

SARA II QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

April 1 – June 30, 2002

This report covers the third quarter of FY 02, namely, the period April 1 – June 30, 2002. It follows the SARA FY 02 work plan for the period October 1, 2001 – September 30, 2002.

SARA II is a service project. As such, it is responsive to the Africa region's needs, and USAID and REDSO requests channeled through AFR/SD/HRD, so additional activities may gain priority from time to time as discussed in the Work Plan.

Additionally, SO 18 Basic Education has changed to SO 26 through a combination of the higher education SO with this one. Therefore, as of this report, references to SO 18 have changed to SO 26.

Activities as found in the work plan are listed in bold.

SO 26: Adopt policies and strategies for increased sustainability, efficiency and equity of basic education services

- 1. Assist the AFR/SD/HRD SO 26 team**
- **Participate in SO 26 core team meetings**
 - **Assist in the implementn of the research agenda**
 - **Assist team in annual reporting;**
 - **Assist in revising the new educ framework**
 - **Assist in disseminating information on key issues**

Expected Outputs:

- Weekly team meetings attended
- Study on NGOs produced
- Community school review produced
- Annual reporting reviewed
- Presentations on key education issues or findings made

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The new education framework was revised. Also, Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux, SARA Basic Education Advisor, presented findings of the literature review of community schools in Africa to USAID/AFR/SD and HCD education team. The study on NGOs was finalized and is currently in print. In addition, Dr. Miller-Grandvaux prepared and presented annual program reviews for Senegal, Mali and Guinea.

2. Support ADEA working group by participating in ADEA teacher working group meetings

Expected Outputs:

- Report on proceedings

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

3. Promote knowledge and guidance of priority issues in research and analysis and professional settings:

- **Participate in CIES**
- **Participate in NGO conferences**
- **Support presentation of NGO case studies in African for a**
- **Participate in USAID/SD/ED biannual exchange in Africa**

Expected Outputs:

- Presentation made at CIES on NGO study & community schools
- Africa Liaison Program Initiative conference in Africa or UNESCO collective consultation on NGOs conference attended
- NGO findings in education forums in Africa presented by 3 African researchers
- BEE organized & panels set up

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The NGO case study findings were presented in Mali in a consultative meeting organized by ERNWACA/Mali. The presentations of the findings of the NGO study and the literature review of community schools in Africa were made at CIES, USAID and the Society for International Development.

Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux is currently preparing four panels for the USAID Basic Education Exchange: one on alternative education delivery, one on community schooling, one on the role of NGOs in education in Africa and one on education in countries in crisis.

4. Provide knowledge and guidance on role and responsibilities of NGOs in education as part of the SD/Ed Analytic Agenda

- **Disseminate to missions, policy-makers, NGOs**
- **Prepare for consultative meeting and participation in other discussion for a**

Expected Outputs:

- Study finalized & documentation completed
- Findings disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The study in book form was finalized and is currently in print. Briefs are being developed for wider distribution to policymakers, NGOs and missions.

Meanwhile, the consultative meeting is currently being organized. It is scheduled for September 18th.

5. Produce a road map to help missions who want to partner with NGOs in education

Expected Outputs:

- Power-point presentation on strategies & lessons learned in partnerships with NGOs in education

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A first draft was developed and is currently being finalized.

6. Support travel costs of ERNWACA regional coordinator & institutional building costs to ERNWACA

Expected Outputs:

- Contacts established between Regional Coordinator & national coordinators & donors

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

On-going communication and support is provided to the Regional Coordinator's office. The following are highlights of ERNWACA's work this quarter:

- With the support of the Regional Coordinator, ERNWACA/Benin and Cote-d'Ivoire participated in a virtual forum on May on the impact of HIV/AIDS on education
- ERNWACA/Cameroon and the Regional Coordinator also organized a colloquium on teacher training attended by over 100 participants in May.
- The Regional Coordinator submitted proposals to numerous potential funders, including the Ford Foundation, the International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa and CIDA and the ADB.
- During the quarter, the Regional Coordinator traveled to Ghana, Cameroon and Europe. She met with various chapter directors, ministries of education, USAID missions and other donors. She also helped reactivate and encourage various country chapters during these trips and by e-mail/telephone, including Cameroon, Cote-d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Benin, Mali and Togo.

7. ERNWACA Transnational Study Document (English & French)

Expected Outputs:

- Document produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Activity completed. See report for 2nd quarter, FY 02. Dissemination is ongoing.

8. Assist AFR/SD/HRD in providing backstopping to Mali USAID mission:

- **Follow-up education policy agenda;**
- **Provide TA when needed;**
- **Monitor activities & assist in developing strategies on a regular basis**

Expected Outputs:

- Education policy strategy updated & monitored
- TA provided.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

On-going communication continues. Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux provided assistance in reviewing the education program for the new Mali country strategic plan.

9. Promote knowledge & guidance on education in countries in crisis:

- Identify priority issues & concepts through discussions with partners
- Draft strategic options for interventions & follow up

Expected Outputs:

- Discussions/forum held with partners
- Issues & concept paper produced

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The consultative meeting with NGOs is scheduled for September 18th and is in preparation.

10. Conduct synthesis of lessons learned from life skills & non-formal HIV/AIDS evaluations

Expected Outputs:

- Synthesis produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The study was conducted and the document was sent to USAID for review. A number of changes are being made and this document will be produced as two documents next quarter.

11. Conduct a literature review of community schools in Africa:

- Produce a matrix listing models of community schools in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Literature review finalized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Activity completed. See report for 2nd quarter, FY 02.

12. Conduct a cross –country evaluation of quality of education in community schools:

- Share findings with donors & stakeholders in countries

Expected Outputs:

- Evaluation conducted
- Findings presented & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Activity completed. The findings were presented at the CIES conference as well as USAID.

13. Assist AFR/SD/HRD in providing backstopping to Benin or other USAID mission:

- Provide TA when needed

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Assistance was provided to the USAID mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in May and June. A trip to the DRC was conducted and an education strategy paper was subsequently developed. It was approved by the USAID DRC mission.

14. Conduct NGO in education study in South Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Study implemented & finalized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

In process. The data collection is scheduled to take place in July 2002. The Human Sciences Research Centre of South Africa has been contracted by SARA to carry out this study.

SO 19: Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services

Technical Area: **Household and Community Approaches to Child Health**

1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD with issue identification, portfolio management & evaluation [YOUSSEF, SUZANNE, DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- Meetings with AFR/SD/HRD staff organized
- Core Group meetings organized, expert advice provided
- M & E system functioning
- Results packages updated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The SARA child survival core group met on June 28, 2002, to review overall progress in the work plan. The following topics were particularly addressed: Reviewing the application of COPE for child survival in Guinea and Kenya; update on the development of a strategy to include private practitioners in child survival programs in Uganda, collaboration with WHO/AFRO in facilitating a regional workshop on the quality of IMCI services (to be held in Uganda August 2002), and collaboration with CORE on including private practitioners in Malaria activities.

2. Assist partners in following up on the recommendations of the Joint USAID-DFID review of IMCI in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- USAID –DFID Report disseminated,
- Recommendations considered in IMCI plans

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Activity completed. The document was finalized and disseminated this quarter.

3. Facilitate the design & implementation of consultant training package for household & community IMCI [SUZANNE, YOUSSEF]

Expected Outputs:

- Consultant training package developed, field-tested & used

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones, SARA Project Director, continued to coordinate with WHO Headquarters and BASICS WARO in developing the consultant/facilitator training package, now known as the planning guide for facilitators. WHO Headquarters had requested AED assistance to finalize the guide. Dr. Prysor-Jones identified Renata Seidel as an appropriate consultant for this work and is awaiting WHO Headquarters to sort out the administrative mechanisms.

The package is being initially developed in French and was tested in February in Benin. The first facilitator training will take place in Mali in Summer 2002. It will be translated/adapted in English after the field-testing. The package is expected to assist in expanding the pool of African expertise in supporting the development and expansion of the community IMCI component.

4. Identify & activate a role for SARA in promoting & coordinating malaria in pregnancy [YOUSSEF, ANTONIA FOR CB, ANTONIA, DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- SARA's role identified, key outputs described & achieved

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff continued to support the interagency core group on malaria in pregnancy, with SARA working to identify an appropriate dissemination strategy. In addition, the SARA team members continue to participate in the quarterly malaria in pregnancy working group meetings, including the one held June 6th. SARA provided a presentation and discussion for this group to develop a strategic plan for next steps in the dissemination and advocacy of malaria and pregnancy. SARA has also been asked to produce a user-friendly version of WHO's regional malaria in pregnancy strategy for Africa.

Additionally, on May 13th, Antonia Wolff, SARA Dissemination Specialist, and Dr. Sambe Duale, SARA Senior Research Manager, attended the Global Health Council/Roll back Malaria Initiative's Congressional Briefing on Malaria and Pregnancy at the Rayburn House Office Building.

5. Promote coordination between C-IMCI & malaria community activities [DUALE, YOUSSEF]

Expected Outputs:

- SARA participation in regional IMCI- malaria meetings

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Youssef Tawfik, Senior Child Survival Advisor, participated in a joint IMCI and Malaria meeting at WHO/AFRO Harare, May 8-9, 2002. He presented a paper on “Utilizing the Potential of Formal and Informal Private Practitioners in Child Survival – Situation Analysis and Summary of Promising Interventions”. Dr. Tawfik discussed SARA’s experience in supporting the development of a national strategy in Uganda to include private practitioners in IMCI and malaria programs and the potential for developing similar strategies in other African countries.

In addition, Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones facilitated a workshop sponsored by BASICS and CORE, April 8-12, 2002, in Mbour, Senegal. The purpose of the Senegal workshop was to make the C-IMCI approach available to countries and partners and to enhance the role and contributions of NGOs in child health. Regional partners such as WHO and UNICEF participated in the discussions. SARA also supported Dr. Kambou of WAHO and Dr. Zina of Save the Children in Burkina Faso to attend the workshop.

6. Develop & field test tools to improve access & use of essential drugs at community level [YOUSSEF]

Expected Outputs:

- Community tools developed & tested

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA continued to collaborate with the RPM+ project in developing and testing tools to assess and improve access to essential child survival, including anti-malaria drugs, in the community. The tools include household surveys for child illness, adult malaria and Intermittent Preventive Treatment (IPT). They also include a formative qualitative research tool on IPT. The tools will be tested in Senegal. They should guide the identification of priority interventions to improving access to essential child survival drugs in the community.

7. Assist AFR/SD/HRD in following up on their investments in D-IMCI [YOUSSEF]

Expected Outputs:

TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

8. Participate in IAWG meetings on C-IMCI & follow up on required action [SUZANNE, YOUSSEF]

Expected Outputs:

- SARA participation in IAWG meetings
- Increased use of communication for child health promoted with meetings organized & recommendations developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

As noted above, Dr. Suzanne Prysor Jones facilitated the “West African NGO Regional Workshop on Improving Child Health with Communities in West Africa”, conducted in Senegal, April 8-12, 2002. She also worked with BASICS WARO and headquarters in facilitating this workshop. Workshop participants included NGOs and MOH representatives from 9 Francophone African countries (85 in all). The workshop focused on current maternal and child community health activities, introduced the CORE/BASICS NGO framework, and also C-IMCI elements included in the IAWG C-IMCI planning guide. Countries discussed NGO networking, both at country- and regional levels. They formulated recommendations to move forward with community IMCI through advocacy, scaled-up implementation, networking, coordination, public-NGO partnerships, etc.

9. Participate in WHO/AFRO, UNICEF, and/or BASICS meetings in Africa on IMCI (all components) [YOUSSEF, SUZANNE]

Expected Outputs:

- SARA participation in relevant child survival meetings in Africa

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Youssef Tawfik participated in a joint IMCI and Malaria meeting at WHO/AFRO Harare, May 8-9, 2002, as discussed above.

10. Support formative research for neonatal care seeking [SUZANNE]

Expected Outputs:

- Manual on formative research developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Initial formative research materials have been drafted. These have served as a basis for a formative research guide for newborns being developed by the SNL Project, which will be used in Mali, Malawi and other SNL focus countries in Africa and Asia. They have also been used and adapted for newborn research in West Bank-Gaza. WHO/AFRO is still planning to have AED use and adapt the materials for formative research on newborns in Nigeria. AFRO is currently working on budget issues for this activity.

11. Support the promotion of ALIVE model in selected countries [SUZANNE]

Expected Outputs:

- ALIVE model integrated into REDUCE
- ALIVE used in Africa

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

BASICS/Senegal has requested AED assistance for an ALIVE application. Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones participated in meetings with BASICS headquarters to plan this activity, which, we hope, will take place in late 2002. Saving newborn lives intends to sponsor ALIVE applications in their focus countries in Africa (Mali, Malawi and possibly South Africa) but dates have not yet been set for these.

12. Facilitate the focusing of BASICS WARO on AFR/SD/HRD priorities [SUZANNE, YOUSSEF]

Expected Outputs:

- BASICS WARO work plan support AFR/SD/HRD priorities

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The SARA Project has provided technical support to the BASICS IMCI technical group in the area of including private practitioners in IMCI and malaria programs in a number of countries (Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda and Senegal). The two projects intend to conduct a consultative meeting on the topic next quarter.

SARA is also supporting WARO in developing a tool for “mapping” NGOs in West Africa. Information generated by the tool will enable countries to describe the extent of NGO geographic coverage, areas of activities and NGO capacity.

13. Promote linkages between IMCI & breastfeeding & immunization [SUZANNE]

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Specific activities have not yet been established.

SO 19: Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services

Technical Area: Provider Performance

1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD with issues identification, portfolio management, & evaluation [YOUSSEF, SUZANNE, DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- SARA staff organize meetings with AFR/SD/HRD staff
- Core Group meetings organized; M & E system functioning; Results packages updated; Review document produced

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA continues to take the lead in supporting the development of large-scale strategies to include formal and informal private practitioners, an important resource for treating sick children, in national child survival programs. There were no specific activities this quarter to report on.

