reviewed current FP policies and new thrusts and direction of the DOH presented. FP policies and guidelines were improved and revised and a draft of new FP policies and guidelines formulated; Conducted COPE exercise for Ninatuan District Hospital – problems identified and recommendations made for on-the-job training, ad procurement of supplies of via Local Government Units (LGUs).</p> <p><b>Senegal:</b> Conducted supervisory visits to assess progress made in implementation of the Decentralized Health Financing Pilot Project (DHMT). Provided technical support to the DHMT in the development of a PHC Training manual for community health agents – draft developed and work to be continued. Facilitated a workshop on Facilitative Supervision in Louga, that resulted in the training of 22 DHMT and RHMT staff.</p> <p><b>Turkey:</b> Conducted a Postabortion/Family Planning (PA/FP) workshop for staff from Saygi Hospital in Istanbul (private sector). This resulted in the training of 20 health staff and the development of an action plan for continued PA/FP activities. Conducted assessments of the facilities in Adana and Mersin provinces for potential PA/FP and sterilization services in 6 public sector sites – workshop activities to be planned.</p> <p><b>United States*:</b> Attended meetings of the NYC Task Force on Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting and Prevention. “Prevention Subcommittee” to collaborate with the Men’s Community Network toward increasing men’s access to RH information and services. Conducted a session on sensitizing providers to work with male clients and make services male-friendly at the Leadership 2000 conference in Sacramento, CA.</p> |
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|  | <p><b>Informed Choice:</b> Presented a 90-minute brown bag presentation for 29 staff from Futures Group International, including the policy project. Participants were oriented to policy threats and safeguards for informed choice, utilizing AVSC's IC Assessment Guidelines. Participants were also brought up to date on lessons learned from one year of Tiahrt Amendment implementation. Conducted a 2-day workshop in Bangladesh for NIPHP project staff on protecting the right to IC in Service Delivery. In addition, led a ½ day meeting with GOB policymakers and senior managers to orient them to informed choice and clients' rights, and a meeting for urban service delivery partnership on IC and the Tiahrt amendment.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Quality Improvement:</b> Helped facilitate workshop on Quality Improvement in Health Sector Reform (HSR) for AVSC staff and counterparts (MOH, PRIME, USAID, UNFPA, PHR) in Latin America. AVSC staff and selected counterparts in Latin America region updated on AVSC's tools for quality improvement, and their relation to HSR; Attended forum on Cost Estimate Strategy held by MSH and AED. Plans to integrate reference to other cost tools in AVSC's cost analysis tool; Participated in evaluation of Adolescent project funded by UNICEF at three sites in Moscow, Kaliningrad, and St. Petersburg*. COPE follow up exercises and interviews with services providers conducted at three project sites.</p>  |
| <p>May 2000</p>                            | <p><b>Bolivia:</b> Organized 3 coordination meetings on OTB activities with chiefs of services at 3 hospitals and held 2 ORB workshops for 40 nurses from 2 hospital in La Paz. Conducted a workshop on Family Planning and Adolescents for staff from Save the Children/Bolivia. Organized and conducted an Informed Choice orientation exercise for 42 participants from the Hospital 18 de Mayo, Social Security Hospital in La Paz.</p> <p><b>Colombia*:</b> Conducted a 5-day theoretical-practical training in clinical PAC/FP methods for 2 SSC hospitals.</p> <p><b>Guatemala:</b> Conducted a management workshop for 19 IGSS administrative staff members that resulted in the development of participant improvement plans.</p> <p><b>Honduras:</b> Conducted follow-up visits in selected AVSC counseling training sites.</p> <p><b>India:</b> Conducted 5 counseling follow-up orientation sessions for 26 District Lead Trainers in Dehradun, Kanpur, Meerut, Gorakhpur, and Saharanpur. Conducted a Laparotomy Refresher Workshop for 7 Doctors and assistants from Bareilly. Conducted an IUCD follow-up training for 6 doctors in Rampur.</p> <p><b>Jordan:</b> Conducted 6 supervision visits at MOH hospitals with MOH supervisor. Held planning meeting for a needs assessment exercise for JAFPP to be conducted in for July, as a first step to conducting RTI staff training. Conducted first formal training course at Al-Basheer Hospital in Amman which resulted in 2 Ob/Gyn being trained in laparoscopic tubal ligation.</p> <p><b>Malawi:</b> ML/LA &amp; Norplant insertion/removal skills training organized by MOHP and CHAM. Five (clinician/nurse) teams were trained and certified as providers in ML/LA and Norplant insertion and removal; Met with MOH and CHAM to review progress of the program and discuss finances. Agreed on reporting procedures with in-country partners and finalized plans for the counseling and Facilitative Supervision and medical monitoring workshops.