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Welcome to the TIPSHEET, a quarterly newsletter of The Integration Partnership, a project of Population Action International. For feedback or to have something included in the next TIPSHEET, email clarson@popact.org.

WHAT IS THE INTEGRATION PARTNERSHIP?

The Integration Partnership (TIP) is a two-year initiative in six sub-Saharan African countries: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania and Zambia. Through TIP, PAI—along with Friends of the Global Fund Africa and Family Care International—is working to increase the priority and resources given by influential global institutions, including the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the U.S. Global Health Initiative (GHI), to integrating reproductive and maternal child health services within HIV, TB and

malaria programs. At the global level, TIP monitors potential opportunities to garner more specific commitments and policies from these institutions that support integration. At the country level, TIP supports the advocacy efforts of local civil society organizations to collaborate with national policy-makers and other key stakeholders in order to generate country demand for integrated services to improve health outcomes.

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TIP Partners Find Challenges and Opportunities for RH/HIV Integration at the National and Global Levels



A key component of TIP is to strengthen the capacity of local and national CSOs to identify and take advantage of advocacy opportunities for advancing RH/HIV integration within policies and structures of the Global Fund, the U.S. government, and their national governments. As part of their work in TIP, civil society partners in Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Zambia have done a landscape analysis of RH/HIV integration within their respective countries. Partners are using the assessments to develop communication materials for advocacy with key stakeholders to advance RH/HIV integration at the national level. Partners found that despite different national contexts in their respective countries, they share several similar challenges and opportunities.

Partners' assessments revealed that while the benefits of integration are recognized by governments, CSOs, donors and technical agencies, the policy environments in each country vary in the strength of their support. Kenya, for example, has developed a specific national strategy on RH/HIV

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE GLOBAL FUND

Global Fund extends deadline for Round 11 applications

The Global Fund held a special session of its board on September 26, 2011 to discuss Round 11 and recommendations made in the report of the High-Level Independent Review Panel on Fiduciary Controls and Oversight Mechanisms of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. The Board officially adopted many of the recommendations made by the panel and also extended the deadline for submission of Round 11 applications from December 15, 2011 until at least March 1, 2012. The extended deadline affects applications to the general and targeted pools of funding, Second Wave National Strategy Applications and Health Systems Funding pilot platform. The decision to extend the deadline appears to stem from a forecasted funding shortfall for Round 11 with funds potentially unavailable until the fourth quarter of 2013. The level of available funding for Round 11 also dropped from \$1.5 billion to only \$0.8 billion. With the extended application deadline, the earliest that the Board would be likely to approve Round 11 grants is at its November 2012 Board meeting. In the meantime, the Board and the Secretariat will be examining the current Round 11 application and will consider ways of prioritizing high-impact interventions within existing commitments.

Given the complexities of the Global Fund application process, the extended deadline does give countries additional time to finely tune and hone their final applications.

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TIP Stakeholders Make Progress on Integration Agenda

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integration strategy while in other countries references to integration are buried within various strategies on HIV or FP/RH.

For all the countries, the main entry point for RH/HIV integration has been the delivery of PMTCT services within the antenatal care clinic (ANC) settings. However, there are successful integration pilots going on specifically to integrate FP into HIV services. For example, even though there is no overarching policy on RH/HIV Integration in Zambia, efforts exist to integrate RH/HIV services at service delivery levels particularly voluntary counseling and testing and STI testing sites.

Despite movement to increase integrated services within each of the countries, these TIP partners' assessments found that many challenges remain at both the policy and delivery levels. Lack of coordination between National AIDS Councils and Reproductive Health Units are of ongoing concern as is the lack of capacity to deliver services because of untrained health staff, parallel reporting, weak referral systems and poor facility infrastructure. A lack of integrated donor funding was also cited as a problem by CSO partners.

Fortunately, the assessments also identified several upcoming opportunities for advocacy on these issues. A number of these countries are reviewing and or developing key national RH- and HIV-related policies, strategies and implementation frameworks, and many of the TIP partner CSOs are participating in these policy reviews and/or development. For example, the Zambian government is developing its National Health Strategic Plan for 2011–2015 and Kenya is reviewing/revising its 3rd National AIDS Strategic Plan (KNASP-III).

Partners are also linking their national level integration work to advocate within influential global institutions. The development of proposals for Global Fund Round 11, the PEPFAR Country Operation Plans (COPs), partnership frameworks and GHI Country Strategies also provide opportunities to advance RH/HIV integration. In Tanzania, the Country Coordinating Mechanism meeting endorsed the inclusion of integration into Round 11 proposal development. In addition to other TIP countries, Zambia's PEPFAR/GHI team is also championing FP integration and the one-stop-shop model within the partnership framework.

WHAT'S NEW FOR PEPFAR AND THE GHI?

U.S. Government Update: Positive Rhetoric, Mixed Signals On Funding And Policy

U.S. government officials continue to promote the Global Health Initiative and its integrated approach in a variety of public forums.

