



The CARE USA SRMH team welcomes updates about the sexual, reproductive or maternal health programming in your country! If you would like to share anything with this listserv community, please send your content to mrodriguez@care.org. We will compile your content and include it in the next bi-monthly update.

In Remembrance

The SRMH team wishes to commemorate the life of Francois Landu, the Monitoring and Evaluation officer and also the Training and Capacity Development Manager for the SAFPAC Initiative in Chad. It is with deep sadness that we relate his untimely passing. Francois died on February 24, 2015 on duty, in a vehicle accident while traveling to visit a field site.

Francois had joined the SAFPAC team early in the project in 2011 and had served first as Social Communication officer then as Sexual Reproductive Health Coordinator in Gore, Logone Oriental Region southern Chad, before leading SAFPAC-Chad's training efforts, monitoring and evaluation.

Francois was a dedicated and tenacious leader, devoting energy and talent above and beyond the call of duty to our shared goals of improving the lives of women, girls and communities not only in Chad programs, but also in Djibouti.

Originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Francois lost his wife, Grace two years ago by a brain cancer and he is survived by his two children, Parousia, 10 and Elschadai, 12 still of the DRC.



SRMH Global Updates

CARE Bangladesh participates as panelist in a Woodrow Wilson Center Dialogue event

On March 31st, Dr. Jahangir Hossain of CARE Bangladesh participated as a panelist at a Woodrow Wilson Dialogue event, “South Asia Consultation on Maternal Health: Regional Dialogue and Way Forward,” in Washington, DC. In early February, Dr. Jahangir attended a two-day, regional workshop on maternal health hosted by Oxfam India. The Woodrow Wilson event continued the discussion from this consultation about how best to improve maternal health results in South Asia. As a panelist, Dr. Jahangir also described a CARE, GlaxoSmithKline funded, innovative public-private partnership model, using skilled, private, maternal, and child health providers to reach remote and marginalized communities in Bangladesh. The event was attended by USAID and organizations such as Abt Associates, IntraHealth and Johns Hopkins University, among others. The event was [webcast](#) live.

Partnership between CARE USA, University of North Carolina and CARE Malawi + Film Screening

Twenty-three University of North Carolina (UNC) journalism students and four coaches traveled to Malawi in early March to work with ten University of Malawi (UM) Journalism students to document how the [Community Score Card](#) empowers community members, health workers, and the local government to address the persistent barriers women face in accessing high quality health services. The UNC class will produce videos, infographics and written pieces for a documentary site to be published by CARE this summer—multiplying sexual, reproductive, and maternal health impact! While in Malawi the students tweeted about their experiences at: [#uncCARE15](#).

The films created by the UNC and University of Malawi journalism students will be screened in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA, on May 1st. The event will begin at 5pm with a reception, followed by a screening of the documentary film series and a panel discussion with CARE and UNC School of Journalism faculty and students. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

Editorial and two CARE articles in *Global Health Science and Practice* highlights SAFPAC work

The March issue of *Global Health Science and Practice* includes an editorial highlighting the Supporting Access to Family Planning and Post-abortion Care (SAFPAC) team’s recent publications (Curry et al.). The editorial, “Stunning Popularity of LARCs With Good Access and Quality: A Major Opportunity to Meet Family Planning Needs” positively highlights the success of the SAFPAC work and reiterates the idea that an optimal method mix can “prevent



unintended pregnancy better and increase the health benefits of healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy.” You can read this editorial and the SAFPAC publications within this issue [here](#).

CARE Learning Tour to Guatemala

United States Congress members, Renee Ellmers and Diane Black traveled with CARE to Guatemala on a Learning Tour to see how U.S. investments in maternal health are saving lives and empowering communities. The Learning Tour highlighted various maternal and child health issues and visited CARE, Population Services International and Population Council’s project sites. You can find more information on this trip and other Learning Tours [here](#).