2. Complete printing & dissemination of private practitioners paper [RENU, YOUSSEF]

Expected Outputs:

- Paper on Private Practitioners printed & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The private practitioners' paper has been printed and disseminated.

3. Translate, print & disseminate paper on private practitioners in French [YOUSSEF, RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Paper on Private Practitioners printed & disseminated in French

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This paper was translated into French during this quarter and will be published next quarter.

4. Disseminate Uganda's experience in involving private practitioners in IMCI [YOUSSEF, RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Uganda report on private practitioners disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Activity completed. See report for 2nd quarter FY 02.

5. Assist selected countries (e.g., Uganda and possibly Mali/Senegal) in conducting situation analysis for the role of private practitioners in child survival [YOUSSEF, SUZANNE]

Expected Outputs:

- Situation analysis conducted in selected countries
- At least one private practitioner strategy developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The Ugandan situational analysis related to private practitioner's practice and profile has been distributed in the Africa region. Discussions have been held with members in other countries (e.g., Senegal, Mali) to conduct a similar situation analysis to be the basis for developing a strategy to include private practitioners in IMCI and malaria programs. Once accepted nationally, the Ugandan national strategy will also be selectively disseminated to countries in the region. Meanwhile, this quarter, SARA consultant Dr. Rosette Kesande, providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Health as part of the CRHCS-SARA subcontract, completed the following:

- Organized an inventory of formal and informal private practitioners in three districts;
- Managed the analysis of the inventory and produced a draft report of the results describing the private practitioners' profile in the three districts; and
- Organized district-level planning to develop district-specific plans of conducting "negotiation sessions" to selected practitioners.

6. Collaborate with WHO/Geneva to develop & promote replication of methodology for including private practitioners in IMCI [YOUSSEF, SUZANNE]

Expected Outputs:

- Method for involving private practitioners in ICMI documented & plans developed to implement it in selected countries

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

During this quarter, WHO contributed \$19,000 to this effort. The fund was used to conduct inventory (mapping) of all private providers in three districts in Uganda and developing district specific intervention plans (see previous item). The SARA-WHO collaboration is expected to continue until interventions are implemented and evaluated in the selected three districts.

7. Facilitate the development of a strategy to scale up IMCI, e.g. through the private sector [YOUSSEF, OSCAR, RENU]

Expected outputs:

- Report on Uganda's experience printed & disseminated
- Document Uganda's experience in applying innovative training techniques (contracting & short course)

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Youssef Tawfik discussed with WHO/AFRO the collaboration between IMCI and RBM on developing joint strategies for improving the quality of child health care provided by formal and informal private practitioners. The recent experience in Uganda provided a concrete basis for developing strategies.

Documenting Uganda's experience in applying innovative training techniques has been deferred due to the delay in conducting the fieldwork in Uganda.

8. Facilitate the dissemination & use of COPE for child health [SUZANNE, YOUSSEF]

Expected Outputs:

- Evaluation of COPE in child health discussed & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The experience of adapting COPE for child health had been tested in Kenya and Guinea. Dr. Youssef Tawfik will participate in the Quality of Care for IMCI regional workshop, organized by WHO/AFRO and planned for August 2002 in Uganda. This will be an opportunity to disseminate the results of COPE and discuss the potential for further adaptation/expansion of its use in other countries.

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Technical Area: Malaria RP

1. CORE Regional Workshop for PVOs on Malaria Prevention & Control in Africa [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultants, workshop organized, report prepared & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

As a follow-up to this activity that was completed in December 2001, Dr. Sambe Duale has continued to actively engage with the CORE Malaria Working Group and other partners in discussing the development and implementation of follow-up activities. The discussions this quarter focused more on the planning of a national workshop for PVOs on malaria in Zambia.

2. Support for the development of revised strategic directions for USAID malaria activities in Africa [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- SARA staff & consultant involved in meetings & electronic exchanges with partners

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff attended the two AFR/SD/HRD Infectious Diseases Core Team meetings held this quarter. Among the topics discussed at these meetings were information dissemination and advocacy on malaria and pregnancy; technical assistance to African regional institutions such as WAHO, CRHCS and RCQHC; and the 3rd MIM conference.

3. Support for M & E of the Joint WHO/AFRO & USAID support for malaria control programs in Africa [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultant

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones met briefly with Dr. Yao Kassankogno of WHO/AFRO during his visit in Washington, DC, to explore the possibility of developing a computer model for advocacy on anti-malarial drug policies.

4. Technical support for malaria activities of selected African institutions & networks such as MRTC, RCQHC, ICIPE [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultant
- Meetings & electronic exchanges organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale and Dr. Stephen Kinoti, SARA HIV/AIDS Advisor, had telephone and e-mail exchanges with Dr. Ominde Achola of CRHCS on the development and implementation of malaria activities under the SARA/CRHCS sub-contract. Dr. Ominde traveled to Kampala this quarter to participate in a working group meeting convened by the RCQHC on malaria and pregnancy.

5. An ICIPE-led working group meeting to discuss training curricula for vector & environmental management for malaria control [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultants
- Workshop organized
- Report prepared & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. John Beier of Tulane exchanged telephone calls with Dr. Sambe Duale to discuss ways to move this activity forward. Dr. Beier will be at ICIPE during the month of July and hopes to work out a proposal with the ICIPE leadership for this activity.

6. Support for initiatives on the prevention of malaria in pregnancy in Africa [DUALE, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meetings held
- Advocacy briefs developed & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

On May 13th, Antonia Wolff and Sambe Duale attended the Global Health Council/Roll Back Malaria Initiative's Congressional Briefing on Malaria and Pregnancy at the Rayburn House Office Building. They also actively participated in the malaria and pregnancy working group meeting held June 6, 2002, at PHNI.

7. The 3rd MIM African Conference in Arusha, Tanzania [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultants
- Workshop organized
- Report prepared & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Samba Duale had preliminary discussions with Mary Ettling of AFR/SD/HRD on the participation of SARA and its African partner institutions CRHCS and WAHO in the conference. A CTO letter will be developed next quarter for SARA participation.

8. Production, dissemination of the guide to conducting formative research on care-seeking for malaria [ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Guide with protocols printed & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The Guide entitled, 'A Guide to Research on Care-Seeking for Childhood Malaria,' jointly supported by SARA and the BASICS II Project, has been finalized, printed and is currently being disseminated. Dissemination will continue in the next quarter.

9. Provide support to ECSACON to include malaria & pregnancy in its August 2002 conference agenda [ANTONIA FOR CB, ANTONIA, DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- Attendance of African midwives and/or speakers at conference funded
- Travel of speaker on malaria & pregnancy supported
- Advocacy materials shared at meeting

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Although no SARA staff member will be attending the meeting in August, support to ECSACON is underway to conduct a session on malaria in pregnancy at the meeting in Dar Es Salaam. The CTO letter has been signed, and Joseph Coblenz, SARA Operations Manager, will do the paperwork to transfer the funds using the most appropriate mechanism. The SARA project has provided a liaison role to ensure that WHO's Africa Regional Office and the RCQHC provide technical support to this session. A carton of reference materials, including brochures on malaria in pregnancy and the briefing kits on malaria in pregnancy have been sent and will be distributed at the meeting. Follow-up, to be conducted next quarter, will include getting a timely report on the meeting, finding out that our materials were used, and ensuring that the report we receive clearly indicates that the funds were used to have substantive discussions on the recommended policies on malaria in pregnancy (ITNs and SP).

10. Support CRHCS in promoting best practices in malaria & pregnancy [ANTONIA FOR CB, STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Review of member states' policies completed, discussed at Family & RH Steering Committee
- Report January 02-Sept 02 completed & repackaged
- Issue of malaria & pregnancy included as major agenda item at at least one major meeting

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Toward the end of this quarter, Dr. Achola Ominde provided SARA with a draft scope of work for the malaria in pregnancy policy review activity. CRHCS will hire a consultant next quarter to initiate this activity.

SO 19 : Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services.

Technical Area: Tuberculosis

1. Implementation of the Women & TB study in Tanzania [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- Data collected & analyzed, report prepared
- Dissemination workshop organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The study team in Tanzania is still analyzing the data and preparing the first draft report. Because of the delay in data management, it was not possible to present preliminary findings at the TB in Africa Conference to be held in South Africa in July 2002. Dr. Sambe Duale will continue to apply pressure and look for ways to assist the study team to finalize data analysis and prepare the report.

2. Support for the working group meeting on linking TB & HIV programs [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultants

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale followed-up electronically with Tanzania colleagues on the implementation of the recommendations and protocol developed at the TB-HIV workshop held last quarter in Nairobi.

3. Organize information sharing on the implementation of TB control programs in African settings at the African TB conference in South Africa [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- Information-sharing activities planned & organized.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA was not able to send participants to the conference in South Africa because the results of the TB and Gender study were not ready. SARA will seek another venue/event for facilitating the sharing of information on TB control programs in Africa.

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Technical Area: Infectious Diseases

1. . Technical support for the joint WHO/AFRO, CDC & USAID support for integrated disease surveillance systems in Africa [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- Technical assistance from SARA staff & consultant provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale worked with Ms. Mary Harvey of AFR/SD/HRD on the planning and organization of the joint USAID, WHO and CDC work plan planning meeting held April 1-3, 2002, at PHNI. The joint work plan prepared as the outcome of this meeting was later presented to other partners during the IDSR Task Force held in Kampala, May 28-30, 2002.

2. Technical support to AFR/SD/HRD on Epidemic Preparedness & Response, & Transition Initiatives [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- Review meetings held
- TA provided to update this area

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

3. Support to WHO/AFRO in integrated surveillance activities [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale attended the World Health Organization Annual Task Force Meeting on Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) in Africa held May 28-30, 2002, in Kampala, Uganda.

4. Documentation of Kay study on laboratory strengthening [ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Lab strengthening work documented & dissemination

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The report was reviewed. Recommendations for its repackaging and reuse will be made during the next quarter.

5. Finalize, print, & disseminate Laboratory manual in French [RENU, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Assistance provided
- Document produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The laboratory manual was finalized and disseminated to a core group of targeted individuals and organizations this quarter. Additionally, a CD-ROM was developed containing the lab manual in English and in French, and disseminated at the IDSR task force meeting in May.

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Technical Area: Nutrition

Support to **AFR/SD/HRD**

1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD SO 19 team in managing the Nutrition Technical Area (including MTCT/nutrition issues) [ELLEN, DORCAS]

Expected Outputs:

- Core team meetings held
- SO 19 portfolio reviews conducted
- Performance monitoring plan drafted
- Peer reviews organized
- Expert advice provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA nutrition/MTCT advisor Ellen Piwoz participated in a meeting of the Africa Bureau MTCT core team and in the HIV/AIDS portfolio review in April of this quarter, providing information on MTCT and HIV/nutrition issues and activities.

Dr. Piwoz and Dorcas Lwanga, SARA Nutritionist, also provided information to AFR/SD/HRD on the food security and nutrition situation in Southern African countries facing drought and food crises. This information was provided through media and internet searches, key informant interviews, and e-mail communication with representatives of the World Food Programme in Rome and Kampala (regional office).

There were no peer reviews or other team meetings this quarter.

2. Provide technical support to AFR Core Groups, G-PHN, & CA partners on nutrition issues in Africa [ELLEN, DORCAS, SUZANNE]

Expected Outputs:

- Meetings attended
- Expert advice/input provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

FANTA

SARA continued to provide technical assistance to FANTA on HIV/nutrition issues this quarter. Dorcas Lwanga provided technical assistance and feedback to the team that is writing a handbook on how to develop national guidelines on nutrition care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS. This support was provided through e-mail communications and a team meeting held in Lusaka, Zambia. Regional experts on nutrition and HIV/AIDS in East and Southern Africa are developing the handbook.

2. Continued

Ms. Lwanga also participated in the REDSO/FANTA regional workshop on developing national nutrition guidelines held in Lusaka, Zambia, in May. She facilitated the session on recommendations for nutrition care and support for women and children, and she also participated in a team meeting to review the first draft of the guide in detail and plan for finalization of the handbook. A final draft should be forthcoming mid-August 2002. The handbook is being prepared with REDSO support to FANTA.

BASICS

Dr. Ellen Piwoz met this quarter with Dr. Kathy Krasovec, the new Nutrition Team Leader at BASICS, and Holly Dempsey of AFR/SD/HRD to discuss BASICS' activities in nutrition in Africa. The meeting was primarily to orient Dr. Krasovec on AFR/SD/HRD-supported activities, including the role of SANA in the West Africa Regional Office work plan and common agenda.

LINKAGES

Dr. Ellen Piwoz participated in meetings of the LINKAGES working groups on MTCT and complementary feeding this quarter. This included meetings to discuss LINKAGES' guidelines on early breastfeeding cessation and feeding of children after 6 months of age. In June, she made a presentation to LINKAGES, SARA and FANTA staff on the ZVITAMBO infant feeding counseling project. This presentation was the basis for the ZVITAMBO/SARA poster presentation at the Barcelona AIDS Conference.

Issues, problems, and proposed solutions

The nutrition core team has not met in a long time. There is a need to organize a core group meeting next quarter to discuss progress and priorities.

The MTCT core group has also not been very active. There have been many meetings organized by USAID/Global on MTCT issues that have not included the Africa Bureau, and when AFR/SD/HRD has been invited, SARA has not been asked to participate. This limits seriously the capacity of SARA to give technical expert advice on this issue to USAID. The only proposed solution to this process is a change in relationship with the Global Bureau/HIV/AIDS, but this is not likely in the foreseeable future.

