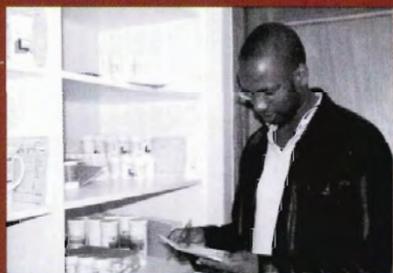
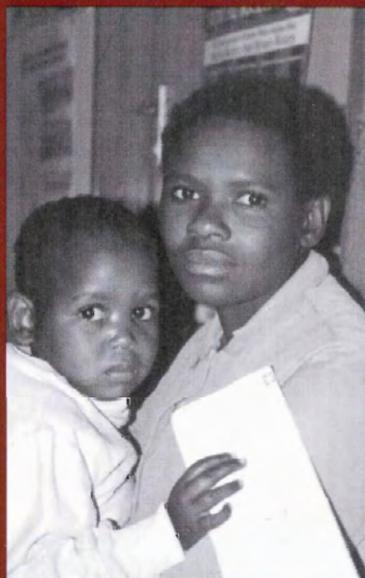




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## **Annual Report 2002: Building Capacity in a Changing Health Environment**

Institutionalisation of EQUITY Project interventions is at the core of Project partners strategy these last two years. The *2002 Annual Report* focuses on the process and impact of skills transfer and capacity building.



## **Annual Report 2001: Voices of Change and Progress**

Using the voices and stories of beneficiaries of the EQUITY Project interventions, the *2001 Annual Report* gives an overview of significant Project successes while focusing on lessons learned through the transformation and progress of South Africa's health care since 1997.

## Case Studies

The ongoing EQUITY Project *Case Studies* series explore crucial technical issues key to improving health programmes in diverse settings. *Case Studies* communicate often complicated information in simple language, concentrating on Project interventions and their successes. Health managers nationwide can benefit from technical information covering the following topics:

1. Successful Public/Private Health Partnerships
2. Mapping for Primary Health Care
3. 'Condo Cans' Increase Access to Condoms
4. Partnerships in AIDS Prevention
5. Pharmacy Inventory Control
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# Case Studies



## National Newsletters

Disseminated to hundreds of both provincial and national health officials, the EQUITY Project and DOH collaborate closely to produce the *National Newsletters*. The newsletters inform readers of key technical issues and programmes being implemented nationwide, including quality of care, HIV/AIDS, and supervision. The newsletters are a valuable source of information for health managers wishing to learn about interesting and successful initiatives implemented outside their province.

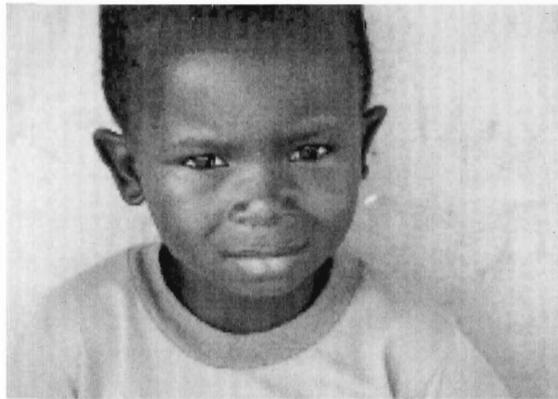


## Technical Updates

*Technical updates* are intended to provide up-to-date approaches and successes of a particular technical area or intervention; recent topics include health financing, communications, and in-service training.

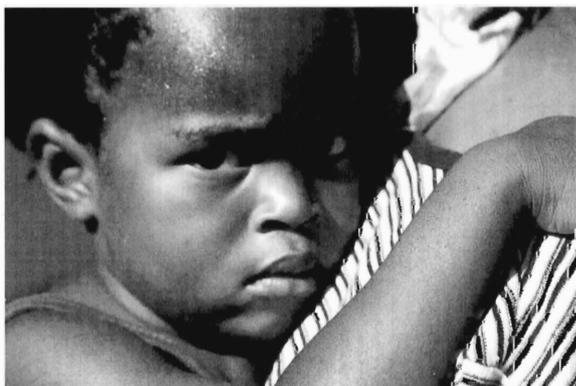
# National Newsletters Technical Updates

# Child Health



## Priorities in Child Health

Developed in collaboration with the University of Cape Town, the EQUITY Project *Priorities in Child Health* series assists health care providers in diverse settings to improve treatment of common child health problems. The booklets introduce the concept of quality child health interventions and provide practical, easy-to-use information on immunisation, acute respiratory infection, diarrhoea, promoting growth, and malnutrition.



## Formulary for Primary Health Care & Formulary for All Levels

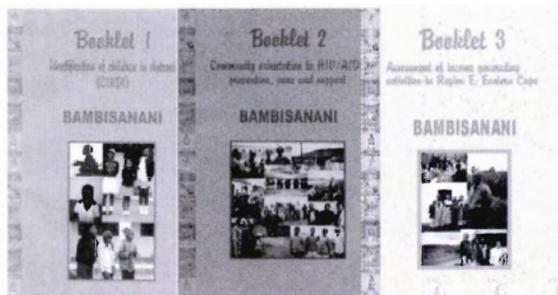
Pharmacy managers require specific guidelines to help ensure essential drugs are available when they are needed. To facilitate this, the EQUITY Project partners developed the *Eastern Cape Formularies*, which provide comprehensive lists of items that can be used by health care providers at different levels and serve as references for ordering commodities and managing inventory. The formularies not only make searching for and identifying needed medicines easier, but most importantly, pharmacy managers are using them to improve ordering while enhancing cost savings.

