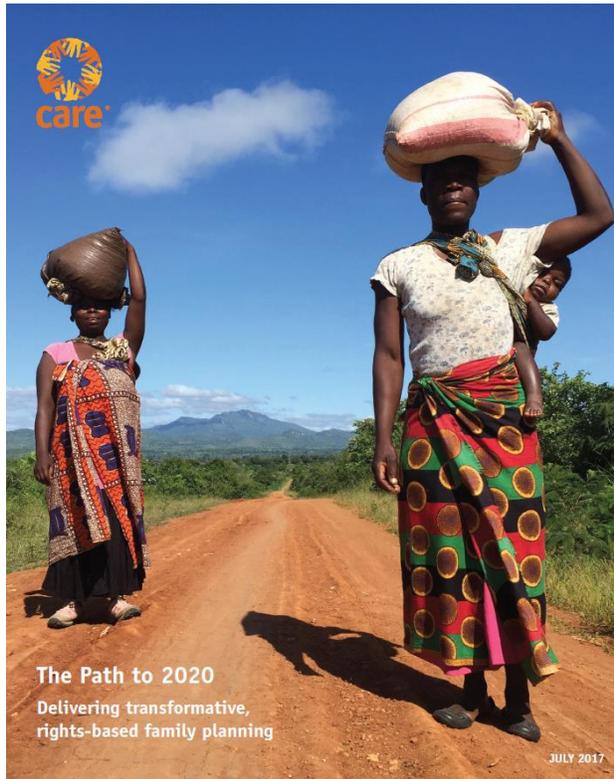*Please send us updates on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) programming in your country! If you would like to share anything with this listserv community, please send your content to* april.houston@care.org. *We will include it in the next update.*

SRHR Global Updates

CARE's engagment at the 2017 Family Planning Summit: final outcomes

CARE recently participated in the 2017 Family Planning Summit, held in London on July 11. The Summit aimed to catalyze action to ensure that 120 million additional women and girls have access to contraceptive information and services by 2020. CARE' s engagement leading up to the Summit was jointly led by CARE USA and CARE International UK, in addition to collaboration from 28 representatives from 14 CARE offices. CARE's primary goal for the Summit was to secure commitments and funding that ensure equitable access to rights-based family planning (FP) for the 32 million women and girls affected by crisis and conflict. FP in humanitarian crises was featured prominently on the Summit agenda and was specifically mentioned in 12 commitments by FP2020 focus countries, donors and civil society organizations. As part of our engagement, CARE's SRHR team also developed a technical report, The Path to 2020: Delivering transformative, rights-based family planning, highlighting CARE's progress towards its Family Planning 2020 commitments. Read more on CARE's engagement at the Summit here: https://insights.careinternational.org.uk/in-depth/family-planning-summit.

New SRHR project in Tanzania funded by Canadian government

A new SRHR project in Tanzania has just been launched with funding from Global Affairs Canada. TAMANI is a $12.5M (CAD), 5-year initiative that builds on a previous maternal, newborn, child health (MNCH) project implemented in Tabora. Key elements of the project include using Social Analysis and Action and Community Score Card© approaches, developing and delivering reproductive rights and family planning modules to complement basic emergency and comprehensive emergency obstetric and neonatal care training and mentoring, implementing a community health worker program, and working with adolescent men and women to improve access to SRH information and services. For more information on the project and partners, please visit http://familyplanning.care2share.wikispaces.net/TAMANI or contact Rebecca Davidson (rebecca.davidson@care.ca).

CARE attends High Level meeting of Economic Community of West African States

SRHR Specialist Ghislaine Alinsato and Sierra Leone Country Director, Evariste Sindayigaya represented CARE at a high-level meeting of ECOWAS held in Ouagadougou in July. The meeting covered the issues of adequate health financing, demographic dividend and development policies. At the end of the 3-day meeting, ECOWAS parliamentarians made commitments in these areas and a regional coordination network of advocacy champions was established to ensure the effective implementation of the recommendations and commitments from the parliamentarians. The meeting presented an important opportunity for CARE to engage at the country, sub-regional and regional levels in West Africa.