3. Continuous issues identification & preparation of research & analysis to support nutrition in Africa

- Nutrition of women & children in Africa
- Expanding programs to improve complementary feeding
- Nutrition for HIV infected women during pregnancy & lactation
- Nutrition for HIV+ children
- Anemia & infectious diseases [ELLEN, DORCAS, STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Issues papers drafted
- Issues papers reviewed by experts
- Issues papers produced & disseminated
- Issues papers translated to French
- Posters or oral presentations developed
- Consultative meetings organized
- Workshops / conferences with dissemination component attended

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Ms. Dorcas Lwanga continued her work on a literature review of appropriate nutrition care and support for HIV-infected women and children. This review has formed the basis for numerous presentations that Ms. Lwanga has been giving in Africa as part of the SARA support to CRHCS and the RCQHC on HIV/nutrition-related issues. The information compiled will be used to develop short briefs on 1) nutrition for HIV-infected women during pregnancy and lactation; 2) nutrition for HIV-positive children; and 3) nutritional issues with the use of antiretroviral drugs in low-resource settings. The target audience for the Briefs is nutrition and HIV/AIDS program managers and policymakers involved in nutrition guideline development and implementation. This activity will continue in the coming year.

Dr Stephen Kinoti as the focal point person for the CRHCS/ECSA-SARA subcontract, worked closely with Ms. Lwanga, Ms Mofota Shomari and Ms. Bibi Geyose and Dr. Ellen Piwoz in managing the nutrition component of the subcontract. In particular, he helped plan and develop the program for the Regional Nutrition Experts meeting. In April 2002, Dr. Kinoti worked with Ms Shomari and Ms. Geyose in preparing the reports of the Profiles Monitoring.

Developing nutrition guidelines for MTCT-plus

Dr. Ellen Piwoz participated in a 2-day meeting of a Technical Writing Committee convened by WHO to write guidelines on the care and support of HIV-infected women and children identified through P-MTCT programs. Dr. Piwoz has been given responsibility for writing guidelines on infant nutrition and maternal nutrition support for these guidelines. The draft guidelines are due in September 2002, and a technical review meeting will be held in November 2002. WHO is partially funding Dr. Piwoz' work on this activity (travel only).

Early Breastfeeding Cessation issues paper

The revised version of the paper on Issues, Risks and Challenges of Early Breastfeeding Cessation as an option for reducing postnatal transmission of HIV in Africa was finally released this quarter after much discussion about the title and possible misunderstandings that could be created by the work. The paper was reproduced in English only and distribution will be targeted only to individuals/organizations familiar with infant feeding and HIV/AIDS issues, or who request the document.

3. Continued

Analyses and oral presentations: Heifer Project International

Dr. Ellen Piwoz traveled to Little Rock, Arkansas, at the invitation of the Heifer Project International to meet with key Africa program and HIV/AIDS-staff in order to discuss nutrition aspects of their widely publicized African HIV/AIDS Strategy. This strategy promotes the use of small-scale and sustainable animal husbandry to improve the nutrition of people and communities affected by HIV/AIDS. One widely reported aspect of the strategy is the promotion of goats' milk for feeding children of HIV-infected women. Dr. Piwoz made two presentations to HPI, one on mother-to-child transmission of HIV and infant feeding issues, and the other on nutrition for people living with HIV/AIDS. This information is being used in the refinement of their strategy.

Analyses and oral presentations: ZVITAMBO infant feeding and HIV counseling project

Dr. Ellen Piwoz traveled to Harare to work with the ZVITAMBO infant feeding counseling team to analyze the findings from the study and prepare a poster presentation on the results at the Barcelona AIDS conference. The findings from this analysis were presented to USAID/Zimbabwe at the conclusion of this trip and are described in the SARA trip report. Additional work will need to be done with ZVITAMBO next year when the data on infant infection and timing of transmission are available.

Satellite meeting on HIV/AIDS and nutrition at the Barcelona AIDS Conference

Dr. Piwoz co-organized a 4-hour satellite workshop this quarter in collaboration with Columbia University on issues related to nutrition care and support of people living with HIV/AIDS in resource-poor settings. This included, among many others, a presentation by ZVITAMBO director Dr. Jean Humphrey on anemia and HIV/AIDS (a priority topic for research and analysis in the SARA-AFR/SD/HRD work plan). A description of the proceedings of the meeting will be available next quarter.

Expanding programs to improve complementary feeding

In December 2001, WHO/Geneva organized a global technical consultation on complementary feeding. Dr. Piwoz was invited to prepare a background paper on challenges to expanding programs to improve complementary feeding. This paper, which was co-authored with Vicky Quinn and Sandra Huffman, has been accepted for publication in the Food and Nutrition Bulletin. Work on the paper continued this quarter with revising the references and answering editorial queries from the Bulletin and WHO.

UNICEF/WABA meeting on HIV and infant feeding

Dr. Piwoz and Dr. Jay Ross (LINKAGES) were invited by UNICEF to prepare a state of the art paper and presentation on HIV and infant feeding for the UNICEF/WHO regional meeting that will be held in September 2002. Work will continue on this paper next quarter.

Issues, problems and solutions

There are no issues or problems to date for these activities, apart from the need for continued support from AFR/SD/HRD for these activities to ensure adequate follow-up and completion.

4. Evaluate the impact of AFR/SD/HRD nutrition investments & disseminate results

- **SANA evaluation**
- **PROFILES evaluation**
- **Prepare concept paper for new directions with PROFILES/advocacy for nutrition [DORCAS, ELLEN]**

Expected Outputs:

- SANA evaluation report completed
- PROFILES evaluation report completed
- Conferences/workshops attended where results are presented & discussed
- Concept paper prepared

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SANA Evaluation

The SANA project ended this quarter and SARA provided excellent support to ensure that all of the SANA products and deliverables were completed on time. This support included packaging and dissemination of the SANA evaluation and Impact Reviews.

No problems were encountered. A final debriefing on SANA results and closeout, with rollover to the SARA Project, should be held in August 2002.

PROFILES Evaluation and Concept Paper

The PROFILES evaluation report is still pending and should be available by the end of August 2002. This quarter, PROFILES Coordinator Dr. Helen Steifel coded the data for qualitative analysis. Preliminary findings will be presented by Dr. Robert Mwadime of LINAKGES/RCQHC at the July 2002 Information Technologies for Nutrition in Africa (ITANA) conference to be held in Nairobi, Kenya.

The final report, which will include recommendations for new directions, has been delayed because the primary author, Dr. Jay Ross, has had other urgent priorities.

Support to African Institutions

1. Strengthen African partners' capacity for:

- Nutrition policy analysis & advocacy
- PRSP & nutrition
- Use of AFR-supported nutrition tools/materials in NGO & pre-service settings
- Nutrition, MTCT, & HIV/AIDS [DORCAS, ELLEN]

Expected Outputs:

- Regional training workshops conducted on nutrition advocacy, PRSP, use of nutrition tools, HIV
- Follow-up assistance provided for implementation of new approaches
- Information shared during regional meetings

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Nutrition policy analysis and advocacy – CRHCS

CRHCS continued its efforts to evaluate the impact of the Nutrition Briefs in the ECSA region (an activity contained in the SARA/CRHCS sub-contract). The evaluation has been hampered by low response rate from mailed interviews an alternative option to call non-respondents was not feasible because most contact numbers were not current or were missing.

To address this problem, CRHCS and SARA have decided to use upcoming nutrition meetings in the region to conduct the evaluation. The most relevant meetings include the July 2002 meeting of the CRHCS nutrition experts and focal points (to be held in Dar Es Salaam), the UNICEF-sponsored regional Nutrition Network meeting in August 2002, and the RCQHC regional HIV/nutrition pre-service curricula review and update meeting to be held in August in Mombasa, Kenya.

Nutrition policy analysis and advocacy – WAHO

The West Africa version of the Nutrition Briefs were finalized and produced this quarter in French and English in collaboration with WAHO. Ms. Dorcas Lwanga and Ms. Kinday Samba Ndure, SARA West Africa Regional Advisor, worked together with WAHO to review the contents and modify the text to address the nutrition situation in the WAHO region. The Nutrition Briefs will be debuted at the WAHO Nutrition Focal Point meeting in September 2002 in Banjul, The Gambia. SARA will work with WAHO on a dissemination strategy and plan for the Nutrition Briefs in the region.

In addition to the Nutrition Briefs, Ms. Samba Ndure worked with WAHO to plan regional workshops to strengthen capacity and skills in nutrition advocacy. These workshops, for trainers from training institutions in Abidjan in July, and for nutrition program managers in Ghana in October, is being sponsored by the Africa Nutrition Leadership Initiative of the United Nations University and the Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN) working group on Capacity Development, and WHO/AFRO.

PRSP and Nutrition

No activity this quarter.

1. Continued

Use of AFR-supported nutrition tools and materials in NGO and pre-service settings

In April-May 2002, Kinday Samba Ndure organized with BASICS and the WHO-funded Regional Public Health Institute (IRSP) a workshop to disseminate a series of nutrition approaches and tools developed by agencies supported by USAID. The activity is an initiative to increase utilization of these approaches and tools by introducing them to trainers from pre-service public health training institutions and program managers and nutritionists working with NGOs in the region. SAR inputs included organization of the workshop program, development of the training content and provision of technical background materials. Participants in the workshop have prepared action plans for integrating the approaches and tools into their training curricula and SARA will continue to support follow-up activities to assist in the integration process. A dissemination strategy targeting NGOs has been identified and this activity will continue next year.

Nutrition, MTCT and HIV/AIDS – CRHCS and RCQHC

Ms. Dorcas Lwanga provided continued technical assistance to CRHCS for the planning of a regional nutrition experts meeting on Nutrition and HIV/AIDS, which was held in July 2002 and will be reported on next quarter. SARA inputs included organization of the program and objectives; provision of technical background materials; identification of speakers; and technical presentations. Ms. Lwanga also provided technical assistance to the RCQHC for the planning of a pre-service workshop.

University of the Western Cape

SARA received a request this quarter to provide technical assistance to UWC Public Health School on an evaluation of the impact of the National PMTCT Program on infant feeding and caring practices. The evaluation is being supported by the Health Systems trust and other partners. A CTO letter was drafted and signed, pending feedback from the South Africa USAID mission. To date, no feedback has been obtained and the study is moving forward. Dr. Ellen Piwoz has provided technical assistance via e-mail and telephone on the design of this study and development of study instruments, but she has not been able to travel to South Africa to assist the team with this work.

The USAID South Africa mission should be contacted to confirm their support for this activity.

2. Monitoring of existing agreements with African institutions & networks [SUZANNE, DORCAS, ELLEN]

Expected Outputs:

- Expert advice/input provided
- Monitoring visits conducted

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

CRHCS

SARA has continued to work closely with CRHCS to monitor the implementation of activities outlined in the subcontract. There was limited progress (discussed above) on the evaluation of the Nutrition Briefs and the dissemination of the PROFILES evaluation findings.

A number of conference calls were held this quarter to discuss follow-up of the activities in the subcontract but no monitoring visits were conducted. CRHCS received a grant from WHO/AFRO to conduct several activities, some of which overlap with the SARA subcontract. CRHCS decided to use resources from different grants - from WHO/AFRO and the Gates Foundation - to support the Nutrition Experts Consultative Meeting on HIV and Nutrition (held in July 2002) instead of funds from the SARA/CRHCS subcontract. CRHCS would like to use SARA funds for follow-up activities.

A monitoring visit should be planned for next quarter, perhaps in conjunction with the WABA technical meeting on HIV and infant feeding. CRHCS is hosting this worldwide meeting.

3. Dissemination of promising practices in Africa through regional networks

- **WAHO focal points**
- **CRHCS nutrition network**
- **Other HIV networks [DORCAS, ELLEN]**

Expected Outputs:

- Regional dissemination meetings organized with SARA assistance
- Promising practices documented & disseminated through presentations, case study, other media

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

WAHO

Ms. Kinday Samba Ndure has continued to participate in the planning of the WAHO Nutrition Focal Points meeting, which will be held and reported on next quarter. Ms. Samba Ndure participated in one international planning committee meeting in May 2002 in Banjul. WAHO requested SARA support for a workshop facilitator from the region and for travel for a few participants. A CTO letter will be submitted for this request.

The Nutrition Focal Point meeting will be an opportunity to disseminate AFR/SD/HRD-supported tools and materials during the regular conference sessions and at a booth that all participants are asked to construct to display and discuss promising practices and materials.

Institute for Public Health/Benin (IRSP)

Ms. Samba Ndure worked in collaboration with BASICS II WARO to facilitate a five-day workshop held in May 2002 on the use and dissemination of approaches and tools in nutrition developed by USAID-funded projects. The activity is an initiative to increase utilization of these approaches and tools by introducing them to trainers from pre-service public health training institutions and program managers and nutritionists working with NGOs in the region. These approaches and tools included the consultative research method with its principal tool, the Trials of Improved Practices, nutrition policy analysis and advocacy with the PROFILES software, the Minimum Package of Essential Nutrition Actions, the monitoring and evaluation of programs and the planning of community nutrition programs and their respective tools. On the whole, some of the tools, particularly the Essential Nutrition Actions, the reference document on community nutrition and the training guides in consultative research and monitoring and evaluation, were highly appreciated and considered appropriate to address the majority of the gaps in the nutrition program of different curricula and support practical field training exercises and strengthen capacity and skills in relevant areas. The next steps for this activity have been discussed earlier in this report.

CRHCS

Ms. Dorcas Lwanga worked with CRHCS to plan an evaluation of the dissemination and use of AFR/SD-supported nutrition tools and materials as part of the July 2002 Nutrition Experts meeting. The findings from this evaluation will be reported next quarter. Ms. Lwanga and CRHCS will conduct similar evaluations in future regional meetings (as described earlier in this report).

4. Dissemination of new advocacy materials for nutrition

- **West Africa Nutrition Briefs**
- **Nutrition of women & children in Africa [DORCAS, ELLEN]**

Expected Outputs:

- Briefs produced, translated, disseminated
- Situation assessment produced, repackaged for regional use

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

West Africa Nutrition Briefs

The West Africa version of the Nutrition Briefs was finalized and produced this quarter in French and English in collaboration with WAHO. Ms. Dorcas Lwanga and Ms. Kinday Samba Ndure worked together with WAHO to review the contents and modify the text to address the nutrition situation in the WAHO region. The Nutrition Briefs will be debuted at the WAHO Nutrition Focal Point meeting in September 2002 in Banjul, The Gambia. SARA will work with WAHO on a dissemination strategy and plan for the Nutrition Briefs in the region.