GlaxoSmithKline-CARE Initiative Partners Meeting discusses work in 6 CARE Countries

In March, GSK and CARE held a partners meeting in Cambodia to discuss current programs and the way forward for GSK in CARE countries. The GSK-CARE partnership is unique, as GSK is reinvesting 20% of its profits into the least developed countries in which it makes profit. GSK is partnering with NGOs to provide guidance on how best to reinvest the 20%. CARE is GSK’s Asia partner, working in Bangladesh, Nepal, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Afghanistan, and managed by CIUK. Among other things, participants discussed where CARE is going as a global organization and how the GSK initiative fits in and contributes to the goal of reaching 100 million women and girls through programming, learning and sharing. GSK is very interested in building country-based advocacy components into the next set of proposals, and building the visibility of the partnership and the innovative models it is generating, with the goal of “multiplying impact” in the countries and beyond.

CARE investing in advocacy to help shape the UN Global Strategy for Women, Girls and Adolescent Health

In tandem with the development of the new set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), there is now a multi-stakeholder effort underway to develop the [UN Global Strategy for Women, Girls and Adolescent Health](#). The strategy will be the definitive policy guide for implementation of the new SDG targets related to sexual, reproductive, maternal, child and adolescent health; the technical strategy (Sept 2015) and implementation plan (May 2016) will be developed over the next 1.5 years. Christina Wegs from the CARE USA SRMH team is serving as one of four civil society representatives on the Accountability Work stream of the Global Strategy, which will shape accountability systems for the Global Strategy at global, national and sub-national levels. CARE is contributing to joint advocacy through the Respectful Maternity Care Alliance and the Interagency Working Group for Reproductive Health in Emergencies (IAWG), as well as providing ongoing feedback on pillars of the strategy related to women's health, adolescent health, human rights and SRMHR in humanitarian contexts. For more information please contact Christina Wegs (cweggs@care.org).



CARE contributes to consultations on indicators for Post 2015 Framework

In January and March, CARE contributed to a series of multi-stakeholder consultations convened by the Guttmacher Institute to develop a recommended set of relevant and measurable sexual, reproductive health and rights indicators for the post-2015 framework. CARE will continue to stay actively engaged in the process. For more information, please contact Christina Wegs (cweggs@care.org).

CARE SRMH Team hosts first 'Tea Time Talk'

On March 24th, Liz Noznesky from the CARE USA SRMH team hosted the first Tea Time Talk, a new Knowledge Management and Learning Series developed by the CARE USA PPL Knowledge Management and Learning working group. "Getting the goods: CARE's experience with supply chain management for family planning and post-abortion care in crisis-affected settings" was a successful talk that included much participation from CARE Country Offices. The talk presented the Supporting Access to Family Planning and Post Abortion Care (SAFPAC) team's experience with procuring and managing RH supplies & equipment within the context of a family planning and post-abortion care initiative that operates in several crisis-affected countries. To hear the talk, visit the [CARE YouTube](#) page.

'CARE Tea Time Talks' evolved in response to the need for more spaces for informal discussion and sharing of ideas among colleagues from across the organization. While there are venues to present more formally on our work, like the popular "Brownbag" lunchtime discussions, there are fewer opportunities for inclusive discussion on what is working, ideas for solving problems in the field, new innovations that colleagues are identifying in response to programming challenges, or new views and perspectives on a topic of interest. Tea Time Talks are for and led by anyone across the CARE world. If you would like to host a talk, or you want to suggest an idea for one, get in touch with Aabira Sher Afgan (asherafgan@care.org), who can provide guidance for scheduling a Tea Time Talk.

Women's Refugee Commission honors Adey Ali Dahir of CARE's Kenya Refugee Assistance Programme

Adey Ali Dahir, popularly known as Mama Adey, has tirelessly worked for decades to ensure that Dagahaley Camp, one of the five Dadaab Refugee Camps in Kenya, is a safe haven for Somali women and girls. She is a member of CARE Kenya's Refugee Assistance Programme's "Committee against Violence," a community-based support group. Mama Adey, now 70 years old, has worked since 1992 to end sexual and gender based violence, child marriages and female genital mutilation. Mama Adey is being honored at the Women's Refugee Commission luncheon on April 30, 2015 in New York.



