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BACKGROUND

The Livelihoods and Food Security Technical Assistance (LIFT) project was initiated by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of HIV/AIDS (OHA) to provide technical assistance and strategic support to US government agencies, their implementing partners, and other public, private and civil society partners to improve the food and livelihood security of vulnerable households, with a particular focus on people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV), orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and their caregivers. In addition, LIFT aims to provide global leadership and strategic learning to the field of economic strengthening through development of guidelines, trainings, and other tools to help vulnerable households – and those who serve them – engage in activities that enhance their economic and nutritional security.

Launched in Fiscal Year 2010 as a five-year Associated Award under the Financial Integration, Economic Leveraging, Broad-Based Dissemination and Support (FIELD-Support) Leaders with Associates (LWA) Cooperative Agreement, LIFT is managed and led by FHI 360 (formerly AED) and implemented with the support of CARE International (CARE) and Save the Children USA (Save). The goal of the LIFT project is to build the continuum of care for people living with HIV/AIDS and other vulnerable households by increasing their access to high quality, context appropriate, market-led economic strengthening, livelihood and food security (ES/L/FS) opportunities that improve their economic resilience and lead to better health. An essential component of LIFT's approach is establishing links to integrate economic strengthening and food security activities within HIV/AIDS Nutrition, Assessment, Care and Support (NACS) programs and health systems.

LIFT meets the customized needs of USAID and other United States Government (USG) agencies by undertaking assessments that provide concrete recommendations for strengthening existing ES/L/FS programs as well as identify strategic opportunities for new investments. LIFT works with implementing partners to strengthen their capacity to design and implement livelihood and food security interventions that sustainably improve the economic resiliency and health of their beneficiaries. Through these approaches LIFT aims to heighten the impact and sustainability of investments made by USAID, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), Feed the Future, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Peace Corps, as well as local governments, civil society, and the private sector.

ACTIVITIES

1. Global

1.1. Input into Global Monitoring (M&E)

1.1.1. Meeting with MEASURE Evaluation

On October 4, LIFT met with Silvia Alayon and Jennifer Chapman of MEASURE Evaluation to discuss MEASURE's current work, review past collaboration between LIFT and MEASURE and map out future collaboration on global and country specific activities. LIFT plans to provide input into the national OVC indicators in Nigeria, the development of which MEASURE has been leading. LIFT will also engage MEASURE to help develop LIFT's research agenda and protocol, determine the causal pathways between economic strengthening and health/nutrition and determine where LIFT can affect change in the pathway, and define appropriate indicators for LIFT and its partners to measure. LIFT will seek MEASURE's input on the project M&E plan, performance monitoring plan, and other evaluation and research tools relevant to LIFT's goals and objectives.

1.1.2. MEASURE's OVC Impact Indicators

Building on LIFT's input into MEASURE's OVC impact indicator set in September 2011, MEASURE asked LIFT for specific input on the revised household economic strengthening indicator in October. The indicator aimed to assess how households would pay for a family emergency, as well as other more routine expenses such as school fees. LIFT's input fed into the final core minimum set of indicators which is currently being piloted in a few OVC baseline evaluations, and will be used to compare results from baseline to end line.

1.2. Knowledge Management

1.2.1. LIFT Livelihood and Food Security Conceptual Framework

As noted in LIFT's Year 2 annual report, LIFT developed and refined a livelihood and food security conceptual framework to expand development practitioners understanding of the interaction and synergies between economic strengthening and food security. In this reporting period, LIFT continued to present, revise and refine the framework to make it a more relevant tool for development practitioners. In the next reporting period, LIFT plans to update and finalize the conceptual framework.

1.2.2. Standards of Practice

The *LIFT Standards of Practice* are a list of best practices that correspond to specific or ongoing stages of economic strengthening interventions - program planning, beneficiary selection, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and knowledge sharing. LIFT has continued to revise and refine the Standards of Practice to improved their applicability and usefulness. In this reporting period, LIFT has begun compiling a compendium of resources to accompany each standard of practice.

