



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 mrodriguez@care.org. We will include it in the next bi-monthly update.

SRHR Global Updates



Family Planning Summit 2017: Two weeks away!

On July 11, global family planning stakeholders will come together in London to take stock on progress since the 2012 Summit on Family Planning. The 2012 Summit, which established the [FP2020 partnership](#), set a goal to reach 120 million additional women and girls with modern contraception by 2020. CARE USA has been partnering with CARE International UK and other CARE member partners and country offices, to coordinate [our engagement and advocacy for the Summit](#). We will be releasing a report highlighting the progress we have made on [our 2012 commitments](#), and CARE will be part of a Spotlight event during the summit that highlights the importance of sexual and reproductive health/family planning in humanitarian settings. One of CARE's primary goals for the summit is to catalyze actions that ensure equitable access to rights-based family planning for the 32 million women and girls affected by crisis and conflict.

Attached to this email you will find a 2- page document that defines CARE's key asks and messages for the upcoming summit. For more information on CARE's participation, contact mrodriguez@care.org.

CARE's research on quality of care in Malawi published in *BMC Pregnancy & Childbirth*

In Malawi, gaining a better understanding of key predictors of perinatal health service utilization and women's satisfaction with these services is critical to inform efforts to improve health services and outcomes. Published in *BMC Pregnancy & Childbirth*, "[Is quality of care a key predictor of perinatal health care utilization and patient satisfaction in Malawi?](#)" helps to fill this knowledge gap. Results from this study suggest that quality of care is a key predictor of perinatal health service utilization and patient satisfaction with such services in Malawi. Co-authored by SRHR team members Sara Gullo, Christine Galavotti, and Thumbiko Msiska from CARE Malawi, this research suggests that current heightened attention paid to perinatal health service utilization and outcomes should be coupled with efforts to understand women's satisfaction with services and improvement in the actual quality of care offered to women in Malawi.

This publication was recently featured in Harvard University's [Maternal Health Task Force's "5 Things You Need to Know about Maternal Health This Week"](#) which is a collection of the most important maternal health publications.



CARE Bangladesh CmSS model featured in *Globalization and Health*

A new publication on institutionalizing community health strategies to strengthen health systems features CARE Bangladesh's Community Support System (CmSS). [Institutionalizing community focused maternal, newborn, and child health strategies to strengthen health systems: A new framework for the Sustainable Development Goal era](#) is co-authored by CARE Bangladesh Program Director for Health, Dr. Jahangir Hossain. The article highlights the lessons learned from the CmSS model, which helped increase service utilization and ultimately, decrease maternal mortality by identifying and tracking all pregnant women. CmSS is a mechanism for establishing a community-led structure which tracks all pregnant women and provides need-based support for making their pregnancy safe, including timely use of life-saving emergency obstetric care. The government of Bangladesh has adopted the CmSS model and has taken it to scale, nationally.

UNFPA provides over \$400,000 (USD) in contraceptives to support CARE in DRC

As a result of CARE's ability to increase demand for modern contraceptive services in North Kivu through the Supporting Access to Family Planning and Post Abortion Care (SAFPAC) project, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has recently provided over \$400,000 in contraceptives to support the facilities where CARE works. This in-kind contribution demonstrates the strength of CARE and UNFPA's shared goal to serving women and girls, and is articulated in a global MOU that was signed by the two parties.

CARE's partnership with Pfizer

CARE has completed a six-month project with Pfizer, a US-based pharmaceutical corporation. A team of 12 Pfizer executives partnered with CARE's SRHR team to bring their diverse and strategic perspectives in support of CARE's goals. The executive team visited CARE's Atlanta office in April to meet with our executive management and SRHR teams. In May, facilitated by the CARE Learning Tours team, the Pfizer team visited the Cambodia and Sierra Leone country offices to better learn about CARE's SRHR programming and operations in country. In June, Pfizer presented a set of recommendations to the SRHR team and CARE USA leadership in support of scaling programs to achieve one of CARE's 2020 goals of ensuring 100 million women and girls exercise their rights to sexual, reproductive and maternal health. CARE will be reviewing and implementing the recommendations from the Pfizer team, which emphasized systematic and focused approaches to scaling programs.