</p> <p><b>Nepal:</b> Conducted a follow-up training workshop on Infection Prevention at Lumbini Zonal Hospital that resulted in improved IP practices and the learning on solutions to IP problems by hospital staff. Assisted in two Informed Choice (IC) Counseling orientations and updates of Family Planning (FP) services in Chitwan. This resulted in increased knowledge of IC Counseling and skills by local female Reproductive Health volunteers. Participated in the national FP Assistants workshop in Pokhara, Kaski and established a relationship between AVSC and local organization to look at quality improvements in the national FP program.</p> |
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|                                     | <p><b>Nicaragua:</b> Provided technical assistance to USAID/Nicaragua by conducting 4 workshops related to the Tiarht Amendment, Informed Choice, Informed Consent and Counseling, for public and private institutions around the country.</p> <p><b>Paraguay:</b> Conducted COPE follow-up visits at 9 MOH hospitals to review progress of action plans and plans for new activities.</p> <p><b>Philippines:</b> Field-tested VS Monitoring Manual in 3 sites (training, program management, counseling monitoring and service delivery at field units modules tested). Conducted a business planning workshop for key staff from 8 partner hospitals to clarify expectations of the RH project. Inputs on marketing strategies were given. Participants formulated and came to consensus about a uniform corporate design for participating hospitals. Conducted 8 medical site visits: observed successful completion of 104 tubal ligation/no-scalpel vasectomy procedures and 1 medical site visit.</p> <p><b>Russia:</b> In collaboration with JSI and JHU/CCP, reviewed and revised the WIN Project Workplan for the second fiscal year. Conducted and facilitated 3 CTU workshops that resulted in the training of 135 doctors and midwives.</p> <p><b>Senegal:</b> Worked with local collectivities to launch the year 2000 Decentralized Health Financing Project – subagreements signed, work plans developed and 5 administrators trained for the Management of the DHFP Pilot Project. <b>Turkey:</b> Conducted 4 PA/FP workshops at private and public sector hospitals in Istanbul that resulted in the training of 73 health staff and the development of action plans for continued PA/FP work. Conducted 2 follow-up visits to hospitals where PA/FP training exercises were done and evaluated progress of action plans. Attended regional PAC workshop in Kenya and developed action plans for Senegal.</p> <p><b>United States*:</b> Presented a session on male and female sterilization methods at PPNYC, which included an update on sterilization issues, especially counseling.</p> |
|                                     | <p><b>PAC:</b> Hosted a regional workshop entitled “Bringing PAC Services to Scale” (Mombassa, Kenya, May 12-18, 2000), in collaboration with Ipas. Participating country teams developed plans for taking PAC services to scale in their own country programs.</p> <p><b>Quality Improvement:</b> Provided TA/initial orientation AVSC’s QI approaches and tools to representative from the Commercial Market Strategies project.</p>  |
| June 2000                           | <p><b>Bolivia:</b> Conducted an Informed Choice and Tiarht National Workshop for 34 MOH and Health District representatives, as well as an Informed Choice orientation exercise for SEDES health providers. Conducted 3 supervision visits for OTB Follow-up activities at hospitals in La Paz, Alto and Tarija cities.</p> <p><b>Colombia*:</b> Conducted a 5-day theoretical-practical training in clinical PAC/FP methods for 2 SSC hospitals. Conducted a 4-day workshop on the development and management of reporting and information systems. Attended coordination meeting with representative from SSC Hospitals and CIMDER to review progress and plans for upcoming program activities. Participated in inter-institutional coordination meetings to establish commitments, responsibilities, participation and forum-related issues and logistics with representatives from UNFPA, National University, the President’s office.</p> <p><b>Guatemala:</b> Conducted a 3-day workshop on gender equality and male RH for 30 IGSS service providers that resulted in increased awareness of gender issues and ways to provide more male-friendly services.</p> <p><b>India:</b> Participated in a SIFPSA orientation for district officials in new PERFORM districts (Gonda, Azamgarh, Fatehpur, Mirzapur and Ballia). Conducted 8 IUCD follow-up training exercises and 1 Laparotomy refresher course for 79 doctors and Assistants in Almora, Gehradun, Gorakhpur, Gonda and Meerut.</p>   |