The only problem anticipated this quarter is that WAHO may need additional financial and technical support to disseminate and monitor the use of the Nutrition Briefs (based on lessons learned with other African partners).

Nutrition of women and children in Africa

No progress this quarter. It is not clear whether AFR/SD/HRD would still like to carry out this activity.

SO 19: Adoption of Policies and Strategies for Increased sustainability, Quality, Efficiency, and Equity of Health Services

Technical Area: Maternal Health/Essential Obstetrical Care (EOC)

1. Work with African Institutions to expand REDUCE/ALIVE initiative in Africa [ANTONIA FOR CB, SUZANNE]

Expected Outputs:

- Model introduced
- Follow-up/capacity building completed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

REDUCE was applied to Mauritania this quarter with funding from WHO/AFRO. CEFOREP staff and consultants Thierno Dieng and Badara Seye took the lead in running the workshop with assistance from SARA consultant Elisabeth Sommerfelt. This team worked well together and will be used by WHO/AFRO for other Francophone countries. SARA consultant Debbie Gachuhi spent 5 days working in DC to revise REDUCE presentations on advocacy, write up presenters' notes and develop tools and guidelines for workshop organizers and facilitators.

2. Assist CEFOREP & SAGO to monitor its EOC resolutions from 1998 & to input these into ongoing work [ANTONIA FOR CB, RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Plans developed for policy monitoring
- Report on progress made in implementing policy resolutions in member states

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

CEFOREP has submitted a budget to do additional follow-up of Essential Obstetric and Newborn Care in the region. CEFOREP has submitted a budget. SARA staff will continue discussions with CEFOREP to develop a scope of work for this budget in the next quarter.

3. Continue to provide support to ACNM meta-analysis project [ANTONIA FOR CB]

Expected Outputs:

- Analysis completed & dissemination strategy developed
- One-day workshop to develop follow-on plans discussed.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The meta-analysis was recently completed and submitted. Recently, ACNM presented the meta-analysis at the Society for Applied Anthropology/Society for Medical Anthropology (March 2002), at the International Confederation of Midwives in April 2002, and an abstract was submitted as part of an invited session by Saving Newborn Lives for the APHA meeting in November 2000. Finally, ACNM is submitting it for possible presentation at the White Ribbon Alliance meeting in India slated for October. ACNM is still interested in compiling the electronic bibliography on CD-ROM; however, the CTO letter does not cover this additional expense.

4. Support dissemination & regional training on curriculum & standards & guidelines for EOC clinical practice in West Africa [ANTONIA FOR CB]

Expected Outputs:

- Regional meeting held to disseminate new guidelines

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The EONC curricular module was finalized through a workshop that was held in April. This workshop standardized the current draft module with the best clinical practices described in the MCPC manual. FHA/SFPS will disseminate the EONC curricular module, with the MCPC manual as an accompanying reference manual, during the Regional Meeting on Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Pre-service Education that will be held in Cotonou in September 2002. The specific objectives of this meeting will be:

- To review progress to date towards national action plans and identify obstacles
- To share best practices and lessons learned between countries
- To update action plans relative to the findings above

In April, the Deliver Project conducted a workshop to introduce a commodity logistics management curriculum to representatives of various pre-service institutions in the region. During this workshop, plans were made to introduce the curriculum into the represented schools at the Pre-service Forum.

5. Support Commonwealth Regional Health Community Secretariat (CRHCS) to undertake review of safe motherhood models & present findings at appropriate meetings [ANTONIA FOR CB, ANTONIA, STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Review undertaken by CRHCS
- Findings repackaged & presented at at least one regional meeting

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti participated in the review of the SOW and selection of the consultant to undertake the review of safe motherhood models. The consultant selected, Dr. James Maneno, has started working on the review of safe motherhood models.

SO 19: Adoption of Policies and Strategies for Increased sustainability, Quality, Efficiency, and Equity of Health Services

Technical Area: Health Care Finance & Reform

General – Cross-Cutting
<p>1. Issues paper on the Health Sector Human Resource (HR)/work force Crisis in Africa [OSCAR, DUALE, RENU]</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper finalized, produced, disseminated <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>2. Participate in the USAID’s Human Resource Task Force [OSCAR]</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed action plan on how to address HR issues in USAID programs <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>The USAID HR Task Force has not been organized. However, Oscar Picazo, SARA Health Care Financing and Reform Advisor, and Dr. Stephen Kinoti have joined forces and meet periodically with World Bank colleagues (K. Rogo, D. Habte, B. Liese and G. Dussault) and with WHO/AFRO and WHO/Geneva to share information on who is doing what on HR issues in Africa. This has yielded benefits in terms of tracking studies and sharing documents in process (scopes of work, plans, etc.).</p> <p>Mr. Picazo and Dr. Kinoti have also met with the Kenya Medical Association on their interest in conducting one of perhaps three country case assessments of the extent and magnitude of the HR crisis in the country. The initial scope of work has been discussed.</p>
<p>3. Draft paper on the Role of USAID in Sector-Wide Approaches (SWAp) & Health Sector Reform (HSR) [OSCAR, RENU, SUZANNE]</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper finalized, presented, & reviewed• Follow-on work determined <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>Oscar Picazo presented the status of SWAps in poor countries and health sector reform in Africa during June 2002 USAID State of the Art (SOTA) course in Nairobi, Kenya.</p>

4. Provide technical support to AFR/SD/HRD & field missions on aspects related to HSR, including the Highly Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) in Africa [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- Key information & updates provided to AFR/SD/HRD & field missions on HSR
- Peer reviews provided to consultant reports

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Oscar Picazo made a presentation on the status of HSR, sector programs and cross-sectoral initiatives (including debt relief) to PHN officers during the June 2002 SOTA Course discussed above.

5. Provide technical support to AFR/SD/HRD, cooperating agencies, governments & other donors on National Health Accounts [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- AFR/SD/HRD planning meetings held
- NHA work plans reviewed
- Dissemination meetings attended

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Oscar Picazo participated in developing and finalizing the Africa Region NHA Strategic Plan that was discussed during a multi-donor consultative meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, in June 2002. The strategic plan laid out the key objectives, players and resources needed to conduct a second round of NHA in Anglophone countries, and to launch the Francophone NHA Network sometime in November 2002.

6. Define health care financing follow-up activities to September 1999 conference on RH health care reform [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- To be determined in consultation with AFR/SD/HRD & CAs

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA is uncertain whether this will be pursued.

7. Define health reform, health financing & health economics analytical & training activities that can be supported through CESAG [SUZANNE, OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- TBD in consultation with AFR/SD/HRD, CESAG & CAs

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Oscar Picazo visited CESAG in May 2002 and discussed the possibility of CESAG getting involved in the following: (a) the Francophone NHA Network, for which they have also been approached by WHO/AFRO; (b) overseeing country case assessments of the human resource situation in health in Francophone Africa; and (c) logistics training on contraceptives. CESAG expressed interest in all three, but so far only the NHA regional work has solidified.

While in Dakar, Mr. Picazo also discussed with other donor representatives their interest in supporting CESAG activities. The World Bank Institute (G. Dussault) is interested in collaborating with other partners on the NHA work in Francophone Africa, as well as logistics training in health. The Swiss Tropical Institute (K. Wyss) is also planning a major investment to support CESAG, but specific activities remain to be determined.

Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones and Mr. Picazo have also been encouraging MSH's Management and Leadership Project to work more actively in Francophone Africa, preferably through CESAG and other regional institutions. This resulted in a visit of MSH staff J. Ntumba to CESAG in June 2002, and ongoing "brainstorming" conversations with M&L staff on the way forward with CESAG.

8. Assist AFR/SD/HRD Team as needed in managing the SO & IRs pertaining to sustainability & health financing policies & programs: cost sharing & user fees, Bamako Initiatives & other community financing schemes, government budgeting & expenditure management, fiscal decentralization, & related topics [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- Key information & updates provided to AFR/SD/HRD, field missions, & cooperating agencies
- Peer reviews provided to consultant reports
- Dissemination meetings organized & attended

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Oscar Picazo presented an update on health system decentralization in Africa, and worked with two other presenters (Uganda and Senegal) on country-case experiences in decentralization during the recent SOTA Course in Nairobi, Kenya. Mr. Picazo also worked with M. Bura of CRHCS and G. Cripps of USAID/REDSO to plan for the East Africans' study tour of mutual health organizations in Senegal.

In April 2002, Dr. Stephen Kinoti and Mr. Picazo attended the REDSO annual partners' meeting in Nairobi, and participated in (a) updates and discussions about SARA and REDSO-supported initiatives in health financing, and (b) determining, in a participatory fashion, the specific indicators for CRHCS' deliverables that the institution will be held accountable for on an annual basis.

Health Sector Reform & Health Care Financing Support to SO 19

1. Supervise completion of Hugh Water's paper on Working with the Private Sector on Child Health [OSCAR, RENU, YOUSSEF]

Expected Outputs:

- Paper reviewed, finalized, produced, & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The final report was submitted to the World Bank, which initially made a commitment to produce and print it with appropriate credit given to USAID Bureau for Africa, Office of Sustainable Development, and the AED/SARA Project. Since this has not been done, this issue needs to be revisited and alternative resources need to be found for printing.

2. Complete "Viewpoint" advocacy article on the role of the private sector in child health [OSCAR, RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Paper completed, reviewed, finalized, & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Same comment as item no. 1 above.

3. Participate in Inter-Agency Working Group on Child Health [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meetings held

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

4. Supervise the drafting of Country Assessment Guideline for Private Sector Participation in Child Health [OSCAR, RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Country Assessment Guideline completed & reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

5. Supervise the drafting of Implementation Guidelines on Child Health [OSCAR, RENU, YOUSSEF]

Expected Outputs:

- Implementation Guidelines completed & reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

6. Draft concept notes/issues papers on the use of (a) franchising, & (b) vouchers for child health services [OSCAR, RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Paper completed, reviewed, finalized & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Much of the secondary web-based materials are now on file, but the literature search is not yet complete. This is proving to be time-consuming. A summer intern was considered in April to do the rest of the web search, but he backed out at the last minute. Another summer intern is being considered to complete the literature search.

7. Work with BASICS II for the documentation of resource flows to child health at national & district levels in two African countries [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- Scope of work completed, finalized & reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

To be dropped.

8. Work with BASICS II for the mapping of key decision points & actors in the policy formulation, planning, budgeting & implementation of child health services, especially EPI [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- Scope of work completed, finalized & reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

To be dropped.

9. Provide technical support as needed to AFR/SD/HRD & African institutions on aspects related to the costing, financing, cost-effectiveness & sustainability of child health programs [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- Key information & updates provided to AFR/SD/HRD, African institutions, & cooperating agencies
- Peer reviews provided to consultant reports
- Dissemination meetings organized & attended

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Oscar Picazo reviewed the REDUCE and ALIVE models, and concluded that these are not cost-effective analyses as such. However, many interested parties are clamoring for information on where to put available resources into alternative interventions. This would require “extending” the REDUCE and ALIVE models to include specific interventions and their costs.

Health Sector Reform & Health Care Financing Support to SO 20

1. Provide technical support to the planning & implementation of FP in hard-hit HIV/AIDS countries under the POLICY Project [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- Key information provided to AFR/SD/HRD & cooperating agencies
- Core team meetings held

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Possibly to be dropped.

2. Provide technical support as needed to AFR/SD/HRD & African institutions on aspects related to costing, financing, cost-effectiveness, & sustainability of FP, reproductive health, & maternal health/safe motherhood programs [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- Key information & updates provided to AFR/SD/HRD, field missions & cooperating agencies
- Peer reviews provided to consultant reports
- Dissemination meetings attended

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See REDUCE and ALIVE comments above.

SO 19: Adoption of Policies and Strategies for Increased sustainability, Quality, Efficiency, and Equity of Health Services

Technical Area: Expanded Program of Immunization (EPI)

1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD SO 19 EPI team in managing the EPI agenda, especially human resources/capacity development [SUZANNE, DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

2. Publication & dissemination of:

- Lessons Learned paper on grant to UNICEF & WHO for 4 countries. (Youssef)
- Advocacy activities for EPI using African institutions (e.g. CRHCS or others) [RENU, ANTONIA, YOUSSEF]

Expected Outputs:

- Publications produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

3. Work with BASICS II for the documentation of resources flows to child health at national & district levels in two African countries [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- Scope of work completed, finalized & reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Possibly to be dropped.

4. Work with BASICS II for the mapping of key decision points & actors in the policy formulation, planning, budgeting & implementation of child health services, especially EPI [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- Scope of work completed, finalized & reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

To be dropped.

5. Provide technical support as needed to AFR/SD/HRD & African institutions on aspects related to the costing, financing, cost-effectiveness, & sustainability of child health programs [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- Key information & updates provided to AFR/SD/HRD, African institutions, & cooperating agencies
- Peer reviews provided to consultant reports
- Dissemination meetings organized & attended

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See REDUCE and ALIVE comments, above.

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Technical Area: General – Related to overall SO

<p>1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD SO 20 team with managing the RH results packages [ANTONIA FOR CB, RENU, ANTONIA]</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Core team meetings• Results packages completed & periodically updated• R4 completed annually• Strategic support & guidance <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>This activity is ongoing. SARA staff continues to attend core group meetings, manage RH activities and provide strategic support and guidance.</p>
<p>2. Participate in updating of PMP [ANTONIA FOR CB, ANTONIA]</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PMP revised taking portfolio review report into consideration <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>Daniel Kabira of AFR/SD/HRD has continued to take the lead in this activity.</p>
<p>3. Assist AFR/SD/HRD with evaluating, tracking, & monitoring performance & results [ANTONIA]</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simple data collection tables developed & applied <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>

4. Continue developing linkages with REDSO, WARP, FHA & SFPS [ANTONIA FOR CB, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- At least two activities jointly organized or co-funded with SFPS; could include translation, repackaging of topical information, organization of meetings, etc.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA and SFPS have been working together on an activity to compile SFPS materials, translate, and develop a CD-ROM and brochure highlighting each of the tools. Although the budgeting issues were resolved, the activity has been slow to get off the ground due to differences in how this tool should be produced. SARA staff has continued to work with SFPS to get this activity moving.