CDC Awards CARE Global Emergency Response and Recovery Partner Engagement Program

CARE has recently been awarded $500,000 per year for 5 years from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for the Global Emergency Response and Recovery Partner Engagement Program. CARE was one of eight awardees selected to increase U.S. capacity to rapidly respond to public health emergencies (PHE) globally. CDC will be working closely with CARE over the next year to identify key trainings and strategies that will support CARE's response to address future PHE needs around the world. This award was a result of successful collaboration between CARE's SRHR and Emergency and Humanitarian Response teams, including the strong support and commitment from CARE country teams. Please contact Dora Ward Curry (dcurry@care.org) for more information on the program.

CARE shares results from Community Score Card© evaluation with WHO

In June 2017, CARE participated in a meeting convened by the World Health Organization's Department of Reproductive Health and Research on measuring social accountability and health outcomes. WHO's aim was to bring together researchers and implementing partners researching and measuring social accountability and health outcomes, particularly related to reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH); to share evidence and experience of studying and measuring social accountability and health outcomes; and to explore the need to establish an on-going platform for sharing best practices, studies and findings on social accountability in RMNCAH. CARE presented results from the Community Score Card© (CSC) evaluation in Malawi. WHO shared their plans to evaluate the CSC's effect on family planning outcomes in Ghana and Tanzania and utilize CARE's Women's VOICES and Health Workers' VOICES measures in their efforts.

New! SRHR Knowledge Map

SRHR has created a 'knowledge map' that outlines all SRHR key documents, resources and publications and contains links to access these materials. The knowledge map will be periodically updated to reflect the latest resources from CARE's SRHR global work. You can find the SRHR Knowledge Map here: http://familyplanning.care2share.wikispaces.net/Global+SRHR. Reach out to Mariela Rodriguez (mrodriguez@care.org) for any questions.

Updated! SRHR Talking Points

SRHR has recently updated SRHR Talking Points. The talking points focus on five niche areas of CARE's SRHR programming. These areas include: (1) sexual and reproductive health in emergencies/crisis-affected settings; (2) frontline health workers (health systems support); (3) SRHR and governance; (4) adolescent sexual reproductive health; and (5) social norms/gender, sexuality and rights. These talking points give a high-level, technical overview of our programming in these areas and are not intended to be used in isolation. The talking points can be used to promote and develop understanding of SRHR work for CARE non-SRHR colleagues—enabling those outside of SRHR to become conversant (at a high level) on some of CARE's SRHR programming. They are intended for use by CARE staff and should not be handed out in hard copy or electronically to individuals outside of CARE. The talking points can be found on the Village.

@CARE_SRHR Twitter

CARE's SRHR team is now on Twitter! Follow us @CARE_SRHR to keep up with CARE's global SRHR work.

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

Global Conferences

CORE Group Fall meeting 2018

CORE Group's Fall meeting, 'Collaborating for healthy communities' will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, 25-29 September 2017. To learn more about the meeting visit: https://conference.coregroup.org/

Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (APCRSHR)

This conference will be held in Vietnam from 27-30 November 2017**.** The conference's theme is "Leave No One Behind- Justice in Sexual and Reproductive Health." Please visit http://apcrshr9vn.org/ to learn more.

2018 International Conference on Family Planning announced

The 5th International Conference on Family Planning will be held in Kigali, Rwanda 12-15 November 2018. Stay tuned for more details regarding the conference program and abstract submissions here: http://fpconference.org/2018/

2018 Global Health Systems Research Symposium announced

The 5th global symposium on Health Systems Research will be held in Liverpool, England 8-12 October 2018. Stay tuned for more details on this conference here: http://www.healthsystemsglobal.org/globalsymposia/

2019 Women Deliver Conference announced
The 5ᵗʰ Women Deliver conference will be held in Vancouver, Canada, 3-6 June, 2019. Stay tuned for more details on this conference here: http://womendeliver.org/conference/2019-conference/