CARE participates in UN- Post 2015 Accountability event in Peru

CARE UK participated in “Dialogue on the Implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Participatory Monitoring for Accountability,” hosted by the UN in Lima, Peru March 12-13th. The global event brought together experts, practitioners and policymakers to share results, good practices and lessons learned in Participatory Monitoring and Accountability (PMA). CARE represented its social accountability and participatory monitoring work. The event formulated recommendations for a way forward in PMA within the Post- 2015 framework (especially in relation to the SDG 17, which highlights the need to take urgent steps to improve the quality, coverage and availability of disaggregated data to ensure that no one is left behind.)

Published Article: Community-to-Community Learning Strategy by CARE India

CARE India colleagues (Santhosh Sadhu, Archana Rao Manukonda, and Anthony Reddy Yeruva) published an article in PLOS ONE journal “[Role of a Community-to-Community Learning Strategy in the Institutionalization of Community Mobilization among Female Sex Workers in India.](#)” The article aims to understand the role of the community-to-community learning strategy in the institutionalization of community mobilization among sex worker communities across eight districts of Andhra Pradesh, India.

Community Score Card Report Published jointly by CARE and ODI

“CARE’s experience with community score cards: what works and why?” highlights CARE’s Community Score Card. The report was developed through CARE UK’s governance team and CARE USA SRMH Team in partnership with CARE Malawi, CARE Rwanda, CARE Ethiopia, and CARE Tanzania. The report is available [online](#).

Four CARE country Factsheets for Post 2015 Advocacy Available

Briefs are now available highlighting social accountability work in Ethiopia, Malawi, and Rwanda, to be used for Post 2015 advocacy. The can be found [here](#). If you have any questions regarding the factsheets, please contact Tom Aston (Aston@careinternational.org)

New Resource by Hesperian highlights CARE’s work in Peru

A new resource by Hesperian, [Health Actions for Women: Practical Strategies to Mobilize for Change](#), focuses on addressing the underlying causes of poor health for women and girls by providing activities, strategies, and real stories from community groups in 23 countries. One of the countries and case studies highlighted is CARE Peru’s maternal health and accountability work. The resources discuss efforts to challenge violence against women, improve access to family planning, foster safe motherhood, counteract the harmful effects of restrictive gender roles, and ensure that health services meet the needs of women and girls.



Other Updates: Resources, Tools and Events *(Apologies for cross-posting)*

Global Maternal, Newborn Health Conference—Mexico City, 18-21 October 2015: Deadline 24 April 2015

The Global Maternal Newborn Conference is being hosted by the Secretariat of Health of Mexico and is co-convened by 15 other partners, including the Maternal Health Task Force and USAID. The abstract submission period will be closing soon—April 24th. Please visit the website for further details on how to submit an abstract and for conference details:

<http://www.globalmnh2015.org/>

CREA's Sexuality, Gender and Rights Institute—Istanbul, 21-29 June 2015: Deadline 30 April 2015

CREA's 9th Sexuality, Gender, and Rights Institute: Exploring Theory and Practice. The course will be held 21 - 29 June 2015 in Istanbul, Turkey. CREA's Sexuality, Gender, and Rights Institute is an annual residential course -- begun in 2007 -- which focuses on a conceptual study of sexuality and its application to programme interventions. The Institute examines the links between sexuality, rights, gender, and health, and their interface with socio-cultural and legal issues. Participants critically analyse policy, research, and program interventions using a rights-based approach. Registration and Course fees are due on or before 25 May 2015. Registration fee: USD 150. All selected applicants will have to pay this fee. Course fee: USD 2800. This covers tuition, resource package, accommodation on a twin-sharing basis from 19-28 June 2015 (9 nights), and all breakfasts. Please note that this is a subsidised cost for participation. The expenses per participant total approximately USD 4500. Not included in the course fees: Travel costs and lunches/dinners. To read more information and apply, visit

<http://apps3.creaworld.org/creaforms/node/29>. Applications received after 30 April will not be considered. Selected applicants will be informed each week about their selection. All decisions regarding selection would be made final by 8 May 2015. Contact Person: Sushma Luthra; E-mail: sluthra@creaworld.org or crea@creaworld.org