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|   | <p><b>Malawi:</b> FP/VSC Counseling training organized by MOHP and CHAM. A total of 13 FP providers, 1 clinical officer and 2 National Coordinators (MOHP &amp; CHAM) exposed to skills in Client Provider Interaction, Informed Choice and Counseling; Facilitative Supervision and Medical Monitoring workshop, two-week workshop organized by MOHP and CHAM. Twenty-one participants from MOHP, CHAM and BLM were oriented to AVSC's quality improvement tools and approaches. The participants also received hands-on in the use of the QI tools and approaches.</p> <p><b>Nepal:</b> Conducted follow-up IP training at Butwal Hospital that confirmed the acceptance of IP practices at the hospital. Provided technical assistance to the Nepal Fertility Care Center (NFCC) to apply CORE and assisted a CORE training conducted by MSH and FPAN.</p> <p><b>Paraguay:</b> Conducted IP follow-up visits at 5 MOH hospitals to review progress and develop new action plans.</p> <p><b>Russia:</b> Participated in discussions on the reproductive health of women in Russia at the conference on the results of the national Women's RH Survey, conducted by the CDC in collaboration with local NGO and USAID/Moscow. Provided technical assistance to AVSC/Russia staff on conducting client interviews in relation to the UNICEF Adolescent Health Project.</p> <p><b>United States*:</b> Conducted a brown bag on at PPNYC on the importance on involving men in RH. 15 staff members at PPNYC gained an understanding of how male involvement improves women's health. Also, strengthened the links between AVSC and PPNYC for future collaboration. Met with representatives of the Adolescent RH Center at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, GA, to discuss preparations for piloting the men's RH curriculum scheduled for August 2000.</p> |
|   | <p><b>MAP:</b> Trained staff from the Nepal Adolescent Reproductive Health Project on how to facilitate participatory action planning meetings*. Conducted Men As Partners country meeting for representatives from donor agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the public sector in Nepal.</p> <p><b>PAC:</b> USAID/State Dept BPRM Quarterly meeting on Refugee RH -briefed group on refugee related portion of Intl PAC Workshop in Kenya.</p> <p>Attended the International Rescue Committee meeting on PAC/refugee relief* held in New York City: discussed collaboration on Packard funded PAC training in 3 refugee sites. Both organizations agreed to work on SOW.</p>   |
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## MAJOR EVENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS

| Country/<br>Program         | Major Events & Developments  |
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| Bolivia                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in a staff workshop on participatory approaches to work with clients and communities to identify RH needs and available resources*.</li> </ul>   |
| India                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in a meeting of the Coalition for Expanding Informed Choice. The Coalition will work with key stakeholders such as Government, NGO and donors to promote greater knowledge and understanding among service providers to facilitate informed decision making regarding contraception and disease prevention.</li> <li>Participated in the IFPS Strategic Planning Meeting to identify and prioritize programmatic strategies.</li> </ul>  |
| Malawi                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Health Partnerships (CHAPS) meeting, May 31-June 1, 2000. Identified priority areas for surgical and non-surgical skills training within the CHAPS districts.</li> </ul>  |
| Nepal                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in a staff workshop on participatory approaches to work with clients and communities to identify RH needs and available resources*.</li> <li>Hosted a Workshop on Men as Partners (MAP) in Reproductive Health for 18 representatives from various agencies. This resulted in the increased awareness about the importance of men in RH services among the 18 program managers that participated, as well as good ideas to initiate MAP activities in Nepal.</li> </ul>  |
| Paraguay                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in PAHO-UNFPA regional project by developing a module on the management of quality in RH service delivery.</li> <li>Participated in AVSC's regional workshop on health sector reform and gave a presentation on management and quality of care in sexual and reproductive health.</li> </ul>   |
| Senegal                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Senegal PAC proposal by FRONTIERS project for expansion of PAC activities to rural areas.</li> <li>Participated in a dissemination workshop held by the Louga RHMT – reviewed results of Kebemer district programs. Strengthened partnership and coordinating activities with the district and regional management team in Louga.</li> <li>Attended 3 Advocacy Planning meetings held by the USAID Mission in Dakar and participated in planning process.</li> </ul>  |