5. Publish & disseminate portfolio review report [ANTONIA FOR CB, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Report published & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This report was finalized and disseminated this quarter.

6. Finalize & publish annotated bibliography of best practices prepared as part of portfolio review [ANTONIA FOR CB, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Annotated bibliography finalized, published, posted on AFR/SD/HRD web site & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This quarter, SARA's computer specialist worked with PRB to design a cover for this document. The cover was finalized and approved; however, the introduction is still not yet complete. PRB has agreed to write the introduction, and will take the lead on finalizing this publication. The publication should be completed in the next quarter.

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Technical Area: Addressing the reproductive health (RH) needs of underserved populations (Male Involvement & ARH)

1. Provide technical assistance & support to RESAR in the finalization & publication of a multi-country study on *male involvement in RH*. Identify opportunities for dissemination [ANTONIA FOR CB, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Final study report prepared & repackaged
- Dissemination plan developed & implemented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The consultant has finalized two of the four studies (Benin and Cameroon) and they are currently undergoing an external review with EngenderHealth. The RESAR researchers are currently reviewing the Togo report. The Niger report is currently being translated and edited by the consultant, and will require a review by the RESAR researchers. Both should be finalized in the next quarter.

Antonia Wolff will assist with a dissemination strategy for these reports once they are all completed. This dissemination strategy will incorporate ideas from RESAR and USAID missions on how to further disseminate within the four countries.

2. Support EngenderHealth to evaluate the Guinea male involvement program [ANTONIA FOR CB]

Expected Outputs:

- Strategic support to EngenderHealth
- Repackaging & dissemination of lessons learned

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

3. Participate/help coordinate media activities related to CAN 2002 [ANTONIA FOR CB]

Expected Outputs:

- West African media coverage of male involvement in RH aspect of CAN 2002 football tournament in Mali

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity has been completed. See 2nd quarter report FY 02.

4. Provide support to Youth-net in development & implementation of SOW for AFR/SD/HRD contribution [ANTONIA FOR CB, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- SOW developed & activity started

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

5. Promote media coverage of male involvement issues [ANTONIA FOR CB]

Expected Outputs:

- Hold media workshop on male involvement theme

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

As stated in the previous report, this activity has been delayed until next FY due to budgetary constraints. The SARA contribution will be a contribution to existing funds being provided by Measure Communication.

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Technical Area: Reproductive health policies / strategies promotion: Strategies to strengthen African regional capacity

1. Support CERPOD to update information on adolescent RH in the region by conducting an in-depth analysis of new DHS data from the region [ANTONIA FOR CB, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Up-to-date information available on ARH in at least four CERPOD member countries where new DHS & other data is involved
- Wall chart or brochure presenting this new information in an accessible way developed
- Development of dissemination supported

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The two researchers continue to work on this activity. Gary Engelberg of ACI visited in June to provide guidance to them on the ARH activity to help define what publications may follow their analysis.

2. Support CERPOD to design & conduct a course on qualitative research techniques targeted to RH professionals in Francophone Africa [ANTONIA FOR CB, SUZANNE, DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- Curriculum, marketing plan for recruiting participants, training reports, including training evaluation, drafted

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Gary Engelberg visited in June to help orient the new coordinator, work with Mr. Sankare, the publications/dissemination person, and finalize the brochure on the qualitative research course.

3. Continue to support selected African Institutions such as RESAR & link them with WARP/FHA & other projects & organizations [ANTONIA FOR CB, SUZANNE, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Work continues on RESAR's male involvement studies, with finalized drafts of Cameroon and Benin. Togo and Niger are currently being reviewed and revised. Antonia Wolff will assist with a dissemination strategy for these reports.

4. Share tools developed by SARA & SFPS [ANTONIA FOR CB, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Brochure in English & French, searchable CD-ROM, developed
- Information posted to AFR/SD/HRD & SFPS websites

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA and SFPS have been working together on an activity to compile SFPS materials, translate, and develop a CD-ROM and brochure highlighting each of the tools. Although the budgeting issues were resolved, the activity has been slow to get off the ground due to differences in how this tool should be produced. SARA staff has continued to work with SFPS to get this activity moving.

5. PAC regional workshop to take stock of ongoing work & to assist West African countries to plan for PAC activities including behavioral & community mobilization issues [ANTONIA FOR CB]

Expected Outputs:

- Initiative launched at Conference
- Action plans developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The PAC regional conference proceedings were finalized and disseminated this quarter. The conference proceedings include each of the country's plans for action. SARA's role will be to coordinate the effort to produce an analytical report that will be co-authored by many of the participants at the PAC conference.

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Technical Area: Women's empowerment

1. Support the establishment of an East & South African women's media network hosted by S. African media org. in collaboration Measure Communication [ANTONIA FOR CB]

Expected Outputs:

- Seminars completed
- Print articles & broadcast programs produced
- Changes in media strategies documented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

On April 15-17, the SARA/PRB team, in collaboration with ACI consultant Gary Engelberg and PRB consultant Victoria Ebin, launched the new network with a three-day seminar in Munyonyo, Uganda. The seminar focused on the impact of HIV/AIDS on girls and young women. Calling themselves ESAWomen, for the Eastern and Southern Africa Women's Media Network, the 10 women journalists from Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia bonded quickly around their interest in covering reproductive health and gender issues. They were eager to share their reporting experiences on HIV/AIDS and to learn more about the region's high infection rate among young women. The Regional Centre for Quality of Health Care, a USAID-supported regional training center, hosted the event.

During the seminar, representatives of UN agencies, the Ugandan government and local NGOs spoke to the journalists about the course of the epidemic and discussed the program and policy factors that have helped Uganda reduce its infection rate. The agenda included presentations by people living with HIV and AIDS who explained the difficulties they face and their concerns with media coverage. The journalists left with an abundance of ideas for stories and new ways to raise awareness about the epidemic and its impact, as well as a renewed sense of commitment. Results to date include 14 feature articles produced by the six newspaper journalists and a radio program from the Uganda radio journalist. The week after her return home, the Malawian editor began publishing a regular feature page in her weekly newspaper entitled "Focus on HIV/AIDS." In addition, the TV/Radio journalist from Zambia is planning a new weekly radio talk show on HIV/AIDS called "Straight Talk," and a weekly TV call-in show called "Let's Talk About AIDS."

2. Continue to support expansion of REDUCE initiative [ANTONIA FOR CB]

Expected Outputs:

- Regional sharing of the tool, capacity-building, Africa follow up
- E-notes, fact sheets, presentations given to promote initiative

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See SO 19, Maternal Health/Essential Obstetrical Care (EOC), item no. 1, above.

3. Support discussion of emergency contraception in RH [ANTONIA FOR CB, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Issue discussed by African partners & included on agenda of at least one partner meeting

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

4. Explore possible support to FGC initiatives [ANTONIA FOR CB, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Will depend on activities defined

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

We are still awaiting a SOW from the FGC advisor to support activities in the next quarter.

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Technical Area: Effective Strategies for Integrating HIV/AIDS and FP

1. Support technical meetings of West African experts, program managers and policy-makers on topical and emerging issues in RH, including HIV/AIDS [ANTONIA FOR CB, DUALE, STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Major regional meeting on best practices in integration, dual protection, etc.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti participated in, and facilitated a workshop to develop a tool for assessing adolescent health and HIV/AIDS policies in ECSA to be undertaken jointly by WHO/AFRO, REDSO and CRHCS/ECSA initially in 6 countries. Participants in this workshop held in Nairobi included Janet Hayman and Mary Pat of REDSO, Dr. Ominde Achola and Dr. Bannet Ndyabangi of CRHCS, 2 consultants from Uganda and Zimbabwe, and Dr. Kinoti. SARA is awaiting the report from the consultants.

2. Provide support to WARP/FHA/REDSO on RH activities [ANTONIA FOR CB]

Expected Outputs:

- Will depend on AFR/SD/HRD & FHA requests

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

In addition to materials and tool activities mentioned in the SO 20 section, SARA was asked to facilitate a huge donor mapping activity in 7 West African countries. This request was for short-term consultants to assist the USAID FHA Management Unit (FHA/MU) and the UNAIDS Inter-Country Team for West and Central Africa (ICT/WCA). The consultants were to collect information on all donor-funded interventions in the areas of family planning/reproductive health (FP/RH), HIV/STI prevention and child survival in the countries of Cape Verde, Chad, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Niger and Sierra Leone.

Previously, UNAIDS ICT/WCA began a sub-regional mapping exercise of the HIV/AIDS strategies and activities of the eight UNAIDS co-sponsoring agencies in West and Central Africa. The information already collected will be integrated into this current mapping exercise in collaboration with USAID/FHA.

This will assist the new regional program to develop its niche based on program and funding gaps and needs, as well as USAID's and UNAIDS' areas of comparative advantage. Essential information will be collected on related donor interventions including name of contact person, program title and strategy, project duration, geographic coverage, populations served, budget and intervention areas. Donor mapping will help identify key intervention areas, challenges and roadblocks, and the major programmatic gaps where a new regional project might intervene to best complement current efforts and avoid duplication.

This quarter, SARA hired 7 consultants to map the 7 countries listed above. The consultants conducted a series of interviews with health managers of major institutions that implement health interventions in the country and completed survey forms for each institution.

Reports from the consultants are due in next quarter, and FHA has agreed to compile all of the results into one document.

3. Francophone Quality of Care TA as needed from MAQ meeting [ANTONIA FOR CB]

Expected Outputs:

- Technical assistance provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

4. Support for PPT studies [ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- One-page briefs from the PSI documents produced & included in next version of RH Briefing packet

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity was completed. See quarterly report for 2nd quarter, FY 02. A brief (in English) on PPSTs will be included in the reprint of the RH briefing packets.

5. Provide support & guidance on need for continued population /RH programs [ANTONIA FOR CB]

Expected Outputs:

- Issues papers/case studies by Advance Africa; discussion of these issues by African partners & in African Region

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

6. Provide support & guidance on need for continued population /RH programs [ANTONIA FOR CB, OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- Provide strategic guidance on issues papers/case studies
- Policy II will do; provide review to fact sheets

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Oscar Picazo met with CESAG on their interest in hosting a logistics training on reproductive health for Francophone Africa, following AFR/SD/HRD's interest to do this. The World Bank Institute is also interested in doing the same to support ways of addressing health programs in West Africa. This commonality in interest needs to be followed up for possible collaboration.

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Technical Area: Dissemination & Advocacy

1. Guidance given to CA partners on dissemination & advocacy as related to documentation of projects, etc. [RENU, ANTONIA]

- SFPS pamphlet
- MNH resource package

Expected Outputs:

- Guidance provided as needed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

ECSAIDS recently got a \$800,000 grant from the Gates Foundation. SARA staff will continue to provide technical assistance to ECSAIDS on the use of these resources.

Meanwhile, Antonia Wolff's work with SFPS to develop a CD-Rom and pamphlet is ongoing. No activity took place this quarter on the MNH resource package.

SO 21: Adoption of Cost-effective Strategies to Prevent and Mitigate the Impact of HIV/AIDS

Technical Area: Enhanced Coordination of partners to support HIV/AIDS programs in Africa

1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD Team, as needed, in managing the HIV/AIDS Results package [STEVE, RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Core team meetings held
- SO 21 portfolio reviews organized.
- Performance monitoring plan drafted
- Peer reviews organized & expert advice provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Due to major changes at AFR/SD/HRD, no formal HIV/AIDS Core Team meeting were held during the quarter. However, Dr. Stephen Kinoti continued direct consultation with members of the Core Team, i.e., Ishrat Husain, Ron McInnis, Peter McDermott and Roxanna Rogers. Dr. Kinoti, Dr. Sambe Duale and Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones assisted in the preparation of a guideline for collaboration and coordination of activities with REDSO/ESA that was very well received by REDSO HPN Officer Leslie Perry.

Dr. Kinoti and Ms. Renuka Bery provided technical and management support to AFR/SD/HRD during the multi-sectoral HIV/AIDS and PVO HIV/AIDS meetings coordinated by Ishrat Husain of AFR/SD/HRD; and helped prepare the reports from these meeting.

2. Chair meetings of the USAID Health Sector HIV/AIDS Group [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Minutes of meetings
- SOW for the assessment of the Impact of HIV/AIDS on Human Resources in the Health Sector.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti chaired the health sector session during the Multisectoral Consultation on Repositioning of HIV/AIDS as a Development Crisis. He collaborated with Ms. Renuka Bery and prepared a report of this session that has been incorporated into the main report currently being shared among partners. Dr. Kinoti worked jointly with CRHCS/ECSA to update the tool for assessing the impact of HIV/AIDS on human resources in the health sector to be implemented in two countries, i.e., Kenya and Malawi initially and subsequently in others, as the funds became available. He also planned a workshop to finalize the SOW involving the two countries to be implemented during the following quarter.

Dr. Kinoti and Mr. Oscar Picazo participated in a joint WHO, World Bank, USAID consultation held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, entitled Strengthening the Partnership between Education and Health for Human Capacity Development for Health. Also, during this period, plans were put in place to follow up the recommendation of the consultation in a few countries. Kenya expressed interest in convening an in-country multidisciplinary consultation to develop a plan of action to undertake a broad human capacity and needs assessment. This will be undertaken in the coming quarter.

Dr. Kinoti worked further on the paper, 'Impact of HIV/AIDS on the Health Sector: the Issue of Human Resources'. This paper was used extensively in a number of meetings and consultations. Plans are underway to package it nicely for broader dissemination. Dr. Kinoti presented a shorter version of the paper focusing on the impact of HIV/AIDS on the health work force at the interagency consultation in Addis Ababa. This has been included in the final report prepared by WHO/AFRO that is available on their web site.