CARE USA encourages CARE colleagues to apply. This is an excellent course, that many participants feel offers a transformative learning opportunity. The application process is competitive and the course itself is quite demanding. Christina Wegs from the CARE USA SRMHR team (cweggs@care.org) and Doris Bartel from the CARE USA Gender Team (dbartel@care.org) have both participated in the course. Please feel free to reach out to either of them, if you would like more information or guidance on how to submit a successful application. **CARE USA SRMH team can offer some financial support to CARE colleagues who are accepted into the CREA course.** This limited funding is intended to enable the participation



of a colleague from a CARE country office whose role is focused on advocacy, research or programming to promote sexual, reproductive and maternal health and rights. Please reach out to Christina Wegs for further details.

IBP Semiannual Consortium Meeting: 16-18 June, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Deadline: May 1st

The June Implementing Best Practices (IBP) Semiannual Meeting offers a unique capacity building opportunity for our FP/RH colleagues in the region. Bringing together local implementers and decision-makers, the meeting will build upon the experiences and insights from the East Africa region, identifying opportunities to leverage and challenges to learn from as we work to advance implementation and scale-up of effective practices in the region's unique contexts. The June Semiannual Meeting will showcase the work of IBP (of which CARE is a member) and the variety of practical tools and support mechanisms that the initiative offers to assist local actors in FP/RH implementation and program management. The meeting will include presentations from the IBP community regarding lessons from implementation and scale-up of effective FP/RH practices in the region, providing a targeted look at the experiences of Ethiopia and bringing key insights from other countries in the region. This year, the June meeting will also include site visits in Addis Ababa, allowing meeting participants' hands-on and participatory engagement with examples of high impact practices in local implementation.

Staff interested in attending can register and find updated information on the meeting at kism2015.evenbrite.com. We also recommend joining the IBP listserv, if they are not members already, on the [Knowledge Gateway](#) to receive updated information. Space is limited so those attending should register early to ensure a spot; **the final deadline for registration is May 1st**. Should you have any questions or wish for further information, please contact Erica or Candace at elipschultz@pathfinder.org or clew@pathfinder.org

At this time IBP is also pleased to invite you to a **pre-conference session on June 15th** at the Addis venue location, to be held in conjunction with "Systematic Approaches for the Scale-up of Family Planning/Reproductive Health Best Practices" community of practice led by the Evidence to Action (E2A) Project and the IBP Consortium. This event is open to all IBP meeting attendees; more information on this event will be made available as we update you on the general IBP regional meeting.

About the IBP Initiative: The IBP Initiative empowers its global partners to identify and apply evidence-based and proven effective practices to improve family planning/reproductive health (FP/RH) outcomes worldwide. IBP partners including policy makers, program managers, implementing organizations and providers, share proven effective practices in change management to implement and scale up successful clinical practices and programmatic approaches. IBP partners support the transfer and exchange of knowledge, evidence-based



practices, proven effective practices, experience and lessons learned in and among countries to minimize duplication and promote collaboration. Through the Knowledge Gateway, the IBP Initiative provides organizations working in family planning/reproductive health with a virtual space to create networks and online discussions to exchange information, resource material and tools.

Two-Week Intensive Course on Implementation Science, focused on FP and RH Deadline 1 May 2015

[The Evidence Project](#) in collaboration with [University of Washington Department of Global Health](#) is offering a [two-week intensive course on implementation science focusing on family planning and reproductive health, including HIV/STI prevention and control](#). The course will take place **August 3-14, 2015** at the University of Washington in Seattle and will provide participants an introduction to the emerging field of implementation science, with a specific and applied focus on family planning and reproductive health, including HIV/STI prevention and control. This course will be of interest to researchers, policy makers, funders, and practitioners working in these fields in low and middle income settings.

Deadline for applications is May 1, 2015. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information about the course, travel & accommodations, and application procedures. Questions may be sent to Laura Reichenbach at lreichenbach@popcouncil.org.

4th Annual International Conference on Family Planning—Nusa Dua, 9-12 November 2015 Deadline 1 May 2015

Under the theme of *Global Commitments, Local Actions*, the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) will be held in Indonesia, at the Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center. CARE is on the international steering committee for the conference and is keeping up with updates and news coming out from the conference planners.