1.3. External Presentations and Outreach

1.3.1. SEEP Conference

At SEEP's Annual Conference in October, Ben Rinehart (FHI 360) and Gareth Evans (Save the Children) presented a draft of the Ethiopia *Promising Practices in Linking Livelihood Strengthening and Clinical Services* discussion paper to the HIV/AIDS and Microenterprise

Development (HAMED) working group. The presentation focused on key findings, including promising practices, challenges and considerations that came out of Save the Children's research on linking clinical HIV/AIDS care with economic strengthening services.

1.3.2. Global Microcredit Summit

In November, Gareth Evans represented LIFT during a HAMED associated session at the 2011 Global Microcredit Summit in Valladolid, Spain. The workshop provided microfinance practitioners an opportunity to share and discuss how they would like to engage with HAMED and what they would like to learn from the SEEP community of practice. During the workshop, Gareth delivered a presentation on how microfinance institutions (MFIs) can engage with the health sector. The presentation highlighted opportunities to cross subsidize grants to the ultra poor through graduation models that include improved access to healthcare. The role of savings and micro-insurance were also highlighted as providing access to capital following a health shock, protecting productive assets and facilitating access to healthcare. Gareth also discussed the three approaches (unified, parallel, and linked models) used by health programs for delivering access to economic strengthening programs and the need for further engagement from economic strengthening practitioners to make these approaches effective. There is a push for OVC and HIV care and support program implementers to incorporate economic strengthening into their programs. Participants expressed the need and desire to further explore opportunities to engage with the health sector, since there is a fundamental need to improve the health of their clients to improve profitability of their businesses.

1.3.3. Economic Strengthening and Skills Building for OVC Practitioners (OVC Task Force)

On November 21, LIFT consultant Margie Brand, in collaboration with Jason Wolfe, delivered the third in a series of three workshop presentations on household economic strengthening for OVC programs for the Interagency OVC Task Force. The workshop focused on examining what economic strengthening outcomes are feasible and realistic in the context of OVC; how to develop causal models relevant to economic strengthening and OVC; reviewing outputs, outcomes, and impacts for various economic strengthening intervention types; and identifying key indicators relevant to economic strengthening for OVC used in different contexts.

1.3.4. CORE Group Fall Meeting Presentation

In October 2011, Ben Rinehart attended the CORE Group's two-day fall meeting and presented as part of a panel titled, "Unleashing the Power of Women and Girls: A Summary of Economic Empowerment Approaches." Ben's presentation provided a brief overview of the LIFT project, introduced appropriate ES models and approaches, and discussed LIFT's role in linking economic strengthening and health programs taking into account gender considerations.

2. Country-specific

2.1. Namibia

Following the 2009-2010 LIFT *Assessment of Livelihood Strategies to Strengthen Food Security in Namibia* report, USAID/Namibia requested additional support from LIFT to validate these assessment findings with an audience of Namibian stakeholders. The Namibian Alliance for

Improved Nutrition (NAFIN) is a network of organizations, chaired by the Prime Minister, dedicated to a multi-sectoral approach to addressing the causes of under-nutrition in Namibia. NAFIN was identified as an ideal partner for LIFT to bring together a diverse group of strategic stakeholders including government, civil society, funders and the private sector to address these issues. Ben Rinehart and Mandy Swann conducted a field visit to Namibia in October 2011 to begin planning the conference by seeking input on conference outcomes and objectives from a range of key sources and securing high-level support from the Prime Minister, through NAFIN.

On November 29-30, 2011 LIFT and NAFIN held the *Collaborating to Improve Health and Nutrition through Livelihoods and Economic Strengthening* conference where participants reviewed, discussed and provided feedback on the LIFT assessment recommendations. This event also provided an opportunity to engage stakeholders in exploring design and implementation strategies for linking Nutrition Assessment Counseling and Support (NACS) patients with livelihoods and other economic strengthening and food security programs, which will be the major focus of LIFT's work in the future.

Conference participants represented public, private, donor and civil society sectors, active in programs involving nutrition, HIV/AIDS care and support and economic strengthening. Through the conference, LIFT and NAFIN created a forum for dialogue to discuss different types of programming options, including those recommended by the LIFT assessment, and to identify and create opportunities for collaboration, such as linking clients through referral systems. Additionally, through the conference LIFT was introduced to a wide variety of potential partners that could be involved in the design and implementation of referral networks linking NACS patients with complementary services outside the clinic setting.