## Managing Drug Supply for Health Institutions

Health workers in any setting—health facilities, hospitals or clinics—are often involved in the management and distribution of medicines and supplies. These managers need practical guidelines about how to ensure proper ordering, storage, and distribution of medicines. The EQUITY Project *Managing Drug Supply* manual provides information on how to implement and properly use stock cards to manage pharmaceutical supply. It also describes in detail how to organise and maintain storage areas and how to dispose of expired or damaged medical products.

## Bambisanani Booklets

The Bambisanani Project of home-based care for terminally ill patients serves as a community mobilization model nationwide. These three *Bambisanani Booklets* present a summary of income-generation activities, methods for identifying children in distress, and baseline survey findings of community attitudes about HIV/AIDS. Compiling progress to date and documenting community attitudes and knowledge about the epidemic, the booklets provide important lessons and resources for personnel working in HIV/AIDS.



## Developing and Implementing an HIV/AIDS Plan at District Level

To address the need expressed by district managers and other district level personnel for additional HIV/AIDS intervention information, the EQUITY Project partners worked collaboratively to develop this report. Offering health district managers and others working at the district level easy-to-implement HIV/AIDS interventions, the report is a useful tool to address the epidemic while managing increasingly scarce resources.

## Using Information for Action

Good quality data is crucial for health managers in any setting to effectively make decisions. The manual, developed jointly by the University of the Western Cape and the EQUITY Project, provides health workers at facility level with a practical approach to data management. From planning, collecting and processing data to analysing and presenting it, the manual also focuses on interpreting information and most importantly, using the information - for action. The six steps to a facility health information system, contained in the final chapter, encourage the use of information teams and shows facilities how to conduct an information audit, plan and train staff to construct an environment conducive to a thriving district information system.



# Information Systems

## Primary Health Care in the Eastern Cape Province

Hailed by the Eastern Cape DOH as: ‘...an unbiased and epidemiologically sound reflection of the state of health in the communities and clinics of our Province’, the EQUITY Project *Primary Health Care in the Eastern Cape Province* report compiles data from the annual facility surveys in the Eastern Cape, the district health information systems monthly data from all 650 Eastern Cape Province clinics, and the Demographic and Health Survey. This comprehensive report provides key health indicator data collected in the Eastern Cape from 1997 through 2000.

## Primary Health Care by Level of Delivery

The need for a package of primary health care services has been felt by health workers at different administrative levels throughout South Africa. Written for health workers in various settings, the *Primary Health Care by Level of Delivery* manual provides effective guidelines for the appropriate services required at each level of delivery. The manual is designed to minimise the divide between preventive, promotive, and curative health services and provides information on how to use the PHC package within a district.

## Referrals Between Levels of Primary Health Care

A fundamental element of primary health care is the use of referral systems to ensure highly trained staff are dealing with the most serious health problems. The EQUITY Project developed *Referrals Between Levels of Primary Health Care* in the Eastern Cape Province to define referral systems at various levels and to identify practical recommendations for improving referral systems. Using case studies to illustrate key points, this publication can help health workers to improve the use of effective referral systems.



## Mapping for Primary Health Care

To effectively provide appropriate health services, health managers need to know the population they are serving. The EQUITY Project *Mapping for Primary Health Care* is a practical guide for health workers to help improve their understanding of why mapping is needed. It also describes easy-to-follow methods for mapping communities in diverse settings.

## Clinical Tips Series

Health providers need practical information to address supervisory challenges and satisfy client needs. The EQUITY Project *Clinical Tips Series*, developed in collaboration with Intrah, provide these needed tools. Containing four page “Fact Sheets” on supervision guidelines, counselling skills, HIV/AIDS, diarrhoea management, and how to counsel clients, the series give service providers key technical information and procedures, enhancing decision-making and promoting self-learning and self-evaluation.



## Guidelines to Strengthening Community Involvement in District Hospitals

Community involvement is key to sustainable health programmes. In this report, EQUITY Project partners compile existing published material on hospital boards to guide managers, district health training officers, and NGOs on how to involve communities in hospital management and how to develop partnerships with relevant community structures.

## Strengthening Community Participation in Health

Community involvement is an essential component of primary health care. In this publication, the EQUITY Project partners explore successful community initiatives addressing a variety of health problems. From community participation to combat TB to resources for improved clinic supervision, this comprehensive document brings together various tools, checklists, and real-life examples of the vital role of South African communities in improving health care.

### Functional Integration

To ensure accessible, efficient health services, the South African health sector must not only promote equity through one health structure, but must also involve all government sectors, NGOs, and others to unite and create this integrated health system. The EQUITY Project *Functional Integration* report describes the experience of one South African district as it strives to integrate primary health care services. The document illustrates the key phases of integration, planning, implementation and evaluation in health services.

# Community Participation

# Supervision

## Supervision Manual

Whether addressing new policies or supporting clinic staff in challenging settings, health managers need user-friendly tools and training to effectively supervise staff and ensure that client needs are being met. To fill this critical gap, the EQUITY Project worked with partners to develop the *Supervision Manual*. Containing key programme area checklists to help address clinic management, tuberculosis, immunisation, maternal care, and drug management, as well as support materials to help clinic supervisors implement various quality improvement initiatives, the *Supervision Manual* is being used nationwide to ensure quality care for those who need it most.



*“We were talking about performance appraisal, but never had any means [by which] to measure it. [The EQUITY Project's] Supervision Manual is serving as a benchmark to measure supervisor and clinic performance.”*

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