Submissions of abstracts (Individual and Pre-formed panels in research and practice):

Submission Deadline for Individual Abstracts: **May 1, 2015**

Submission Deadline for Pre Formed Panels: **May 1, 2015**

Please check the conference website, <http://fpconference.org/2015/> for upcoming deadlines, updates and information.

CARE USA encourages everyone to submit ideas and abstracts for panels or sessions. *In an effort to have a more coordinated presence and participation at the conference, please connect with Mariela Rodriguez (mrodriguez@care.org), CARE USA's SRMH Knowledge Manager, if you are interested in attending the conference or will be submitting an abstract.*



Scholarship to Attend the Women Deliver 2016 Conference—Deadline Extended

Women Deliver has extended the deadline to apply for a scholarship to attend the Women Deliver conference in Copenhagen, Denmark on 16-19 May 2016. Scholarships will be awarded to stand-out advocates (age 30 and older at the time of the conference) who have proven their commitment to advancing the health, rights, and well-being of girls and women in their community and around the world. The application for [scholarships](#) is due 15 May 2015. For more information and to apply, please visit the [Women Deliver conference site](#).

Social Accountability Events:

The events below were included in the most recent CARE Governance Network Quarterly Update. To receive the Governance Network's updates, please contact Tom Aston (Aston@careinternational.org)

Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in the Arab World (ANSA– Arab World) Regional Conference: Jordan, April 26-27, 2015

The Social Accountability in the Arab World: "FromTheory2Practice" conference will be organized in cooperation with the AUC School of Global Affairs and Public Policy and aims to raise awareness and exchange knowledge on social accountability concepts including the "best practices" of social accountability tools in the Arab World. Lessons will be drawn from the various projects implemented in this regard and practitioners of social accountability tools will showcase their success stories and challenges encountered during implementation, with a special focus on improving service delivery.

The conference website is available at <http://conf.aucegypt.edu/ANSA-AW-2015>

Contact Amr Lashin for further details: ALashin@egypt.care.org

Governance Africa Learning Event (GALE): Nairobi, April 28-30, 2015

Inclusive governance is one of the three core approaches for CARE International's programming going forward. The Governance Africa Learning Event intends to: provide a platform to CARE governance practitioners to discuss what we mean by inclusive governance and what it looks like for CARE in Africa; to share and learn about promising governance models/practices/thinking in and outside the CARE world; and to network with peers inside and outside CARE. Contact Gilbert Muyumbu for further details: Muyumbu@careinternational.org

People

Jesse Rattan has been promoted to Director, Sexual, Reproductive Health in Emergencies (SRHE) Global Program. In this new role, she will work with colleagues from across the



organization to support integration of SRH across the humanitarian-to-development continuum, and to support learning, program quality and multiplying impact, as we work to advance the [CARE 2020 Program Strategy](#).

Jesse earned her undergraduate degree in English from Vassar College, her nursing degree from Johns Hopkins University, and her MPH from the University of California, Berkeley. She was a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Central African Republic and has worked in Haiti, Kosovo and East Timor. Adding to this diverse educational background and experience, during her almost 15 years at CARE, she has worked as the Health Sector coordinator in Cambodia, a proposal development coordinator in the Competitive Bids Unit, and most recently as a Senior Technical Advisor for Mothers Matter, and then Project Director for the SAFPAC initiative on the SRMH team, and as the global focal point for SRHE.

As head of the Supporting Access to Family Planning and Post-abortion Care (SAFPAC) initiative, she has led the design and implementation of a 27.5 million dollar reproductive health program in five crisis-affected countries—Chad, DRC, Pakistan, Mali and Djibouti. In this role, she manages a team of 5 US-based employees, and works closely with field-based project managers, senior country office leadership, government and non-governmental partners. After the first phase of the initiative, she successfully secured funding for another 3 years (Phase 2), and is now looking forward to an even larger scope for Phase 3. She also recently oversaw the [publication](#) of two major papers from the SAFPAC initiative on CARE’s success in increasing access to and use of long-acting methods of contraception in crisis-affected settings—the results were referred to as “stunning” in an editorial that accompanied the publications.