The conference began with a series of remarks and speeches by the Prime Minister Nahas Angula, US Ambassador to Namibia Wanda Nesbitt, USAID Mission Director Elzadia Washington-Danau, NAFIN and LIFT. LIFT then presented a food security framework to provide a foundation and reference point for future presentations and discussions. The Ministry of Health and Social Services then presented on the current state of the NACS program. Next, LIFT's assessment recommendations were presented and a panel of participants discussed specific examples of the types of programs in the report in greater detail.

The second day of the conference focused on strategic partnerships as well as linkages and referrals between programs, with a panel of presenters focusing on each topic. The discussion groups that followed each panel revealed a clear need for stronger collaboration and more effective partnerships to address the interconnected issues of nutrition, HIV/AIDS and household economic strengthening in Namibia. Participants expressed concerns including that current barriers to implementing formal referral systems stem mostly from inadequate systems and personnel to routinely follow up on referrals and monitor system effectiveness.

Following the *Collaborating to Improve Health and Nutrition through Livelihoods and Economic Strengthening* Conference, Ben Rinehart and Mandy Swann met with additional stakeholders in Namibia. The purpose of these meetings was to gather input on building linkages between NACS program sites and economic strengthening programs. On December 8 and 9, LIFT conducted exploratory visits to sites in Okahandja and Onandjokwe to review economic strengthening, livelihoods and food security services that could be linked to NACS services, and to meet with clinic- and community-based staff to determine the feasibility of referral system approaches in these

communities. The information gathered from these visits will be used by LIFT to refine its approach to engaging communities and to supporting future linkages between NACS sites and ES services. In the next quarter, LIFT plans to build on its work in Namibia and the valuable inputs of conference attendees to begin to improve access of NACS clients to economic strengthening activities. A critical first step in this process will be to identify an MOHSS counterpart for LIFT activities. Once this individual is identified by the MOHSS Permanent Secretary, LIFT will work with them and USAID to define catchment areas for the NACS referral sites and identify two initial sites to begin implementing the NACS economic strengthening referral. LIFT hopes to identify sites with diverse characteristics, such as what type of entity will coordinate the referral network, in order to draw comparisons and identify lessons that can be applied to future referral systems.

LIFT will then meet with key stakeholders including local MOHSS authorities at the identified sites to gain input and buy-in for the referral system. At this time the project will conduct a mapping of livelihoods, economic strengthening and other relevant community services in the identified catchment areas, using data from or linking with any recent or on-going mapping activities in those areas.

Once the community mapping is complete, LIFT will reach out to appropriate entities to identify the referral system coordinators. The referral system coordinators will then be supported to hold the first convening meeting of all identified partners to establish the referral network. Once the network is established, LIFT will provide technical assistance to the organizations in the referral network, including the MOHSS, in designing, implementing, and monitoring the NACS economic strengthening referral system. This will include developing and adapting NACS referral system tools including patient assessments, referral tracking and feedback systems, and providing high quality training to staff within the MOHSS and other organizations in the referral network to begin implementing and monitoring the system. In addition LIFT will monitor the economic strengthening services within these networks, reporting to stakeholders on gaps in service provision that should be filled, and providing capacity building support to strengthen existing services, where appropriate.

LIFT will provide periodic on the ground technical assistance to assess progress, and capture lessons learned in the initial pilot program to expand the knowledge base and strengthen roll-out of the economic strengthening referral system in other NACS sites across Namibia. At the same time, LIFT will continue to support the MOHSS Department of Special Programmes to improve the bi-directional referral system, once the initial pilot has been completed later this year.

2.2. Ethiopia

LIFT continued to finalize and refine the Ethiopia *Promising Practices in Linking Livelihood Strengthening and Clinical Services* research report this quarter. The report was shared with USAID/OHA and the PEPFAR Care and Support Technical Working Group (TWG) for input, and feedback was received in November. LIFT will finalize this report based on this feedback, specifically to include comprehensive information about each of the three project cases and the process each used for linking clinical patients to economic strengthening services; and a more streamlined summary and presentation of challenges, promising practices and conclusions. Once finalized, the report will be published on Microlinks and shared at the CORE Group's NACS State of the Art (SOTA) event in February 2012.