3. Work closely with REDSO/ESA to coordinate activities under the CRHCS/SARA sub-contract & the REDSO/CRHCS [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Joint REDSO/SARA activity plans
- Reports from the CRHCS on implementation status

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti met with REDSO, CRHCS and RCQHC staff and planned upcoming activities to ensure complementarity and feasibility of implementation. The planned activities included a HIV/AIDS pre-service training workshop for medical and allied professionals; assessment of the impact of HIV/AIDS on human resources in the health sector; activities of the Regional HIV/AIDS Policy Advisory Committee (HAPAC); monitoring of adolescent health and HIV/AIDS policy implementation in ECSA; and participation and facilitation of the Directors Joint Consultative Committee meeting. Dr. Kinoti and REDSO staff assisted CRHCS in the development of a proposal that has enabled the Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation to provide over \$800,000 dollars to CRHCS for Leadership Development for HIV/AIDS work in ECSA.

4. Joint planning & coordination activities on HIV/AIDS initiatives in Africa (World Bank, SADC UNAIDS, WHO, LIFE, etc.) [STEVE, DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- SARA staff involved in meetings & electronic exchanges with partners

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale participated in the Uniformed Task Forces on HIV/AIDS meeting on April 26, 2002, at Family Health International in Arlington, VA. The main purpose of the meeting was for task force members to report on past and ongoing activities. The following organizations sent representatives to the meeting: USAID Bureau of Global Health, Family Health International, Policy Project, SARA, U.S. Department of Defense, UNAIDS, PSI and The Naval Health Research Center. The CDC and the Civil-Military Alliance were not able to send representatives this time. Dr. Duale provided a brief report on the ECOWAS sub-regional workshop on AIDS and the Armed Forces that was organized by the West African Health Organization (WAHO) in Bamako, Mali, April 15-18, 2002.

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Technical Area: African Institutions/Capacity Building

1. Facilitate Community Forum of NAP+ , SWAA & AFRICASO at ICASA in Ouaga on Regional HIV/AIDS Networks & preparation for the following year's activities [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- Presenters identified & prepared, session organized, report prepared & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

2. Support & coordinate activities under the CRHCS/SARA Sub-Contract as the SARA focal point person [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Quarterly report on the implementation of the Subcontract activities reviewed by SARA, finalized & disseminated.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

During this quarter, Dr. Stephen Kinoti worked through electronic communication, telephone conferences and actual site visits and updated plans to implement the activities under the subcontract covering the areas of HIV/AIDS, Family and Reproductive Health, Nutrition, Human Resources and Capacity building, the Regional Health Ministers Conference and the DJCC, and Information Communication and Technology. SARA is awaiting the quarterly report for the period.

The Secretariat is making good progress in the timely implementation of the subcontract activities and is also doing very well in managing the resources provided under the sub-contract.

3. Support to the HIV/AIDS Coordinator at the CRHCS [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Salary of the Coordinator provided
- Coordination & working trip reports

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA continues to support half of the salary for the HIV/AIDS Coordinator at the Secretariat, Dr. Bannet Ndyabangi. Dr. Ndyabangi has done very well and has reported promptly and accurately on the implementation of the HIV/AIDS activities. It has been a pleasure to work with him.

4. Mobilization of ECSA Regional Multidisciplinary Task Force on HIV/AIDS [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- TOR for the Multi-disciplinary Task Force developed & approved
- Multi-disciplinary Task Force in ECSA constituted.
- Meeting of the MTF held & Priority Technical HIV/AIDS issues identified & activities initiated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Following a recommendation of the HIV/AIDS Regional Experts meeting in February 2002, the Secretariat approved the establishment of the ECSA Regional Multi-disciplinary Task Force to be called the “HIV/AIDS Policy Advisory committee (HAPAC)” in keeping with the mandate of the ECSA Health Community. Dr. Stephen Kinoti assisted in the development of the draft TOR for HAPAC and in the preparation of the agenda for its first meeting to be held in August 2002.

5. Strengthen CERPOD capacity & involvement with M&E of HIV/AIDS programs in West Africa [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- HIV/AIDS point person hired by CERPOD; Action plan developed & implemented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

CERPOD has identified a consultant to be hired to lead the implementation of this activity. SARA staff had telephone calls and e-mail exchanges with colleagues at CERPOD on the needed administrative steps to hire the candidate. It is hoped that the HIV/AIDS point person will be in place next quarter.

6. Strategic planning meeting & collaborative activities with WAHO on HIV/AIDS & Armed Forces of ECOWAS [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided for Joint strategic planning meeting & action plan development

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The ECOWAS sub-regional workshop on AIDS and Armed Forces was organized by the West African Health Organization (WAHO) in Bamako, Mali, April 15-18, 2002. Tulane University and SARA assisted WAHO with the planning and organization of the workshop. The participants at the workshop were mainly representatives of national AIDS control programs and armed forces of 14 countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, and Togo. Each participating country made a presentation on the HIV/AIDS situation and response within the armed forces of the country. The recommendations of the workshop included the development of advocacy tools for the involvement of the military high command, setting up a sub-regional network on HIV/AIDS and the uniformed services for exchange of information and technical assistance between ECOWAS countries, and the integration of HIV/AIDS into the training curriculum of peace-keeping forces.

7. Support to NAP+ Secretariat & programs [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- The training & evaluation workshop for Ambassadors of Hope program & mission completed
- Ambassadors of Hope toolkit produced
- Nutritional manual "Food for people living with HIV/AIDS" produced
- The emergence of new national networks of people living with HIV/AIDS, in particular in Ghana, Botswana, Cameroon & Kenya

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

- Under the Ambassadors of Hope, the secretariat staff developed an Ambassadors training program for West and Central Africa and the report of this has been submitted to SARA as one of the deliverables.
- Funding for an Ambassadors training workshop has been mobilized by NAP+ for the training in Eastern and Southern Africa after developing the program. The training will take place September 4-8 in Pretoria, South Africa. NAP+ has yet to get resources to do the training for W/C Africa.
- NAP+ is looking for funds to update the Ambassadors of Hope tool kit. Funds for this were not provided under the subcontract. This should be looked at in the future funding.
- Although NAP+ has this activity to produce a manual, "Food for PLWHAs", this is not a SARA subcontract activity. The activity has not been undertaken for lack of funds.
- National networks continue to emerge in more countries due to advocacy efforts of NAP+.

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Technical Area: Improved Strategies & Models

1. Support development of Job-Aids for the management of Pediatric AIDS & associated illnesses in collaboration with RCQHC & the CRHCS [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Job-Aids for the management of Pediatric AIDS & associated illnesses printed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The RCQHC is working on Job-Aids for the management of Pediatric AIDS and associated illnesses assisted by a consultant from FHI. At this time, SARA is not putting any resources into this effort but is pleased to have played a role through Dr. Stephen Kinoti in the development of the activity and leveraging support for the activity. The responsible person at the RCQHC is Dr. Denis Tindyebwa.

2. Support collection & documentation of tools & guidelines for OVC work [STEVE, RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- A data base of tools & guidelines developed by the CRHCS

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Available OVC tools from 2 countries, Kenya and Zambia, were collected during the quarter. The reports and materials were submitted to CRHCS/ECSA and SARA. The HIV/AIDS Coordinator at CRHCS is refining the report, assisted by Dr. Stephen Kinoti and will be ready for sharing in the next quarter.

3. Policy advocacy workshop to orient CRHCS professional staff & selected country representatives in policy advocacy [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Country reps oriented in policy advocacy
- CRHCS staff oriented in policy advocacy

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

In June/July 2002, policy analysts from 12 countries and the technical staff of CRHCS were oriented in policy advocacy and policy monitoring. Other participants included the staff of REDSO. REDSO, SARA and two consultants facilitated the workshop.

A need for urgent assessment of the status of the policies and resolutions adopted by the Conference of Health Ministers was identified and a plan of action developed by the participants. During the report period, Ms. Olive Munjanja, the Coordinator of Human Resources and Capacity Development at CRHCS, coordinated finalization of the assessment tool and SOW for the country follow-up activities with TA from Dr. Stephen Kinoti. This work is ongoing.

4. Support adaptation of Policy Monitoring tool & its use by regional networks [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Guideline for Policy Analysis & monitoring developed, produced & disseminated
- Orientation of countries in Policy Monitoring
- Monitoring reports developed & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity was combined with the policy advocacy orientation under no. 3 above and implemented. Funds under this activity are being used to carry out the follow-up assessments at country level.

The SARA guide for Policy Development and Monitoring was used extensively and the initial content of the tool for the monitoring compiled.

Results are expected during the next quarter.

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Technical Area: Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV

1. Finalize, translate, & disseminate issues papers on:

- HIV, nutrition during pregnancy & lactation
- Nutrition for HIV+ children [ELLEN, YOUSSEF, DORCAS, STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Issues papers finalized, translated, & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See SO 19, Nutrition, Support to AFR/SD/HRD, item 3 above.

2. Training for HIV/AIDS/PMCT in collaboration with RATN (SARA/Linkages) [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Course content document
- Report of training activities

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti worked closely with RATN in the development of guidelines for identification of institutions that would be involved in the HIV/AIDS/PMTCT training. Finally, the Network of AIDS Researchers in East and Southern Africa (NARESA) and the University of Witswatersrand of South Africa were selected to undertake the training with funds from UNAIDS and UNICEF. The training activities are in progress and RATN will be preparing reports and sharing them in the near future.

Meanwhile, SARA and Linkages have continued to be members of the Regional PMTCT Network.

3. Technical assistance on MTCT, infant feeding options, & nutrition provided to African partners & HIV/AIDS programs [ELLEN, DORCAS]

- **TA to research projects (cost-share):**
 - ZVITAMBO
 - ZEBS
 - Malawi
- **TA to African Governments, WHO, UNICEF, UNAIDS, other agencies on selected issues**

Expected Outputs:

- Technical support, expert advice provided
 - a) Research protocols approved
 - b) Research results published
 - c) Technical presentations given
 - d) Technical assistance to African Governments on policy issues related to HIV/MTCT/Nutrition

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Technical Assistance to Research Projects

Dr. Ellen Piwoz continued to provide technical assistance to the ZVITAMBO research study on HIV and infant feeding. One visit was made this year to analyze results in preparation for the Barcelona AIDS Conference. The project, also described in SO 19, Nutrition Section, Support to AFR/SD/HRD, item 3 – research and analysis, has found significant impacts of PMTCT counseling on safe sex and infant feeding practices, as well as a relationship between infant feeding and mortality of children born to HIV+ mothers. Continued support for analysis will be needed over the next 12 months, as data on HIV transmission in children become available.

As reported in last quarter's report, Dr. Piwoz resigned her position with the Zambia Exclusive Breastfeeding Study because of concerns about the study design and its impact on the nutritional status of children enrolled and counseled to stop breastfeeding at 4 months. (Note: NIH funded this work. No USAID support was provided).

Dr. Piwoz continues to work with the University of North Carolina and CDC (funded by CDC, not USAID) on a study of maternal nutrition supplementation and ART to prevent HIV transmission during breastfeeding and improve maternal health. This quarter, Dr. Piwoz worked with the formative team to complete the development and translation of the formative research data collection instruments and guides, and to conduct the field investigators training (held this past May). The formative research was conducted in June-July 2002 in Lilongwe. Respondents included 40 HIV+ mothers (72 in-depth interviews); grandmothers, fathers, and pregnant women participating in 12 focus group discussions; 35 mothers of children < 12 months (visited 3 times each), and in-depth interviews with community leaders, traditional birth attendants and health providers working at Lilongwe health centers. A meeting to review the results of the formative research is planned for August '02. The protocol will be finalized in September.

Technical assistance to UN agencies and governments

No direct support was provided to African governments on PMTCT issues this quarter.

Dr. Piwoz provided assistance to WHO for the development of nutrition guidelines for PMTCT-Plus (see SO 19 Nutrition Section, item 3). She was also requested by UNICEF to prepare a state of the art paper

on HIV and infant feeding for the regional meeting on this issue scheduled for September 2002 (see item 3).

4. Develop tools for: [ELLEN, DORCAS]

- **Counseling about infant feeding options & risks (with WHO)**
- **Formative research on HIV/infant feeding issues (with WHO)**
- **Training health workers on nutrition & HIV (focus on women living with HIV/AIDS)**
- **Counseling on nutrition care & support**

Expected Outputs:

- Counseling tools drafted, discussed with WHO
- Formative research tools drafted, discussed with WHO
- PowerPoint presentations prepared, learning materials produced (with JHPIEGO/HRSA)
- Other counseling materials developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Counseling on infant feeding and HIV

AED staff consultant Elizabeth Thomas and Dr. Ellen Piwoz have continued their work on generic counseling cards for health workers when talking to HIV+ women about infant feeding issues. The cards have been drafted and reviewed internally. A meeting was held in Geneva in June with WHO to talk about card changes, layout, production and pre-testing in Africa. The cards have been revised and were sent to more than 20 external reviewers for feedback. Comments are expected by the end of August 2002. All the work on this activity is supported by WHO (not USAID). However, WHO would like USAID to consider supporting the production and dissemination of the final set of cards and related users' materials to expand distribution to end users.

Formative research tools

This activity is also supported completely by WHO. A first draft of the manual is partially completed. The final version is adapting tools used in Malawi, Zambia, South Africa and Zimbabwe. The first draft will be delivered in September 2002.

Training health workers and counseling on nutrition and HIV/AIDS

No work was done on this apart from the workshops on developing nutrition guidelines for people living with HIV/AIDS described in SO 19, Nutrition Section.

5. Improve MTCT & nutrition training in Africa [ELLEN, DORCAS, STEVE]

- **Review Curricula on Pre-Service Settings**
- **Provide Technical Assistance to MTCT training activities institutions**

Expected Outputs:

- Chairpersons' workshop held

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Ms. Dorcas Lwanga has been providing technical assistance to RCQHC in an activity to integrate nutrition for HIV/AIDS into pre-service training curricula of health workers and nutritionist in the Greater Horn of Africa region. Ms. Lwanga worked this quarter to develop a module on nutritional care and support for pregnant and lactating women with HIV/AIDS for this activity.

In addition, Ms. Lwanga worked this quarter with the FANTA HIV/AIDS nutritionist to revise a number of chapters in the FANTA nutrition care and support manual for people living with HIV/AIDS. The revisions are on going as the guide is being updated and finalized for production.