CARE Cameroon's HIV program featured in Reuters News

[Thomas Reuters Foundation News](#) featured an article on CARE's HIV programming in Cameroon, which works with sex workers to persuade their clients to get free HIV testing. The article cites that CARE and its local partners have tested 5,000 sex-work clients. Sex workers are paid \$0.85 per referral and each test takes about 15 minutes. CARE will be presenting the results from this program at the global AIDS conference in Paris in July.

Global Adolescent Health Conference: CARE presents on work in Benin and Mali

CARE attended the recent Global Adolescent Health Conference held in May in Canada. The conference highlighted issues related to meaningful engagement of adolescents and youth-led organizations,



partnerships with youth-led and youth-serving organizations, the importance of data, multi-sector, comprehensive approaches, and adolescent mental health. CARE Canada presented on their Child Early and Forced Marriage work in Benin and Mali on a panel entitled [Gender transformative, health and multi-sectoral approaches to addressing harmful practices](#), moderated by Global Affairs Canada. For more information about the conference, contact Carolyn Grant (cgrant@care.org) or Marnie Davidson (marnie.davidson@care.ca).

CARE discusses youth in humanitarian settings at the ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment



CARE SRHR staff member Anushka Kalyanpur presented on a panel on youth in humanitarian settings during the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Humanitarian Affairs Segment in June. The panel discussed the pertinent and underlying barriers to the protection and empowerment of youth in humanitarian crises, including the importance of SRHR and ways forward to ensure youth are at the forefront of humanitarian action and the 2030 agenda.

SRHR presents to Global Affairs Canada

In June, members of CARE’s SRHR team met with Global Affairs Canada (GAC), the government agency leading the Canadian government’s international development and humanitarian assistance. About 20 people from GAC attended the meeting which was supported by CARE Canada. CARE’s presentation was well received and the CARE Canada team will be connecting to GAC country desks to continue to discuss opportunities with CARE. In March, 2017, the Canadian government announced \$650M CAD “in support to sexual and reproductive health and rights as a means of advancing the gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls. This funding will support the full range of sexual and reproductive health services and information.” During the visit, the SRHR team also met with several individuals at CARE Canada to discuss collaboration between the technical teams on future GAC and other SRHR opportunities.

Open Data Kit (ODK) Training held in Atlanta

The Supporting Access to Family Planning and Post Abortion Care (SAFPAC) team organized a training on mobile data collection and mapping and invited colleagues from the broader SRHR team and other sector teams within Program, Partnerships and Learning teams (PPL). The training focused on two highly utilized [free, open-source](#) software systems:

- **Open Data Kit (ODK, www.opendatakit.org)** is used by more and more organizations to collect data in the field on mobile phones or tablets with data submission to an online server, even without an Internet connection or mobile carrier service at the time of data collection.



- **QGIS** (<http://www.qgis.org/en/site/>) functions as geographic information system (GIS) software, allowing users to analyze and edit spatial information, in addition to composing and exporting graphical maps.

Both software applications are likely to be used more widely throughout PPL in the future—especially as more and more data is collected on mobile phones and tablets—and are compatible with many other data storage and visualization systems such as DHIS2. Contact Heidi Schroffel at hschroffel@care.org if you would like copies of the training materials in English or French.

CARE DRC's Raoza Vololona presents on youth project to IAWG

SAFPAC Program Manager for CARE DRC, Raoza Vololona, presented to the Inter Agency Working Group (IAWG) on Reproductive Health in Crises in June. Raoza shared how CARE DRC is reaching adolescents and young people, including those living in internally displaced persons camps, with quality reproductive health services in Goma. Raoza highlighted the programmatic components of CARE's adolescent health project which has employed participatory approaches, including CARE's Community Score Card®, to meaningfully engage young people in the monitoring and improvement of these SRH services and equip them with skills to negotiate access to SRH. This pilot project offers valuable lessons on how CARE models can be adapted for use in crisis affected settings. For more information on this project, contact Anushka Kalyanpur (akalyanpur@care.org).

SAA Training Workshop: 13-20 June, Abidjan Cote d'Ivoire



The Francophone Africa Social Analysis and Action (SAA) training took place in Cote d'Ivoire from 13-20 June. Jointly led by the Food, Nutrition Security (FNS) and SRHR global teams, the goal of this training was to build the capacity of CARE staff and SAA practitioners to consistently integrate and facilitate the SAA process in all their programs, as well as share program experiences and stories among each other.