2.3. Nigeria

Following the LIFT training in household economic strengthening conducted for PEPFAR implementing partners in July 2011, LIFT began discussions with USAID/Nigeria to develop a detailed work plan for additional activities in Nigeria to ensure the mission's funds are maximized. Discussions are ongoing and LIFT plans to have a draft work plan by the end of next quarter.

2.4. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

In the last quarter, LIFT learned of the USAID/DRC mission's interest in establishing a new FIELD-Support Associate Award to implement economic strengthening activities in the context of HIV/AIDS programs, focused solely on the DRC. LIFT developed and shared a scope of work and budget to support the implementation of a NACS economic strengthening referral system in the DRC and continued to support the mission as they develop the scope of work for these activities.

2.5. Swaziland

This quarter, USAID/Swaziland awarded a new project that aims to address recommendations from the LIFT Swaziland Assessment Report. The project, called *Community-Based Livelihoods Development (C-BLD) for Women and Children in Swaziland*, was awarded to FHI 360 and began on December 1, 2011. The project will focus on connecting women and vulnerable children to productive value chains in Swaziland. When the RFA was released last quarter, the mission attached the LIFT Swaziland Assessment Report to the RFA package as a background document, which is a tangible example of USAID using LIFT's products and recommendations for future programming.

3. Operational

3.1. Partners

3.1.1. Save the Children

Due to internal restructuring at Save the Children, Lisa Parrot was transitioned off of LIFT this quarter to assume a new role within the organization. Ntongi McFayden will increase her engagement in the LIFT project, providing regular part-time support to LIFT from their Washington, DC office along with Gareth Evans. During this quarter, Save's involvement on LIFT deepened, as Gareth participated in several essential LIFT activities including representation at meetings, external events and in field work (Namibia).

3.1.2. CARE

In November, Barbara Monahan and Ben Rinehart met with Late Lawson to discuss reengaging CARE in LIFT's future program activities. While this discussion was fruitful, CARE has had ongoing challenges in dedicating staff members to participate in LIFT activities. LIFT will reach out to CARE in the next reporting period to determine if it is feasible for LIFT to tap into CARE's vast network of field staff to expand LIFT's work in countries of focus such as the DRC.

3.2. Communications and Outreach

3.2.1. FIELD-Support Mission Outreach

In December, Don Henry of FHI 360 traveled to Kenya and made contact with the USAID mission to discuss possible LIFT activities which could be completed with additional funds from the mission. There is strong interest within USAID for LIFT support, and in the next

quarter, LIFT will reach out to USAID Kenya to continue these discussions and solidify next steps.

3.3. Project Administration and Support

3.3.1. Staffing

In November, Ben Rinehart notified LIFT that he would be leaving the project in January 2012 to manage a new FHI 360 project in Swaziland as Chief of Party. LIFT began recruiting for a Technical Specialist to fill Ben's role. Based on an internal evaluation of program needs, LIFT also initiated recruitment for a Technical Director to provide high-level leadership, direction and technical management to the program. LIFT intends to have both positions filled in the next quarter.

3.3.2. Work Plan

LIFT developed a three-year work plan and corresponding budget to guide its work for the remaining three years of the project and presented these documents to USAID on October 19. At this meeting, USAID discussed the possibility of a new FIELD associate award to continue LIFT activities. LIFT will continue to refine the project work plan and budget in the following quarter and will finalize these documents once a determination has been made on the contractual mechanism, timeline and funding level for the next phase of the LIFT program.

3.3.3. FANTA-2 Collaboration

This quarter, FANTA-2 administrative and technical staff provided ongoing support and guidance to LIFT during the planning and implementation of LIFT's stakeholders conference in Namibia. Since funding for LIFT's activities in Namibia were channeled through FANTA-2, strong coordination between the two projects was essential. LIFT staff members also engaged FANTA-2 technical staff to discuss technical areas of interest and to strengthen collaboration and learning between the two projects.

3.3.4. Transition meeting with Margie Brand

On October 12, the new LIFT team met with former Project Director, Margie Brand, to ensure a thorough turnover of essential information, including information about the project's history. Margie provided important contextual information related to LIFT program start up, as well as useful insight about the project's original, current and potential future partners and possible sources of funding and areas of outreach. The team also discussed areas where LIFT should consider engaging (such as USAID's technical working groups and Peace Corps) during the meeting. Margie also provided general feedback on the proposed direction of LIFT, specifically on building linkages between NACS sites and economic strengthening services and developing an evidence base for the health and nutrition outcomes of economic strengthening programs.