Additionally, Dr. Stephen Kinoti worked with CRHCS/ECSA to develop a program of action to implement a comprehensive HIV/AIDS pre-service training workshop involving medical, nursing, nutrition and community health professionals targeting chairpersons of these departments in universities in ECSA. During this period, background materials from SARA, FHI, JHPIEGO, FANTA, UNAIDS, WHO and national institutions were collected for use in the workshop. A program for the workshop was developed to include coming to a consensus on the minimum HIV/AIDS content to be included in the pre-service training for these institutions and an approach and plans for rolling this out in the countries represented.

The workshop will be undertaken in the next quarter.

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Technical Area: Multi-Sectoral Initiatives

1. ECSAIDS Initiative: Helping Governments of ECSA Region Access Funds to Support HIV/AIDS & Related Health Programs: (Policy Project, MSH, SARA, CRHCS, REDSO, World Bank)

[STEVE, OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- Joint consultations with partners & country level
- Strategy document.
- Activities & capacity to implement these activities developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones and Dr. Stephen Kinoti proposed the idea of CRHCS seeking support from the Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation for its HIV/AIDS work. Subsequently, SARA and REDSO staff assisted CRHCS in the development of the proposal that has enabled the Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation to provide over \$800,000 to CRHCS for leadership development for HIV/AIDS work in ECSA.

In addition, SARA, coordinated by Dr. Kinoti, assisted CRHCS in the development of another proposal for accessing money from the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria. This proposal did not receive funds during the first round but efforts to revise the proposal and resubmit are going on.

SARA has assisted in leveraging funds and TA from various groups and CAs like Policy Project, MSH, REDSO, WHO and the World Bank, through helping in the development of concept papers, reviewing proposals and encouraging these organizations to be involved and work with CRHCS and various other African Institutions, such as SWAA, RATN, NARESA and CRHCS.

An important area for such leveraging and collaboration was in human capacity development consultations that were undertaken during the report period.

2. USAID/AFR Strategy for Private Sector involvement in HIV/AIDS activities in Africa [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- SOW for a PVO work & African businesses
- Help Manage the Purchase order or Sub-contract

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti, Mr. Joseph Coblentz and Ms. Ishrat Husain worked on a SOW for a consultant to develop a strategy for collaboration between USA businesses and African businesses in implementing private sector HIV/AIDS control and mitigation initiatives. Consultant Percy Wilson was commissioned to do the work. Activities including field visits to South Africa and Nigeria are ongoing although start-up was slow due to delays in getting country mission cable concurrence for Mr. Wilson's travel.

<p>3. Coordinate & facilitate the activities of the Regional Health Task Team/HEARD/ABT/CRHCS/AFR/SD/HRD for strengthening Health Systems [STEVE]</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final SOW produced • Participation in the Task Team activities in two countries in ECSA <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>The Health Economics and AIDS Research Division Team of the University of Natal coordinated by Ishrat Husain of AFR/SD and Allan Whiteside have started work with the Provincial Health Department in Kwa-Zulu Natal in South Africa with local leadership from Prof. Thomson Green and Dr. Peter Badcock-Waters. Dr. Stephen Kinoti continued to participate in the regular consultations and coordination of the activity.</p> <p>The team will be preparing a progress report on this.</p>
<p>4. Follow up on African Growth Opportunities Act (AGOA) Conference activities [STEVE]</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>Due to major restructuring of USAID and AFR/SD in particular, no further activities have been undertaken.</p>
<p>5. Meeting on “HIV/AIDS as a Development Crisis: Lessons Learned & Next Steps” [STEVE, RENU]</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report produced on lessons learned & next steps <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>Renuka Bery worked closely with Ishrat Hussein of AFR/SD/HRD throughout the quarter to refine the report and to develop other advocacy materials such as a summary of the meeting and a letter to USAID Administrator Andrew Natsios. Some of these activities are advocacy-related and will take time to develop; however, the final report from the meeting will be available next quarter.</p>

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Technical Area: Monitoring of HIV/AIDS Programs

1. Policy Development & Monitoring in ECSA: Meeting to develop training & implementation plan

[STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Policy monitoring training & implementation plan developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Training has been undertaken and monitoring plans developed. See item 3 under SO 21, Adoption of Cost Effective Strategies and Models, above.

2. Support initial country monitoring of Policies related to HIV/AIDS [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Policy monitoring undertaken
- Status reports produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

HIV/AIDS policy monitoring is ongoing. A progress report is expected in the next quarter.

3. Participation & Co-chair in the Joint planning , development of the HIV/AIDS New Indicators' Group activities [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Proposed Indicators for capacity building component of the New Indicators
- Training Plan for Missions staff & selected country representatives

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti participated in, and, with Joseph Deering of the Policy Project, co-chaired meetings of the capacity development sub-theme of the HIV/AIDS New Indicators. These have been incorporated into the overall set of indicators by the Synergy Project. The new indicators have been shared with the country missions for use in their work to monitor process and outcomes in implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention and mitigation activities at country levels.

The handbook of indicators is now available on the Synergy website and hard copies of the same have been shared with CRHCS/ECSA for discussion and advocacy for adaptation and use by member states to monitor their own efforts.

4. Assessment of the Impact of HIV/AIDS on the Health system in ECSA [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- SOW developed by the CRHCS
- Adaptation of the SOW by 2 selected countries
- Assessments undertaken in 2 countries & results disseminated & advocacy plans developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

- The SOW was developed jointly by CRHCS and SARA.
- Adaptation of the SOW by Kenya and Malawi was scheduled for August 2002.
- Assessments in the 2 countries & results disseminated & advocacy plans developed would be undertaken starting from late August/September 2002.

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Technical Area: Dissemination & Advocacy

1. Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV - Experiences & Next Steps: Report of a Workshop by Society of Women Against AIDS (SWAA) [STEVE, RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Report finalized & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Ms. Renuka Bery and Dr. Stephen Kinoti assisted in the drafting of the final report of the “Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV - Experiences & Next Steps: Report of a Workshop by Society of Women Against AIDS (SWAA)”. The necessary citations of credits, logos and disclaimers were provided and the document sent to print. Sadly, the final printed version was completely jumbled up, probably as a result of selection of an inexperienced printing firm in Uganda by SWAA. The SWAA Secretariat has been notified about this and requested to withdraw any copies distributed. They have further been requested to require that the printers produce a correct final edited version as presented to them from SARA.

This is a good lesson learned by both SARA and SWAA on how wrong things can go.

2. The proceedings of the 8th international conference of the society of women against AIDS in Africa. Children & AIDS: Challenges & Strategies to Cope [STEVE, RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Report finalized & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This report was produced as one document with the one referred to in item 3 above and same comment applies.

3. The impact of HIV/AIDS on the Health Sector in Sub-Saharan Africa: The issue of human resources [STEVE, RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Report finalized & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This paper has been finalized and shared extensively for use as a draft. Good comments on its value have been received from CRHCS, Policy project, REDSO and HEARD.

The paper should be formatted into a nice looking document, printed and disseminated.

4. The training workshop for Ambassadors of Hope program & mission [STEVE, RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Report finalized & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Training has been undertaken for East and Southern Africa with funds that NAP+ has mobilized. However, funds were not available to do the training in West Africa, particularly the Francophone West Africa.

5. The production of Nutritional manual "Food for people living with HIV/AIDS" [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Report finalized & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

NAP+ is still looking for funds to undertake this activity.

6. The production of the Ambassadors of Hope toolkit [STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Report finalized & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

NAP+ is looking for funds to update the Ambassadors of Hope tool kit. Funds for this were not provided under the subcontract. This should be looked at in the future funding.

7. Publication & dissemination of: [RENU, ANTONIA]

- **Other Sectoral workshops**
- **Targeted dissemination of AIDS Briefs**
- **BP paper on prevention, care, & support**
- **Development of advocacy documents for MTCT (cf. nutrition)**
- **Assistance in producing HIV/AIDS success stories from field**
- **OVC & MTCT newsletters & other OVC documents**

Expected Outputs:

- Briefing packets collated
- Sectoral workshops organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery has been participating in the PVO HIV/AIDS working group for over a year. A meeting was planned for June but was postponed until October 2002. This group is trying to produce a promising approaches document of PVOs (particularly in non-health areas) that are integrating HIV/AIDS into their work. SARA is offering guidance but not volunteering to do the task.

8. Development of Model for a Project-Based Learning Website Competition: Technical Assistance to USAID/Namibia in organizing a planning meeting for developing an HIV/AIDS website competition with secondary school students [RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Website activity started in Namibia, & explored with regional partners

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Activities in Namibia are continuing. Renuka Bery has been in touch with the mission, and most of the work is taking place with in-country expertise.

9. Development, production & dissemination of multisectoral approaches report [RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Report developed, produced & dissemination

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This report is being finalized with the sectoral teams and should be produced and disseminated next quarter.

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Technical Area: Health Sector Reform & Health Care Financing Support to SO 21

1. Provide technical support to Regional AIDS Training Network (RATN) on aspects related to human resource management, financing & sustainability [OSCAR, STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Technical assistance provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The goal of this activity was to develop capacity and expertise in program management and administration in the health sector in the region in the context of HIV/AIDS. SARA helped develop proposals for three core activities:

- a) Convening an Expert Meeting on Management and Administration training issues
- b) Development of a management training course to be delivered through Partner Institutions to HIV/AIDS/STD Program Managers in the region
- c) Development of HIV/AIDS modules which could be introduced in other management training courses in the region

The Expert Meeting was supported. This developed guidelines for the course, which will be implemented by three institutions in the region. RATN requested African institutions to send in proposals for undertaking the development and implementation of the course. SARA assisted in this process, which led to the selection of the three institutions - East and Southern African Management Institute (ESAMI), MANANGA and MIM. In the next quarter, the course will be developed and finalized by core team members from these institutions.

2. Provide technical support to ECSA/CRHCS & member-countries on how they can access the Global Fund for AIDS, TB & Malaria (w/ M&L Project) [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- Technical assistance provided
- Meetings held with stakeholders

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

ECSA/CRHCS has forwarded its application to the Global Fund.

3. Provide technical support to African institutions & donor projects on how disbursements for HIV/AIDS projects can be improved [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter, although, during the recent Jeffrey Sach's lecture, Oscar Picazo did make the pitch for the Global Fund to consider disbursing funds against the ill-funded drug budgets of governments.

4. Participate, support, and/or supervise a study to estimate the non-drug costs of providing AIDS antiretroviral drugs in Africa [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Activity dropped.

5. Participate, support, and/or supervise a study to assess the cost-effectiveness of providing palliative care to people living with AIDS in Africa [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Activity dropped.

6. Provide technical support as needed to AFR/SD/HRD & African institutions on aspects related to costing, financing, cost-effectiveness, & sustainability of HIV/AIDS prevention, mitigation, & care programs [OSCAR]

Expected Outputs:

- Technical assistance provided to AFR/SD/HRD, African institutions, & cooperating agencies
- Peer reviews provided to consultant reports

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

SO: Polio

Technical Area: Polio

1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD in the implementation of their SO 24 portfolio [SUZANNE, DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

2. Support to WHO/AFRO dissemination & communications activities [ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This quarter, SARA staff produced a CD-ROM that contained the Laboratory Manual on Cholera, Dysentery in both English and French. It was distributed at the IDSR task force meeting held in Uganda in May. Antonia Wolff also worked with WHO/AFRO and CDC to draft a questionnaire that was also distributed at the task force meeting. This questionnaire was designed to assess the use and evaluate the lab manual.

SO: Cross-cutting

Technical Area: Various areas – Monitoring and Evaluation Activities

1. Technical support to AFR/SD/HRD in monitoring & evaluation activities with core groups [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- Monitoring & evaluation needs identified by core groups.
- Data Quality Assessment of AFR/SD/HRD's Population, Health, Nutrition, and Basic Education Indicators completed
- Evaluation & assessment efforts across AFR/SD/HRD portfolio supported as requested

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA consultant has tried to move forward with an assessment of the quality of AFR/SD/HRD Population, Health and Nutrition and Basic Education indicators used in the Annual Report. Unfortunately, it has been hard to secure appointments with various AFR/SD/HRD results managers due to travel schedules and the USAID re-organization process. This activity was suspended indefinitely this quarter.

2. a) Complete design and testing of activity database [JOE C, DUALE- ALREADY COMPLETED]

Expected Outputs:

- Design completed
- Feedback from AFR/SD/HRD staff incorporated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is completed. See quarterly report for 2nd quarter FY 02.

2.b) Complete inputting of FY 2001 data into activity database [JOE C, DUALE – ALREADY COMPLETED]

Expected Outputs:

- Activity data for FY 2001 entered into database

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is completed. See quarterly report for 2nd quarter FY 02.

2.c) Train AFR/SD/HRD staff in operation and maintenance of activity database [JOE C, DUALE – ALREADY COMPLETED]

Expected Outputs:

- AFR/SD/HRD staff trained
- Guide for operating database produced

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is completed. See report for 2nd quarter FY 02.

3. Develop Impact Reviews for selected activities under SARA/SANA [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- Finalize the following:
 - Male Involvement (SO 20)
 - Integrated Nutrition Program (SO 19)
 - Early childhood care, survival, growth & development initiative (SO 20)
 - New impact review needs identified.
 - Arrow tool applied to selected activities

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No new SARA/SANA impact review was initiated this period.

4. Finalize OIRH-PASA Impact Review [DUALE, RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Impact review documents finalized, produced & disseminated.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is completed. See report for 2nd quarter FY 02.

SO: Cross-cutting

Technical Area: Various areas

1. Finalization & dissemination of CERPOD self-evaluation guide [SUZANNE, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided
- French version disseminated
- English version finalized, printed & dissemination

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The French version has been printed and continues to be disseminated. The English version is being formatted and should be produced next quarter.

2. Support CESAG linkages with other institutions for dissemination & training in health management [SUZANNE]

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See above in SO 19, Health Care Reform & Finance, various items.