Resources

Webinar led by Pathfinder International on new toolkit Launch: September 13
Pathfinder International and their Evidence 2 Action (E2A) project are launching a K4Health toolkit for implementers, donors, and others who are working to support sexual and reproductive health services and interventions for married youth and first-time parents (FTPs) around the world. The toolkit draws on Pathfinder's nearly 20 years of experience working with these groups and includes resources developed and adapted by Pathfinder and E2A for projects in Uganda, West Africa, and Tanzania, as well as dozens of resources from other organizations. A webinar will take place to share the resources within the toolkit and hear how Pathfinder has adapted the tools to work with FTPs and married youth in Tanzania and elsewhere. The webinar will be held on September 13 from 08:30-09:30AM EST. You can register here:https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1036545180023309059

WHO launches open courses for outbreaks and health emergencies
WHO launched a new e-learning platform, OpenWHO, with video courses on epidemics, pandemics and health emergencies. The courses are free and accessible to anyone wishing to register.
OpenWHO transforms complex scientific knowledge into easy-to-understand introductory video lessons, using a smaller bandwidth so that people in any country can access them. Offline versions are available for IOS and Android devices.

Updated WHO Guidelines for Managing Complications in Pregnancy and Childbirth
Since the first edition was published in 2000, Managing Complications in Pregnancy and Childbirth has been translated into several languages and today is used widely in training for and the provision of emergency obstetric care. The new edition brings the guidance in the manual into line with WHO's current recommendations for emergency obstetric and newborn care. This manual is written for midwives and doctors at the district hospital who are responsible for the care of women with complications of pregnancy, childbirth or the immediate postpartum period, including immediate problems of the newborn. http://www.who.int/maternal_child_adolescent/documents/managing-complications-pregnancy-childbirth/en/

Guidelines on Best Practices for Adolescent- and Youth-Friendly HIV Services
MEASURE Evaluation, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), recently published findings of a review of youth-oriented HIV programs with the objective to uncover proven and promising practices and make them available to the global community. Projects were identified through a global call and a peer-reviewed literature search and were graded by a review group using well-established criteria. This evidence is contained in two documents: Guidelines on Best Practices for Adolescent- and Youth-Friendly HIV Services and Best Practices for Adolescent- and Youth-Friendly HIV Services.

People: CARE Staff

Aparna Seth

Aparna Seth recently joined the SRHR team as the Mary Jane Leader Evaluation and Learning Fellow. Previously, she worked with a research and consulting organization in New Delhi, where she provided monitoring, learning, and evaluation support to diverse stakeholders, such as state governments, bilateral and multilateral agencies and other change agents, working to improve the reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health outcomes. As a researcher and program evaluator, she has spent last seven years being face to face with communities in India analyzing developmental issues and providing evidence-based strategic inputs for effective program implementation. Aparna recently received her Master in Public Policy from Princeton University, where she specialized in International Development and Health and Health Policy. Aparna is based in Atlanta and can be reached at: Aparna.seth@care.org.

Rachel Templeton

Rachel Templeton joined the SRHR team as a Senior Program Officer focused on resource mobilization and program design. Rachel graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in May 2017 with a Master of Arts in Global Human Development where she was also a Global Social Enterprise and Development Fellow. While at Georgetown and before, she worked with the Family Planning 2020 Secretariat on their Country Support team providing technical assistance to Francophone Africa, followed by a role supporting FP2020's Rapid Response Mechanism. There, she gained extensive experience in family planning and collaborating with local CSOs, governments, and donors such as Bill and Melinda Gates, DFID, Bloomberg, and USAID. Rachel also worked on the grantee side in Sierra Leone, where she was a Project Development and Reporting Fellow for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Sierra Leone. For IOM, she led their post-Ebola project development strategy, working with UN and local partners to develop concept notes and proposals for DFID, UN peace building fund, and JICA. Rachel speaks French and is based in Atlanta. She can be reached at: Rachel.Templeton@care.org.