



SRMH Team Updates

CARE SRMH and Education Teams Co-Facilitate brownbag on measuring social change: On January 22nd, the SRMH and Education teams co-facilitated a brown bag learning session “How does CARE measure social change?” The session shared innovative CARE measurement tools from the SRMH team: the *WEMEASR (Women's Empowerment - Multidimensional Evaluation of Agency, Social Capital and Relations)* and the Education team presented three toolkits for longitudinal gendered and educational measurement: the *Gender Equitable Index*, the *Youth Leadership Index*, and the *Common Indicator Framework*. The WEMEASR can be found here: http://familyplanning.care2share.wikispaces.net/file/view/WE-MEASR_Tool_Final.pdf/515045606/WE-MEASR_Tool_Final.pdf and the three toolkits from the Education team can be found here: <http://www.care.org/work/education/girls-education>

Champions4Choice blog featured a blog post from CARE to commemorate International Human Rights Day: Champions4Choice is a blog sponsored by the USAID-supported RESPOND project at EngenderHealth, and includes a global consortium of family planning researchers and implementers. The blog post, *Gender Norms and Power Inequities: Key Barriers to Realizing Sexual and Reproductive Rights* was written by Sr. Advisor for Global Policy and Advocacy, Christina Wegs, and highlights learning from SRMH programming in Kenya, India and Peru. (Link: <http://champions4choice.org/2014/12/gender-norms-and-power-inequities-key-barriers-to-realizing-sexual-and-reproductive-right/>). The blog was re-posted on Communication Initiative/ The Soul Beat Extra: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) site. (Link: <http://www.cominit.com/global/content/gender-norms-and-power-inequities-key-barriers-realizing-sexual-and-reproductive-rights>)

Two articles published in *Global Health: Science and Practice*: Two papers produced by the Supporting Access to Family Planning and Post Abortion Care (SAFPAC) project, “Delivering high quality family planning services in crisis-affected settings: Part 1: Program Description” and “Part 2: Results” have been published and currently available online now in *Global Health: Science and Practice*.

<http://www.qhspjournal.org/content/early/2015/02/04/GHSP-D-14-00164.full.pdf+html>

<http://www.qhspjournal.org/content/early/2015/02/04/GHSP-D-14-00112.full.pdf+html>

Preliminary research results of The Terikunda Jekulu: The Terikunda Jekulu – “TJ” project in Benin, implemented through a partnership with the Institute of Reproductive Health, PLAN and CARE and funded by USAID, uses social networks to address unmet need for family planning.



Preliminary research results indicate that the approach was successful in increasing awareness and discussion around gender, fertility, and family planning; and in diffusing this discussion beyond immediate project participants. However, it appears that this diffusion, at least to date, may not have reached enough people to effectively change social norms contributing to unmet need for family planning. The package is currently being adjusted as the project prepares to scale it up with partners through integration with other projects. Please see the **TJ brief** [here](#) for a detailed description of the five components of the implementation package.

CI Program Strategy Meeting: In January 2015, Christina Wegs, Sr. Advisor for Global Policy and Advocacy, participated in two CARE International (CI) meetings in London focusing on how CARE will implement the new CI Program Strategy Implementation Plan. The meetings specifically explored how advocacy will be integrated in the Program Strategy's thematic priorities (e.g. SRMHR), identified opportunities for multiplying CARE's impact, and explored ideas on how to better articulate advocacy priorities.

Carolyn Baer, SRH Sector Specialist and Senior Technical Advisor, Sexual and Reproductive Health for Emergencies, Seconded to CDC in Liberia: Carolyn has been seconded to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Liberia to help with efforts in the Ebola response. Carolyn will be in Liberia until mid- February and is currently working in a project management role, providing administrative and operational support to the CDC Liberia office.

SAFPAC project continuing support to Djibouti: The Supporting Access to Family Planning and Post Abortion Care (SAFPAC) project has found a new way of working in Djibouti. It is continuing to support provision of family planning and post abortion care services in two refugee camps, while extending services for host communities in eight facilities. CARE's role is evolving in the Djibouti. While CARE previously implemented projects and built the capacity of stakeholders, it is now playing a new role of inspiring partners in the country.

Leader Family Foundation to fund Evaluation Fellowship: *The Mary Jane Leader Evaluation, Learning and Research Fellowship* has been awarded in order to fund a graduate or doctoral fellow to assist the SRMH team in capturing evidence and generate learning from our successful SRMH interventions. The funding runs over a span of 5 years.



Sall Family Foundation: The SRMH team has been awarded the final year of funding for the Maternal Health Alliance Project (MHAP). In the final year the MHAP team will work on analyzing and disseminating results from the Community Score Card evaluation and scaling the CSC approach to the entire district. The team is also collaborating with the UNC School of Journalism for a study abroad program in which students will create brief documentaries of the CSC work in Malawi. In addition to this, inception funding has been granted for a new “Innovation Hub,” to expand the pipeline of ideas to improve women’s lives.

UK AidMatch funding awarded for adolescent SRH in DRC: This work will support the delivery of comprehensive SRH services to adolescents in government health facilities in Goma, including one inside an internally displaced persons (IDP) camp. It is a complement to the SAFPAC initiative.

