



SRMH Team Updates

Social Analysis and Action (SAA) evaluations

With two impact evaluations and supporting guidance for implementation nearly complete, Marcie Rubardt from the CARE USA SRMH team collaborated with CARE colleagues from Bangladesh, E. Timor, and CARE Australia, to begin developing global capacity in implementation of the Social Analysis and Action methodology (SAA). Bangladesh offered an opportunity to adapt the methodology for use with health service providers, while the work in E. Timor offered the opportunity to develop local and regional capacity in its use. Find materials related to SAA here:

<http://familyplanning.care2share.wikispaces.net/Social+Analysis+and+Action>

CORE report featuring CARE's Community Score Card work in Health

Due to the popularity of a CORE meeting 2013 panel on health and social accountability, featuring CARE's Community Score Card (CSC), the CORE Group commissioned a report, [*The Role of Social Accountability in Improving Health Outcomes: Overview and Analysis of Selected International NGO Experiences to Advance the Field*](#). This June 2014 report features CARE's CSC work with contributions by CARE Malawi, CARE USA's SRMH team and CIUK's Governance team.

SAFPAC supports use of supportive supervision tools by MCH program staff in Djibouti

Dr. Jimmy Nzau of the SRMH team led a session in Djibouti on the use of checklists adapted by SAF PAC to facilitate supportive supervision. The session was part of Djibouti's Ministry of Health 3-day workshop to standardize tools to be used for their MCH program. The MoH received financial and technical support from SAF PAC via CARE Djibouti. UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF and different MoH divisions were represented during the workshop. At the end of the workshop, the Djibouti MoH decided to adopt the tools adapted by SAF PAC. The next step is for CARE Djibouti and SAF PAC Team to train a group of 15 MOH supervisors on how to conduct supportive supervision and how to use these checklists.

Report from InterAction features case study from CARE Rwanda highlighting RI and SAA

The report highlights the Gender Gap Analysis process that the CARE USA SRMH team contributed to through the partnership on the Results Initiative (RI) and SAA. The full report can be found here: [*Embracing Evaluative Thinking for Better Outcomes: Four NGO Case Studies*](#). Congratulations to CARE Rwanda!

Family Planning Social Accountability Meeting

CARE's SRMH team was invited to attend and present at the Evidence Project's "Experts Meeting on Strengthening the Evidence Base on Social Accountability for Improving Family Planning and Reproductive Health programs" July 16-17. The meeting brought together a diverse set of family planning stakeholders to discuss the state of our knowledge on social accountability with respect to its



potential value for improving coverage, quality and equity of family planning services, to identify potential gaps, and to make recommendations for research to advance the field in this area.

CARE participation at the 3rd Partners Forum of the Partnership for Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (PMNCH)

On June 30- July 1 in Johannesburg, South Africa, SRMH staff member, Christina Wegs, presented on a high-level panel entitled “Securing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and Family Planning in the Post-2015 Agenda,” which was moderated by Ellen Starbird, Director of USAID’s Office of Population and Reproductive Health and Julia Bunting, Director of the Programmes and Technical Division at The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), and featured panelists from WHO, UNFPA, the South Asia Regional Youth Network (SARYN) and the National Population and Family Planning Board of the Government of Indonesia. The panel was well-attended by representatives from national governments, bilateral and multilateral donors and INGOs, including the Minister of Health of South Africa and the Deputy Minister of Health from Tanzania.

Promising DHS results in SAFPAC implementation areas in DRC

The [preliminary results of the DRC 2013-2014 DHS](#) are available. For current use of family planning, the modern method contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR) in Maniema provinces is 8.2%; the Long-term and permanent methods (LTPM) prevalence rate is 3.8%. While these numbers are still low, the CPR in Maniema is higher than most other provinces (where no family planning programs going on) in DRC except for large urban centers; the LTPM prevalence rate in this province is even higher than those in the large urban centers. CARE’s SAPAC team is excited to see this progress. CARE’s SAFPAC is the sole NGO work addressing family planning services in Maniema, and, while we are only a part of the solution, we are pleased to see that working with community and government partners Maniema is moving forward in getting all women access to the contraceptive services they need and deserve at a level that is measurable at scale.