3.4. Deliverables

LIFT prepared and submitted the following deliverables to USAID during the quarter:

- Quarterly Report #8 (FY2011, Quarter 4)
- Quarterly Accruals Report
- Quarterly Financial Report

SUCCESSIONS

1. LIFT refined its programmatic approach for the next three years of implementation which focuses on three interdependent objectives or pillars:
 - a. To provide technical assistance and strategic support to USG agencies and their implementing partners to improve the quality of ES programs and activities that support PEPFAR investments
 - b. To build the evidence base for ES impacts on health and nutrition
 - c. In select countries and in collaboration with partners, improve access of NACS clients to ES services through referrals and other health systems strengthening activities
2. LIFT learned of USAID/OHA's intent to award a new Associate Award to continue LIFT activities with a significantly larger ceiling than the current award.
3. LIFT successfully hosted a key stakeholder conference in Windhoek, Namibia.
4. LIFT visited NACS-implementing hospitals in Namibia, and conducted interviews with staff about their experience implementing NACS at their facility, as well as met with stakeholders in the surrounding communities to discuss possible referral models to link NACS clients with ES services.
5. As a program management strategy, LIFT began holding bi-weekly meetings with USAID to ensure close collaboration on project activities, direction and decisions. This approach has been effective in addressing challenges and clarifying expectations.
6. LIFT reengaged Save the Children as an essential partner on the project, which has resulted in valuable technical input and resources to the LIFT program.

CHALLENGES

1. Uncertainty about the mechanism and timeframe for adding \$5Million in NACS plus-up funding for LIFT activities has contributed to delays in program planning and implementation. LIFT looks forward to working closely with USAID to clarify their expectations and requirements to release the NACS plus-up funding and developing a corresponding work plan and budget approved by USAID to guide program activities.
2. It was difficult to determine the total funding obligated by USAID Nigeria to LIFT in this reporting period. Eventually, LIFT confirmed that \$400,000 was the total amount allocated to LIFT, which allowed the project to begin planning subsequent activities. Save the Children will take the lead in organizing follow-up activities in Nigeria which will be accelerated in the next reporting period, barring unforeen political strife/unrest.
3. The transition to new project leadership and support in this quarter required an investment in transferring historical project information to the new team. This investment has strengthened LIFT's knowledge management system and processes, which will help streamline orientation of new LIFT project staff.

KEY LEARNING

1. LIFT identified new examples of programs linking ES and health services at the Global Microcredit Summit. Freedom from Hunger has written an excellent paper on this topic titled *Health and Microfinance: Leveraging the Strengths of Two Sectors to Alleviate Poverty*, Marcia Metcalfe and Sheila Leatherman, 2010). The paper can be found at:

<http://www.ffhtechnical.org/resources/microfinance-amp-health/health-and-microfinance-leveraging-strengths-two-sectors-alleviate>.

2. LIFT learned that the Namibian Ministry of Health and Social Services has promising opportunities to link economic strengthening services with their NACS program that should be tested and refined with LIFT support. LIFT will continue to cultivate a relationship with the MOHSS and explore opportunities to document and learn from the experience of their inaugural bi-directional referral system pilot program.
3. LIFT enhanced collaboration with its sister project FANTA and will be working closely with FANTA in the future to roll out LIFT's NACS activities.

PLANS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

1. Global

1.1. LIFT Research Agenda

In the next reporting period, LIFT will begin to develop the project's research agenda to build an evidence base for economic strengthening impacts on health and nutrition. The next steps in this process will be to engage MEASURE Evaluation to determine the causal pathways between economic strengthening and health/nutrition, identify any gaps and determine where LIFT can affect change in the pathway to determine the most appropriate indicators for LIFT and its partners to collect. This research will allow LIFT to begin to develop a compendium of best models and practices on which economic strengthening activities contribute to positive health and nutrition outcomes in various contexts. LIFT will also explore the possibility of working with MEASURE to develop and deliver M&E trainings to implementing partners, based on the indicators identified.