3. Follow-up of dissemination of HSR training modules [SUZANNE, DUALE, RENU, STEVE]

Expected Outputs:

- Networking meetings held
- Materials translated & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No HSR network meetings have been held. Discussions were with Dr. Rufaro Chatora of WHO/AFRO regarding what has happened with the HSR modules and their application for pre-service training in public health institutions among others. The situation is that the final versions of the revised modules are in WHO/Geneva, and when these are printed and ready for dissemination, WHO/AFRO will be happy to work with SARA to have them applied in pre-service training as originally planned.

More effort needs to go into advocating for this, probably through a specific individual who is charged with the task at WHO/AFRO.

4. Strengthen selected Network of African Public Training Institutions (NAPHI) member institutions in the area of training, research & information sharing on management of disasters & CHE [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meeting organized
- Action plan developed & implemented, including plan for resource mobilization

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The NAPHI Secretariat in Kampala has not moved on this activity. Dr. Nancy Mock of Tulane University and Dr. Sambe Duale have made contacts with colleagues at WHO/AFRO and at Schools of Public Health in the DRC and Rwanda to explore other approaches for implementing this activity.

5. Management & maintenance of the CERTI Website [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- Moderation & quality assurance implemented; materials posted on website
- Site maintained
- Listserv expanded to include more field people

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is ongoing under the Tulane subcontract with SARA.

6. Support for strategic planning & institutional development of WAHO [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided to WAHO

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Following consultative discussions between WAHO and USAID in February 2001, the SARA and FHA (SFPS) Projects embarked on assisting WAHO to organize a process for developing its strategic plan for the period 2003-07. After a series of institutional and technical consultations, funded mainly by the FHA project, an International Planning Committee (IPC) was convened May 21-22, 2002, to review the status of the strategic plan development process and to advise on next steps. Dr. Sambe Duale was invited to represent USAID/AFR/SD/HRD and SARA at the IPC meeting. WAHO plans to present the final draft of the strategic plan for a final review at a meeting of experts to be held July 23-24, 2002, in Accra, Ghana, followed by a submission for approval by ECOWAS Ministers of Health who will meet July 25-26, 2002, in Accra. WAHO hopes to organize a donor's conference later in the year.

7. Technical support for the USAID West Africa Regional Program (WARP) [DUALE]

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided to WARP

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

AFR/SD/HRD and WARP asked SARA to provide the technical services of Dr. Sambe Duale as one of the AFR/SD/HRD resource persons to support a team of two independent consultants to conduct an evaluation of the FHA. Dr. Duale traveled to Côte d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso, April 3-10, 2002. He joined the evaluation team in Abidjan on Thursday, April 4, 2002. He participated in the review of documents, site visits, interviewing of key informants from FHA, and other partner institutions in Abidjan and Burkina Faso. The institutions contacted include ministries of health, U.S. Embassies, UNAIDS, WAHO, the African Development Bank, and a number of FHA regional and national partner institutions. In Burkina Faso, Dr. Duale traveled with the team to the District of Koupela where FHA and the MNH Projects have carried out pilot interventions to address maternal and neonatal health problems.

SO: Cross-cutting

Technical Area: Dissemination and advocacy

Result ia: Capacity to Advocate

1. Train other regional African institutions in advocacy (CRHCS – health professionals and senior staff) [RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Selected African institutions trained

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

2. Provide the Advocacy Guide to groups to use it (African institutions, CAs etc.) on request [PRODUCTION TEAM]

Expected Outputs:

- Advocacy Guide provided to selected groups

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

271 copies of the Advocacy Guide were disseminated (172 in English and 99 in French). The AIDS Alliance in the UK has put the Advocacy Guide on a CD-ROM with permission from SARA. In addition, several other groups have asked permission to adapt the guide to different contexts and countries. One group is translating it into Romanian.

3. Follow-up on & systematically assess the advocacy training to see whether & how the participants have used their skills [RENU, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Follow-up completed;
- Recommendations made for future

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

We are discussing this with RATN.

4. Identify & explore partnerships with existing advocacy groups (US-based & Africa-based) [RENU, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Connections made with these groups (groups TBD)

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

Result ib: Capacity to Disseminate Information

5. Assist CRHCS strengthen its info communication activities & staff, including providing monitoring & support to the IDCs [RENU, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Program strengthened as needed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has been in regular contact with the CRHCS information officer to determine what activities he has been working on and to assist him in developing new activities.

6. Work with African institutions to build capacity in repackaging information. Possible activities include workshop, training, etc. through, e.g., CRHCS [RENU, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Increased capacity of African institutions to repackage information

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

7. Assist African institutions in repackaging information on an as needed basis [RENU, ANTONIA]

- CRHCS
- CERPOD
- Zambian groups

Expected Outputs:

- Information repackaged

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

CERPOD finalized a document on condoms that was published this quarter.

8. Collaborate with other USAID Projects (e.g. BASICS, Horizons, Synergy, Measure, NGO networks, MSH) to improve their dissemination on priority AFR/SD/HRD issues on request [RENU, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination of priority issues improved for selected projects

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has worked closely with BASICS on the Care Seeking document this quarter (see the Malaria section under SO 19). In addition, we have provided dissemination guidance to FHI and Advance Africa as they finalize documents and develop dissemination strategies.

9. Collaborate with other African Institutions (e.g., RATN, RESAR, CESAG, WHO/AFRO, Makerere, AMREF, HST, FAWE, NARESA, ERNESA) to improve their dissemination on priority AFR/SD/HRD issues [RENU, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination of priority issues improved for selected institutions

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery, Dr. Stephen Kinoti and Dr. Sambe Duale provided substantial feedback to RATN on proposal submissions they received for a training course in HIV/AIDS management.

10. Develop series of Dissemination Briefs to assist projects & African institutions in developing & carrying out a dissemination strategy [RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination briefs developed
- Dissemination strategy developed & implemented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

Result ic: Capacity to Communicate Electronically

11. Link African institution personnel to e-communication opportunities

- MOH ministers in ECSA region through CRHCS [RENU, ANTONIA, JOE D.]

Expected Outputs:

- Selected personnel linked to opportunities

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery, Dr. Stephen Kinoti and Antonia Wolff held discussions with Adam Msilaji from CRHCS about the possibility of holding a health fair at the Minister's conference in October. CRHCS needs to think more carefully about this activity and prepare a concept paper based on the conversation and recommendations suggested by SARA.

12. Development of Model for a Project-Based Learning Website Competition: Technical Assistance to USAID/Namibia in organizing a planning meeting for developing an HIV/AIDS website competition with secondary school students [RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Website activity started in Namibia, & explored with regional partners

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has maintained contact with the mission but most of the activity is being conducted with in-country expertise.

Result iia: Materials Development and Production

13. Design and package information in appropriate formats (books, syntheses, executive summaries, e-notes, policy briefs/brochures, tools). Current documents in production include: [RENU]

- Policy manual for CRHCS
- Self-evaluation Manual (English and French)
- Manual on Qualitative Manuals (French version)
- Indicators, Vol. II

Expected Outputs:

- Selected information designed and packaged

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery worked with Ishrat Husain to repackage the recommendations from the Multisectoral HIV/AIDS meeting in March and to develop a letter to send to Andrew Natsios.

SARA also has synthesized the report on NGOs and Education into a series of briefs that will be printed next quarter.

Finally, SARA is working with different organizations to finalize several additions to the Reproductive Health Briefing Packet and the Malaria and Pregnancy Press Kit.

14. Dissemination of key cross-cutting products as requested, e.g.: [PRODUCTION TEAM]

- Empowering Communities
- Qualitative Manual

Expected Outputs:

- Products disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

- Qualitative Manual: 68 Disseminated (55 French, 13 English)
- Making a Difference to Policies and Programs: 100 Disseminated (40 French, 60 English)
- Internet Guide: 18 Disseminated (17 French, 1 English)
- Advocacy Guide: 271 Disseminated (99 French, 172 English)

15. Assessments of use of AFR/SD/HRD-SARA products (4 documents) [ANTONIA]

- Research Guide
- Malaria document

Expected Outputs:

- Use of documents assessed & presentation given

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

Result iib: Dissemination Channels

16. Mail documents to targeted mailing list [PRODUCTION TEAM]

Expected Outputs:

- Documents mailed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

341 contacts added to the SARA Database. 8874 total documents disseminated this quarter.

17. Explore new opportunities to disseminate more information electronically, through e-mail, Internet, etc., especially through e-mail groups [PRODUCTION TEAM, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- E-mail lists
- Fewer documents mailed
- Increased number of documents on Internet
- Increased number of hits

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The change in servers (from USAID to AED) for documenting internet hits on the publications was not operational until the middle of this quarter. Meanwhile, this quarter, SARA staff produced two new CD-ROMs that have been disseminated. One contains all the materials compiled and generated from the HIV Multisectoral meeting. This information was also added to the SARA website in a special section on HIV/AIDS and Multisectoral Issues. Another CD-ROM that was produced contained the Laboratory Manual on Cholera, Dysentery in both English and French. This was distributed at the IDSR task force meeting held in Uganda in May, as discussed above.

We hope to be able to show an increase in hits in the next quarter. The team continues to post new documents to the web site when they are available. In addition, SARA has been putting more publications on CD-ROM to reduce production and dissemination costs, as discussed in the previous paragraph. While CDs do not replace hard copies of publications in Africa, they are quite popular and do reduce costs. We plan to conduct a short assessment next quarter with a group of West Africans on their use of CDs to receive and use information.

Finally, the PHN quarterly publications list was distributed this quarter to over 250 recipients.

18. Website maintenance + publications updates [PRODUCTION TEAM]

Expected Outputs:

- Website redesigned
- Update publications, enhance search ability

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The website has been redesigned so the initial output has been achieved. We have added the second output with this report. With respect to that second output, the SARA website now features a local search tool using the Excite engine. All publications are organized by sector and maintained often. New publications are available to TMG to be put on their site.

19. Update SARA website [PRODUCTION TEAM]

Expected Outputs:

- SARA web page online

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The SARA web site has been redesigned to make it easier to navigate and find publications. In addition, Joseph Diianni, SARA Computer Specialist, added documents to the publications list, updated numerous dead-links and names, and improved the organization of the publication list. A search engine was also implemented, and will be further developed. The feedback page has a simple form and now direct links to SARA staff (for security reasons). The site layout/templates have been improved with more JavaScript, design, colors, and other small quirks.

20. Promote information through various listservs (AFRONETS, ReproHlth, WB, AHILANet) [PRODUCTION TEAM]

Expected Outputs:

- Information promoted

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The website has been submitted to major search engines to be included in master search listings. META tags have been updated throughout the website to allow for more accurate search results from major search engines. The website is also listed on new CD productions and new publications.

21. Develop an electronic conference (with some SO Team) [RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Electronic conference developed with selected team

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

22. Develop and send via e-mail quarterly announcement of AFR/SD/HRD publications/products [ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Broadcast e-mail sent quarterly

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This happens on a quarterly basis.

23. Explore new activities such as CD-ROMS and listservs. Assess whether SARA should put something together for a CD-ROM (SFPS materials, Nutrition Center AED) [ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- New activities of this nature identified, including whether SARA should do CD-ROM
- AFRO-NETS-like listserv for education identified if one exists

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has been producing more CD-ROMS than ever before. This quarter, the Lab Manual was produced on CD-ROM in English and French. In addition, all the Africa Bureau multisectoral AIDS Toolkits were put on CD-ROM for the Barcelona conference and future dissemination--rather than reproducing them by Xerox!

Result iic: User Needs

24. Analyze tracking information on major SARA publications [PRODUCTION TEAM]

Expected Outputs:

- Information analyzed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

HIV and Nutrition: 459 Total Disseminated (380 English, 79 French)
MTCT: 333 Total Disseminated (205 English, 128 French)
Private Practitioners: 139 Total Disseminated

25. Develop improved ways to communicate with missions; e.g., semi-annual summary report of AFR/SD/HRD activities every 6 months, elicit mission input into how AFR/SD/HRD can help them with dissemination, communication, etc. [RENU, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- Information compiled, written and shared with missions

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No new activity this quarter.

Result 3: Dissemination and Advocacy Activities Incorporated into AFR/SD/HRD SOs

26. Provide TA to all AFR/SD/HRD teams to ensure that RPs have dissemination & advocacy built into activities [RENU, ANTONIA]

Expected Outputs:

- TA given & dissemination & advocacy activities reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Ongoing.

27. SO Team Core Group Dissemination Activities (cross-referenced) [ALL RENU, ANTONIA]

SO 26- Education

ERNWACA Transnational Study Document

Expected Outputs:

- Document produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 26 above.

SO 19- Malaria/TB/Infectious Diseases

Production, translation, and printing of Malaria docs

Expected Outputs:

- Per Table

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 19 above.

SO 19 – Immunization

EPI reports

Lessons learned paper on grant to UNICEF and WHO for 4 countries

Advocacy activities for EPI using African institutions (e.g., CRHCS or others)

Expected Outputs:

- Publications produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 19 above.

SO 19- Nutrition/child survival

HIV and Breastfeeding Promotion review

Paper on Sources and effectiveness of care for Childhood illness in Africa

Maximizing the potential of private practitioners in child survival

Expected Outputs:

- HIV and nutrition paper produced and printed
- Papers printed and disseminated. Likely co-funded with SANA and other projects.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 19 above.

SO 20-Population and Reproductive Health

Guidance given to CA partners on dissemination and advocacy as related to documentation of projects, etc.

SFPS pamphlet

MNH resource package

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 20 above.

SO 21-HIV/AIDS

Other sectoral workshops

Targeted dissemination of AIDS Briefs

BP paper on prevention, care and support

Development of advocacy documents for MTCT (cf. Nutrition)

Assistance in producing HIV/AIDS success stories from field

Dissemination from Religious Leaders conference

OVC & MTCT newsletters & other OVC documents

Expected Outputs:

- Briefing packets collated
- Sectoral workshops organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 21 above.

SO 24 - Polio Eradication

Continue assisting WHO/AFRO on dissemination and Advocacy

Finalize, print and disseminate:

Laboratory manual in French

Paper on health interventions in transition countries (cross-cutting area)

Expected Outputs:

- Document produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 24 Polio above.