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SRHE training for emergency staff in CARE India: Following the training on SRH-E in Atlanta in October 2014, the CARE India team has been having many internal discussions on SRHE. As a first step to take this forward, a few training courses have been planned. One such training was organized for CARE India staff on Emergency Roster in Uttar Pradesh, India. It was a one day training covering the following topics: 1) SRHE in CARE; 2) Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP); 3) Newborn health in Emergencies; 4) Maternal Health in Emergencies. The training was well received. For any questions regarding the SRH-E trainings in India, please contact Eilia Jafar at ejafar@careindia.org

WebEx presentations on CARE Learning Tour to Cambodia: On Feb 3rd and 4th, 2015, the CARE USA Learning Tours team and CARE Australia hosted two WebEx presentations on the recent SRMH-focused learning Tour to Cambodia. Funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Learning Tours (LT) program takes high-level delegations of policymakers and influentials to the countries where CARE works so they can experience firsthand the impact of U.S. investments on the ground. The LT team provided a brief overview of the program’s goals and objectives, successes to-date, and opportunities for collaboration. They also shared an update on the recent Learning Tour to Cambodia in November of 2014. For questions, please contact Shannon Coyne (scoyne@care.org) or Alexandra Lamb (Alexandra.Lamb@care.org.au).

For the Web-Ex led by CARE USA, you can find the WebEx recording here: <https://care.webex.com/care/lsr.php?RCID=e8693ddc370e45f7a52798e68b31e0c9>

For the Web-Ex led by CARE Australia, please find the presentation slides **attached**.



CARE USA SRMH team would love to hear about anything new in 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.

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

Published Article: A systematic review of the measurement of the community mobilization process: *Understanding the black box: A systematic review of the measurement of the community mobilization process in evaluations of interventions targeting sexual, reproductive, and maternal health* by Lara Altman, Anne K. Sebert Kuhlmann and Christine Galavotti

Community mobilization (CM) is an important part of many sexual, reproductive, and maternal health (SRMH) programs, but it is difficult to measure. This systematic review looks at measures of CM that have been used in evaluation of programs. The article focuses on measures that try to assess the process of mobilization itself—how communities move from participation to empowerment. We identified 108 English-language articles evaluating 86 CM interventions that target SRMH. Content analysis was used to code CM indicators into five categories: qualitative descriptions of CM; participation, diffusion and community action indicators that measure tangible, programmatic outputs; and linking constructs that capture the process of moving from participation to empowerment. Please find the full-text of this review **attached**.

Checkpoints for Choice—A Resource Overview Developed by Engender Health, [Checkpoints for Choice: An Orientation and Resource Package](#) is a one-day training workshop designed to engage Family Planning (FP) stakeholders and strengthen provider concepts of free, full, and informed choice. Based on [Futures Group's Voluntary, Rights-Based FP Framework](#), the workshop is best suited for groups of 15-40 stakeholders who already hold comprehensive knowledge of contraceptive methods, but may benefit from examining factors that inhibit or facilitate FP use. Several of the workshop activities are based on case studies and promote discussion and reflection among participants. The objectives of the workshop include: Increase the ability of participants to consider the client perspective when designing and providing services; Increase awareness and understanding of factors at the policy, service delivery, community, and individual levels; Increase awareness about program vulnerabilities and safeguards to protect full, free, and informed choice; Increase understanding of the importance



of contraceptive choice; Encourage good practices that programs can sustain and build upon to ensure that clients can exercise full, free, and informed choice.

Checkpoints for Choice is currently available in English, and can be downloaded as a .pdf from the following link: <http://www.engenderhealth.org/files/pubs/family-planning/Checkpoints-for-Choice-An-Orientation-and-Resource-Package.pdf>

Taking Stock of Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings: 2012-2014 Inter-agency Working Group (IAWG) on Reproductive Health in Crises' Global Review. A supplement of *Conflict and Health* publishes the findings of 2012-2014 global review lead by IAWG. Formed in 1995, IAWG undertook its first evaluation of RH for refugees and internally displaced persons in order to determine when and where RH services were provided and to identify gaps and challenges to better target resources and interventions. A decade later, the humanitarian context has changed significantly, and the IAWG has undertaken an updated review to identify services, quantify progress, document gaps and determine future directions for programs, advocacy and funding priorities. The articles in this supplement are listed below:

- [Evaluations of reproductive health programs in humanitarian settings: a systematic review](#)
- [Tracking humanitarian funding for reproductive health: a systematic analysis of health and protection proposals from 2002-2013](#)
- [Progress and gaps in reproductive health services in three humanitarian settings: mixed-methods case studies](#)
- [Reproductive health services for Syrian refugees in Zaatari Camp and Irbid City, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan: an evaluation of the Minimum Initial Services Package](#)

Resources on Social Accountability from the Evidence Project: New resources from the Evidence Project draw on the wider accountability field to pinpoint the role social accountability can play in strengthening family planning and reproductive health programming. CARE projects and documents are cited within the reports. *Social Accountability: What are the Lessons for Improving Family Planning and Reproductive Health Programs? A Review of the Literature* can be found here: http://evidenceproject.popcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/2014_RightsBasedProg_SocAcctWP.pdf

And *Strengthening the Evidence Base on Social Accountability for Improving Family Planning and Reproductive Health Programs: An Experts Meeting Report* can be found here:



http://evidenceproject.popcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/2014_RightsBasedProg_SocAcctReport1.pdf

Abstracts Open for the 4th Annual International Conference on Family Planning: The 4th annual International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) will be held in Indonesia, at the Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center. The overall theme of the conference will be around Family Planning and the Sustainable Development Goals, though the framing of this theme has yet to be determined. 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**

Registration for the conference would most likely open in April and individuals would be notified of abstract acceptances by mid-June.

We encourage 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.

Please check the conference website, <http://fpconference.org/2015/> for upcoming deadlines, updates and information. We will also be keeping you updated on upcoming dates and deadlines.