1.2. NACS SOTA Event

LIFT will be part of a panel presentation at the CORE Group's NACS SOTA meeting in February 2012. This SOTA event was developed to provide technical updates, review current evidence, and share promising practices and experience in NACS programming. Participants will be primarily implementing organizations. The LIFT presentation will highlight opportunities and challenges to consider in developing referral systems to link patients at NACS sites with economic strengthening activities. The presentation will draw on Save the Children's research on their ES programs in Ethiopia, as well as exploratory work done by LIFT to establish ES referral systems in Namibia.

1.3. Harmonized Global Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluating Nutrition and HIV (Geneva M&E Meeting)

In February 2012, LIFT will participate in the WHO Consultation for Completion and Dissemination of the Harmonized Global Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation Nutrition and HIV Activities. LIFT provided significant input into the development of these indicators through participation at an M&E Consultation meeting in July 2010, and working with FANTA-2 and MEASURE Evaluation to define and revise the indicator set, which was submitted to the UNAIDS Monitoring and Evaluation Research Group (MERG) later that year.

1.4. LIFT Marketing and Outreach Strategy

LIFT plans to develop marketing materials which will be used to educate USAID missions and other stakeholders about the technical assistance services that LIFT can provide. LIFT will also develop technical promotional materials to highlight economic strengthening and its relevance and applicability across several other sectors of development. Early in 2012, LIFT plans to contact USAID missions in Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, and Uganda to offer support as they integrate economic strengthening into NACS. LIFT will also reach out to USAID's Bureau of Food Security and Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, Centers for Disease Control, Peace Corps and other USG stakeholders to determine how LIFT could support and enhance their programs.

1.5. International AIDS Society Conference

LIFT will participate in a joint venture with DAI to create an abstract for a skills building session at the International AIDS Society Conference in July 2012. The session aims to build the capacity of health implementing partners to implement or link to appropriate economic strengthening services as well as raise awareness about the LIFT project and share lessons learned. If accepted, LIFT will present and co-facilitate at this session.

1.6. Staffing

As mentioned above, LIFT plans to fill the Technical Specialist and Technical Director positions to manage the technical, intellectual and strategic priorities of the project before the end of quarter two.

1.7. New LIFT Associate Award

LIFT will continue to work with USAID/OHA to develop the scope of work, work plan, budget and any other necessary documents for a new LIFT associate award. LIFT anticipates that a decision will be made on the new associate award early in the next quarter.

1.8. NACS Guidance Manual

Early in the next reporting period, LIFT will provide draft content for the FANTA-2 NACS Guidance Manual by writing the chapter on economic strengthening. LIFT's contribution to the guidance manual will outline the key considerations and elements associated with developing economic strengthening referral systems for NACS, with a particular focus on the needs and limitations of PLHIV, OVC and caregivers.

2. Country-specific

2.1. Ethiopia

- LIFT will finalize the Ethiopia *Promising Practices in Linking Livelihood Strengthening and Clinical Services* research report, to address feedback from USAID/OHA and the PEPFAR Care and Support TWG.
- LIFT will finalize and publish the LIFT *Assessment of USAID/PEPFAR Economic Strengthening Programs in Ethiopia* report on Microlinks.

2.2. DRC

- LIFT will finalize and publish the LIFT/FANTA-2 DRC Assessment Report on Microlinks.

2.3. Nigeria

- LIFT will develop a detailed implementation plan for Nigeria-specific activities by the end of next quarter.
- LIFT will finalize its plans to host a village savings and loan (VSL) training workshop in Nigeria in April 2012. Planning activities will include finalizing the training curriculum, tools and materials, identifying participants, locating a venue, and other relevant administrative tasks.

2.4. Namibia

- LIFT will finalize and publish the LIFT Namibia Assessment Report on Microlinks and the FHI360 website.
- LIFT will draft and finalize a report from its two-day stakeholder conference in Windhoek, Namibia and a trip report summarizing additional meetings and contacts.
- LIFT will develop an implementation plan for future work in Namibia in collaboration with USAID/Namibia. The first phase of activities including identifying an MOHSS counterpart, identifying pilot sites, tools development and initial community engagement. Mapping at the pilot sites will take place in quarter two.

2.5 Other (plus up countries)

- LIFT will seek to engage USAID plus-up country missions to determine how LIFT can provide support to these missions in developing or enhancing economic strengthening activities with their NACS programs including Malawi and Kenya, among others.