| Republic of<br>South Africa | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AVSC President, Amy E. Pollack, MD, MPH gave a plenary address entitled, Men As Partners: A Missing Link in Maternal Health at the International Association of Maternal and Neonatal Health conference, Stellenbosch, South Africa, April 2000.</li> </ul>   |
| Turkey                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation at UNFPA/ECO workshop on Expanding Contraceptive Choice and Improving the Quality of RH Programmes, "Expanding Contraceptive Choice: Lessons Learned from Turkey's Introduction of Long-Acting Hormonals". AVSC presentation to be included in the conference draft statement and will play a role in strategy development.</li> <li>NSV Study Tours (Training of Trainers) – the first step in the integration of NSV training into the routine training of urology residents. 12 urologists from teaching hospitals were trained as NSV trainers.</li> <li>Provided technical assistance to a Turkish website on client rights, quality services and family planning methods in accordance with content of client brochures produced by MOH and AVSC.</li> </ul> |
| GLOBAL                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publication of French language version of <i>Voluntary Sterilization: Policies and Perspectives</i> folder with inserts. Publication of article "Putting an Ear to the Ground: Where Now with Quinacrine?" and its acceptance by the International Journal of Gynaecology and Obstetrics, Spring 2000, co-authored by Rachael Pine and Amy E. Pollack.</li> <li>Participation at the Performance Improvement (PI) Structure and Process Committee and PI Consultative Group Meetings in Washington, DC.</li> </ul>  |

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| MAP                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation at the WHO-Dissemination/Adaptation/Utilization (DAU) Workshop in Kathmandu, Nepal for 120 participants from the region (primarily India, Nepal, Indonesia, and Bangladesh) representing CAs, USAID, MOHs, and NGOs. Focus of workshop was improving country programs by the use of evidence-based best practices. India country team attending the DAU meeting selected Male Involvement as a top priority for future work. Additional interest from the region on MAP work may contribute to making Asia a priority in the coming year.</li> <li>• Publication of <i>Introduction to Men's Reproductive Health Services</i>, training materials for participants and trainers to promote appropriate attitudes among health care providers towards men and services for men.</li> <li>• The first module of the men's RH curriculum was completed and field-tested in Delaware June 25-26, 2000 with staff from the Delaware Health and Social Services Department*. Feedback from the training will be fed into the next draft of the curriculum and future field tests.</li> </ul> |
| PAC                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAC Consortium meeting, Washington, DC. Resulted in the creation of 5 topic focused Task Forces.</li> <li>• PAC Regional Coordinators were identified and began working in April and May 2000; 2 for East/Southern Africa, 1 for Asia, 1 for Latin America. The existence of the RC's is tangibly building agency capacity in PAC, and beginning to shift the country program PAC TA workload away from NY/headquarters, and more to the field.</li> <li>• Publication of the French language version of <i>Postabortion Care</i> folder.</li> </ul>   |
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**AVSC INTERNATIONAL  
SUBAGREEMENTS AWARDED  
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| <b>Subagreement</b> | <b>Award Amount</b> | <b>Institution</b>                                       |
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| 5/3/00              | \$35,153            | Family Planning Association of Kenya                     |
| 5/3/00              | \$40,000            | Christian Health Association of Kenya                    |
| 5/3/00              | \$57,543            | MOH-Kenya  |
| 5/3/00              | \$18,278            | Clinica Rivera, Philippines                              |
| 5/3/00              | \$18,725            | St. Michael Family Hospital, Philippines                 |
| 5/3/00              | \$18,278            | St. Augustine Maternity & General Hospital, Philippines  |
| 5/3/00              | \$18,278            | R.O. Dagan Cooperative Hospital, Philippines             |
| 5/3/00              | \$18,278            | St. Martin de Porres Hospital, Philippines               |
| 5/3/00              | \$18,278            | Comunity Health Development Hospital, Philippines        |
| 5/3/00              | \$18,278            | Sacred Heart Hospital, Philippines                       |
| 5/3/00              | \$18,278            | Bethany Hospital, Philippines                            |
| 6/12/00             | \$299,680           | Royal Medical Services                                   |
| 6/12/00             | \$70,000            | Jordanian Association for Family Planning and Population |