It [the Global Health Initiative] focuses on building health systems and ensuring that women and children have access to an integrated package of essential healthcare services—from family planning and HIV/AIDS services, to skilled attendance at childbirth, to immunization services and basic nutrition. And the initiative supports long-term, systemic changes to remove the economic, cultural, social, and legal barriers to health care services and to increase the participation of women and girls in health care decision-making. Each of these areas is critical to saving lives and reaching women and children with equitable, effective, and sustainable care.

— [Lois Quam](#), Global Health Initiative Executive Director at “7 Billion

People: Counting on Each Other—Unleashing the Power of Women and Girls” event on September 13th

There have also been a number of recent funding and policy developments which impact RH-HIV integration. Relevant committees in both the [House of Representatives](#) and the [Senate](#) have produced draft funding bills for fiscal year 2012, which include funding levels for family planning/reproductive health and HIV/AIDS programs, as well as policy changes. The Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator also released two important PEPFAR guidances on the development of [Country Operational Plans](#) and on the [Prevention of Sexually Transmitted HIV Infections](#). Click on the links for further details and commentary on these developments.



U.S. government implementing partners are also busy establishing creative integrated programs and building the evidence base for why and how to effectively integrate repro-

ductive health and HIV. Three examples are below:

- [Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation](#) (EGPAF) produced a [new technical brief](#) on family planning and HIV integration. EGPAF currently works in the following TIP countries: Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia.
- [FHI360](#) just concluded research in five countries supported by USAID evaluating potential integration indicators. A report will be released and shared with TIP partners soon. FHI360 has programs in all TIP countries except Burkina Faso.
- [Pathfinder International](#) published a [report](#) on the implementation of integrated programs in the U.S. funded AIDS, Population and Health Integrated Assistance Project (APHIA) II in Kenya's North Eastern Province. Pathfinder is currently working in the following TIP countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria and Tanzania.

PARTNERS' VOICE

The TIP partners in the six project countries have strong experience either in the area of reproductive health or HIV/AIDS programs and in some case both. This section highlights some of their experiences in RH/HIV and MNCH/ATM integration undertaken as part of TIP.

Family Guidance Association of Ethiopia (FGAE) hosts dialogue with parliamentarians to improve SRH/HIV service delivery

Advocacy on RH/HIV integration in Ethiopia is yielding results as FGAE strengthens its relationship with the Government and other non-governmental organizations to improve SRH/HIV service delivery. On July 24, 2011, FGAE conducted a consultative meeting in Addis Ababa with 150 federal parliamentarians on "Enhancing SRH through Partnership".

The main objective of the meeting was to build a strong, sustainable partnership with stakeholders, policy and decision makers in provision of SRH/HIV services in underserved communities. Parliamentarians participating in the dialogue recognized the importance of partnerships between service delivery organizations, like FGAE, as critical actors in facilitating improvements in current and future SRH services.

The meeting resulted in the development of a collaborative strategy between participating NGOs and Parliamentarians

to curb identified gaps in service delivery. The meeting also facilitated a better way of sharing best practices and coordinating RH/HIV integration activities. Five Parliamentary Steering Committee members were selected from the participants to be focal persons/ambassadors for SRH/HIV integration services. These parliamentarians will continue to work with FGAE and the other TIP partners to advance integration within the Ethiopian Ministry of Health and other key Ministries.

Youth Vision Zambia holds a National Level Policy Dialogue

Youth Vision Zambia, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and SafAIDS, co-organized a National Level Policy Dialogue. The key objective of the dialogue was to create a platform for effective advocacy and to establish the status on sexual reproductive health rights. Participants called for the formation of a coalition of civil society organisations (CSO), the Zambian Government and U.S. Implementing Partners. Another outcome from the dialogue was the inclusion of an SRH specialist at the National AIDS Council (NAC), who should work closely on RH and HIV with the Behavioural Change Communication (BCC) and the CSO specialists.

Youth Vision Zambia has also completed

a training of Zambian journalists to increase their engagement and accuracy in reporting on reproductive health and HIV. The workshop emphasized the important role the media can play in improving accountability and transparency in the utilization of public resources and in holding service providers to account in maintaining proper standards.

SafAIDS Zambia joins key stakeholders at consultation to develop an integrated Reproductive Maternal Newborn Child Health Strategy for Africa

In August 2011, TIP partner SafAIDS participated in a three day consultation organized by the African Union to develop an inter-sectoral RMNCH strategy for 2011-2015. During the meeting, participants recognized the challenges Africa faces in achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 and in fully implementing the landmark Maputo Plan of Action. CSOs and government were convened to further collaboration at national and regional levels to ensure urgent and sustainable progress on RH/MNCH. Participants agreed to take several concrete steps following the consultation, including undertaking country-level consultations on the implementation status of [Maputo Plan of Action](#) and the collaborative development of national RH/MNCH strategic plans by civil society and government stakeholders.