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

Global Conferences

Acting on the Call Conference 2017

The Government of Ethiopia and India along with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID and Unicef, are organizing the 4th Acting on the Call Conference, to be held in Addis Ababa on August 24-25, 2017. This global conference will feature the presence of Ministers from 26 priority countries and around 400 global experts, advocates and policy makers. This year's conference is focused on overcoming critical barriers to maternal and child survival. CARE will be attending and presenting at this conference. Further



details and results from the conference will be shared in the August listserv. Reach out to mrodriguez@care.org for questions on CARE's participation.

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

Advance Family Planning advocacy training

Over the next 6 months, [Advance Family Planning](#) (AFP) is organizing a series of free skill-building trainings on using their [SMART approach](#) to family planning advocacy. The training is specifically designed to help build a cadre of family planning advocates who integrate the SMART approach into their own work, and go on to train and mentor others in the approach. The trainings will be held in: Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Nigeria and 6 Ouagadougou Partnership Countries, some starting in July. Please see the flyer attached to this email for specific dates. To learn more about the trainings, contact Aaron Brose: abrose@jhu.edu. If you decide to apply for this training, please contact Christina Wegs: cwegs@care.org.

USAID 2017 Acting on the Call Report

USAID has released its latest *Acting on the Call: Ending Preventable Maternal and Child Deaths* report. The report highlights USAID's impact in reproductive, maternal and child health since the 2012 Call to



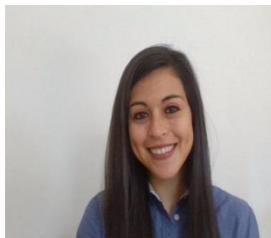
Action and specifically highlights health systems and the health workforce. Read it here:

<https://www.usaid.gov/actingonthecall>

People: CARE Staff

Etobssie Wako recently joined the CARE SRHR team as Technical Advisor for Social Accountability and Community Engagement. Over the past decade, Etobssie has worked with grassroots, national and international organizations to advance reproductive health, rights and justice. Her career began in movement building and community organizing in Canada, where she worked with immigrant communities to integrate their needs into national health policies. In recent years, she's worked with the CDC, UNFPA, Kellogg Foundation, and the Groundswell Fund on issues ranging from reproductive health in emergencies to organizational development. She is a founding member of Africa Responds, an online base-building initiative that works to ensure that Africans on the continent and in the diaspora play a leading role in Africa's progress. Etobssie is based in Atlanta and can be reached at:

Etobssie.wako@care.org



Allison Coffman recently joined as Technical Specialist, Resource Mobilization on the SRHR team. Allison comes to CARE most recently from Ipas, where she was a Program Advisor and served as Deputy Program Manager on a 25 million (euro) Dutch-funded SRHR grant. Allison has 5 years' experience working in global health and international development and a Master of International Development from the University of Pittsburgh. She brings strong skills in

proposal development, rights-based approaches, program management and organizational improvement, among others. She additionally speaks Spanish fluently and has worked throughout Latin America. Allison also serves as the Vice Chair on the Board of Directors for the Carolina Abortion Fund and is seeking opportunities to get involved in local southern activism. She and her partner recently moved to Atlanta with their Scottish Terrier and are excited to learn about Atlanta's rich history. Allison can be reached at: Allison.coffman@care.org



April Houston recently joined CARE's SRHR team as Senior Program Officer for Marketing and Communications. She has a background in community organizing, advocacy, and communications/television production. In addition to her role at CARE (which she is VERY excited about), she is a freelance gender and global health communications consultant, writing blogs, briefs, and journal articles, and assisting with research on a variety of programs and topics. April lived in St. Louis

for the last decade and recently received her Master of Social Work and Master of Public Health from Washington University, with concentrations in violence/injury prevention and global health. Most recently, she was communications assistant at Washington University's Institute for Public Health. She's new to Atlanta and is excited to find the best places for eating (vegetarian food), hiking with her dog (Olive), riding her motorcycle and/or bicycle, and swimming. April can be reached at:

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