SRMH&Rights Global Updates

CARE developed a new family planning animated video

Hundreds of thousands of women and children’s lives could be saved with international family planning. From avoiding preventable birth complications, to deciding to space births, to being more mentally and financially prepared to expand one’s family – Family planning can help in making families stronger and healthier. Learn more in @CARE’s new video: <http://youtu.be/fKFZuRHax2o>

CARE International participated in side event to the High-level Political Forum (HLPF)

On July 8th in UN Secretariat North Lawn Building in NYC, Ms. Gaia Gozzo from CARE International UK Governance Team presented on a panel entitled “Participatory monitoring and accountability critical components for the post-2015 development agenda” - side Event to HLPF, which is hosted by the



Governments of Canada, Peru and Republic of Korea, and supported by UNICEF, UN Women and UNDP. Ms. Gozzo presented CARE's work on Social Accountability (including CSC and CARE's participatory model), building on Malawi, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Peru work. There were 90 attendees, and the presentation attracted many questions and interest. We are looking forward to see how CARE's practical experience on participatory monitoring can influence the post 2015 process.

Article on SERA Romania's itinerant and mobile teams providing family planning services

CARE France would like to share with you an article (original and English version attached) recently published in the French medical magazine "Le Quotidien du Médecin" about itinerant and mobile teams providing family planning services in Romania, which aim to prevent unwanted pregnancies and reduce risks of child abandonment.

Such programming is developed and implemented by the association [SERA ROMANIA](#) (Solidarité Enfants Roumains Abandonnés), which has been active in Romania since 1990. SERA tackles root causes of child abandonment and develops solutions to help such children grow up in a secure family environment. When this is not possible, SERA does its utmost to make life in institutions more bearable for children. In 2003, SERA France merged with CARE France, to ensure sustainability.

Should you have any questions or comments on the work achieved by SERA, please do not hesitate to contact Cécile Tissot, CARE France Romania Program Manager: tissot@carefrance.org

Other Updates *(Apologies for cross-posting)*

FP2020's Rapid Response Mechanism Opens for Applications

FP2020's Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) is now opening for applications since July 10, 2014. The RRM supports rapid response grants that fill urgent gaps and unforeseen time-bound opportunities to accelerate progress towards FP2020's goal of expanding access to family planning information, services, and supplies to an additional 120 million women and girls in the world's poorest countries by 2020. Special thanks to [Bloomberg Philanthropies](#) for establishing the RRM. To learn more and to apply for a grant or technical assistance, visit www.familyplanning2020.org/rapidresponse.

The Feminist Leadership, Movement Building, and Rights Institute -- East Africa

The sixth Feminist Leadership, Movement Building, and Rights Institute is a week-long course organized by CREA, designed to strengthen feminist leadership, strategies and collective power for social transformation in Africa. Applications are due on or before **31 August 2014**.

This is an almost-free training opportunity for female staff age 25-45 in the East Africa region (with some opportunities for staff in West and Southern Africa), focusing on building leadership skills and strengthening coalitions and movements related to gender equality and women's rights. CARE staff,



Christina Wegs (Sr. Advisor, Global Policy and Advocacy/Sexual, Reproductive Health and Rights) and Doris Bartel (Sr. Director of Gender and Empowerment), have participated in similar courses convened by CREA in the past. Both of them are willing to offer some coaching in answering the application questions (it will be very competitive!) Contact Doris Bartel (dbartel@care.org) or Christina Wegs (cwegs@care.org).

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Date: 27-31 October 2014

Registration deadline: 31 August 2014

Please click here to [Read more](#)

PPIUD Start-Up to Scale-Up West Africa Regional Meeting Report from MCHIP & PSI

In February, the Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP) and PSI's Support for International Family Planning Organization (SIFPO) program, with funding from USAID, convened a regional meeting in West Africa to bring together international and regional experts to advance integration of postpartum intrauterine device (PPIUD) services into maternal health services. A total of 48 participants from 11 countries shared successes and challenges to implementing quality PPIUD services based on their country experiences. Countries represented at the meeting included Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Haiti, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Togo.

To read the report from this regional meeting in English and French versions, please click this link:

<https://www.k4health.org/toolkits/ppfp/mchip-and-psi-report-ppiud-services-start-scale-regional-meeting-burkina-faso>