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RESOURCES

- A tool kit for Repositioning Family Planning: World Health Organization – http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/family_planning/fp_advocacy_tool/en/index.html
- Sexual and Reproductive Health in the new aid environment in Kenya and Tanzania: DSW Fast Facts http://www.euroresources.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Fast_Facts/nEUwAID_Fast_Fact_SRHR_Advocacy_Kenya.pdf
http://www.euroresources.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Fast_Facts/Fast_Fact_SRHR_Advocacy_Tanzania.pdf
- A practical guide to integrating reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS into grant proposal to the global fund by Population Action International: English, French, Spanish http://www.populationaction.org/Publications/Advocacy_Guide/Integrating_Reproductive_Health_and_HIV/AIDS_into_Grant_Proposals/Integration_Guide.pdf

WATCH THIS SPACE

The Integration Partnership embarks on the production of a new advocacy film about RH-HIV integration in sub-Saharan Africa! The film will demonstrate how investing in reproductive health services and supplies is a more cost-effective and holistic approach to HIV prevention, care and treatment.

View other PAI documentaries:
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FCI-Burkina Faso partners with the Technical Support Facility for West and Central African to conduct training on MNCH integration.

On September 12-17, 2011, the Technical Support Facility (TSF) for West and Central Africa held a regional capacity building workshop for regional and international consultants who will be preparing Global Fund Round 11 proposals. Dr. Brahim Bassane, National Coordinator, and Alain Kabore, Program Officer, from TIP project partner FCI-Burkina Faso were invited to lead sessions on both sexual and reproductive health and HIV (SRH/HIV) integration and maternal, newborn and child health and HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria (MNCH/ATM) integration within Global Fund proposals for Round 11. During a day-long session for the 19 franco-phone consultants from Benin, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Switzerland, the FCI-Burkina Faso team provided an overview of the state of SRH and MNCH in West and Central Africa, made the case for the importance of integration of services and programming, and conducted capacity building sessions to ensure that consultants were prepared to write proposals for Round 11 that meet the Global Fund's requirements for integration of SRH/HIV and MNCH/ATM.

In morning sessions, using materials and presentations developed by Population Action International and Friends of the Global Fund Africa, the FCI-Burkina Faso team trained the consultants on integrating SRH/HIV within Global Fund Round 11 proposals and provided a review of the [Global Fund's Gender Equality Strategy](#). In afternoon sessions, the FCI-Burkina Faso team updated the consultants on the recent Global Fund Board decisions that encourage countries to strengthen the MNCH content of their Global Fund-supported investments and to maximize existing flexibilities for integrated programming. The team also trained the consultants on the newly released Global Fund MNCH Practical Guidance Tool: Strengthening support for MNCH within Global Fund Proposals. FCI created a quick reference tool document (available in English and French) highlighting key points from the Practical Guidance in order to help consultants include MNCH/ATM integrated programming in proposals to the Global Fund.

The TSF workshop was an excellent opportunity to raise awareness among this diverse group of consultants and representatives from UN agencies about the importance of integration and opportunities for SRH/HIV and MNCH/ATM integration in Round 11. For more information, contact Alain Kabore akabore@familycareintl.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 29–December 2, 2011 – Dakar, Senegal
2nd International Conference on Family Planning ICFP 2011
- December 1, 2011
World AIDS Day worldwide celebrations
- December 5–8, 2011 – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
6th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa ICASA 2011
- December 8–11, 2011 – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
[Understanding the Global Fund: Training for young activists at ICASA 2011 by Youth Coalition Dates](#)
http://www.youthcoalition.org/html/index.php?id_art=195&id_cat=7
- December 2–3, 2011 – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Pre Conference event: HIV and Ageing: Addressing the neglect of older people in the HIV response: Help Age International Conference
- December 5–9, 2011 – Ouagadougou Burkina Faso
6th African Population Conference
- January 18–21, 2012 – Accra, Ghana
The 6th Annual Research Conference on Population, Reproductive Health, and Economic Development

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WHO'S WHO IN THE INTEGRATION PARTNERSHIP?

Population Action International (PAI), as the lead organization, manages and strategically guides the project. PAI works closely with TIP country partners to ensure they have the technical support needed to advocate country-level stakeholders. PAI also leads the global advocacy, focusing on the Global Fund and U.S. government.

Friends of the Global Fund Africa provides critical technical support to country partners by offering workshops to country-level bodies, including the Country Coordinating Mechanism and will facilitate access to technical assistance during Global Fund processes.

Family Care International will work with partners in Burkina Faso, Tanzania, and Zambia to advance MNCH integration within the Global Fund Round 11. FCI will also contribute to global advocacy both to the Global Fund Secretariat and to other MNCH-related initiatives.

Country Partners will carry the bulk of the TIP work forward at the country level. These partners were selected based on their strong experience of advocating at the national level for RH, MNCH and HIV. Please see the list of the country partners in this newsletter.

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