



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.

SRMH Global Updates

13 short films on Community Score Card in Malawi Launched

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. 13 short films have been created through this collaborative storytelling project. You can view all 13 films and more about the students who created the films here: www.raisingthescore.org

CARE Learning Tour to Malawi and Kenya

The Learning Tour to Malawi and Kenya was May 22-28, 2015. This trip, focused on women's empowerment, was CARE USA CEO Helene Gayle's last trip with CARE, and the delegation included five Congresswomen as well as leaders from the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) and the private sector. You can find a press release with more trip details [here](#), and a social media summary [here](#).

CARE SRMH Team 'Tea Time Talk' on SAA

On April 7, SRMH team members Feven Tassew, Marcie Rubardt and Jimmy Nzau hosted, "CARE Dialogues: Experiences from the use of SAA" as a Tea Time Talk. The talk focused on sharing the various experiences and reflective practices of Social Analysis and Action (SAA) tools across the CARE world. The Supporting Access to Family Planning and Post-Abortion CARE (SAFPAC) and Projet Espoir Pour La Santé Maternelle Et Néonatale Mali (PEMN) projects were highlighted as projects which have used reflective practices and dialogues. Click here to listen to the [Tea Time Talk and download presentation materials](#).

'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 Mariela Rodriguez (mrodriguez@care.org), who can provide guidance for scheduling a Tea Time Talk.

New PEMN Videos Now Online

CARE Benin's PEMN (Projet Espoir Pour La Santé Maternelle Et Néonatale Mali) project is excited to share new project videos! The project has aimed to evaluate the value-added of a systematically designed Social Analysis and Action approach integrated with maternal health interventions in Mali. The interventions aimed to target couple communication, family decision making around maternal health care, distribution of household tasks and roles, and the role of husbands in pregnancy. Specifically, these themes were addressed through facilitation of reflective dialogue in counseling sessions with couples, birth planning sessions with extended families, community involvement in identifying and tracking pregnant women, and encouraging husbands' participation in pre-natal and delivery services. The PEMN videos demonstrate the activities outlined above. You may see them here: [Project Hope for Maternal and Newborn Health Mali](#) (English) and [Du Projet Espoir Pour La Santé Maternelle Et Néonatale Mali](#) (French).

Community Score Card + Social Analysis and Action Technical Guidance Note

The Community Score Card (CSC) and Social Analysis and Action (SAA) are two well established approaches that CARE has significant experience in implementing in different contexts and technical sectors. To respond to growing interest for guidance on how to link these two approaches in the same project, CARE USA's Sexual, Reproductive and Maternal Health team has put together this [technical guidance note](#) to aid practitioners in identifying synergies for implementing together. This document could also be useful when developing fundraising concept notes and proposals.

CARE Participates in UN event on participatory monitoring and accountability

Kate Hunt, UN Representative for CARE International, recently participated in a panel at the United Nations on participatory monitoring and accountability. Evidence and learning from the Community Score Card was shared. CARE is highlighting the CSC as one social accountability approach that can enable the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

CARE Response to Nepal Earthquake

In early April, Carolyn Baer and Yvonne Uwimana, SRH Technical Advisors, traveled to Nepal to participate in CARE Nepal's Emergency Preparedness Planning workshop where SRH was identified as one of the key sectors, along with shelter, to be included in CARE Nepal's emergency response. One of the main outcomes of this workshop was the development of an



SRH strategic response that detailed specific SRH planning and activities in case of an emergency. Shortly thereafter, on April 24, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit the country causing massive destruction in central and western Nepal.

SRH Technical Advisor, Yvonne Uwimana was deployed to Nepal May 17 -30 as part of CARE's emergency response and provided technical expertise to the following activities:

- UNFPA selected CARE Nepal as a partner of choice to be one of the main responders to the community for SRMH needs and gave CARE Nepal \$300,000 to conduct the SRH activities in three districts: Gorkha, Dhading, and Sindhupalchowk. With this funding, CARE Nepal was able to set up three family friendly centers in each district that provide counseling for GBV cases, shelter for women and girls, referral mechanisms to closest health facility as well as establish and manage 8 SRH camps that provided SRH outreach activities to remote and hard to access communities. Social mobilizers, midwives, and nurses from local organizations would spend three days a week at the camps to provide much needed SRH activities such as family planning and ANC.
- CARE Australia provided 170,000 Euros to set up 20 temporary birthing centers (tents, equipment) in Gorkha (5) and Dhading (15).

US Congressional Briefing on Nepal Earthquake Response

The U.S. Congressional Caucus on Effective Foreign Assistance and the U.S.-Nepal Caucus hosted a congressional briefing on the Nepal Earthquake response. The briefing included representatives from USAID, the U.S. Department of State, UNICEF, and CARE Senior Technical Advisor, Carolyn Baer. USAID and the Department of State gave a brief situation update on U.S. assets providing assistance, the status of U.S. nationals in Nepal, and political efforts. UNICEF spoke about the earthquake's impact on children with special emphasis on the destabilizing effect it has had on education and the need for child protection services. Carolyn Baer highlighted CARE's preparedness work prior to the earthquake, our work across all sectors with particular attention to SRH and women and girls in general, and our close coordination with local partners.

CARE India Abstract Submission to mHealth Summit

CARE India is submitting an abstract to the mHealth Summit to be held November 2015 in Washington, DC. The abstract describes the results of a randomized control trial conducted in collaboration with Mathematica on the use of mobile phones to increase the effectiveness of Frontline Health Workers in improving maternal and child health.



Collaborative support in Bihar, India for Integrated Family Health Initiative

As part of a CARE USA and CARE India collaborative effort, Kamlesh Giri, Senior Technical Advisor from the SRMH team recently completed 2 months in Bihar, India to support the Government of Bihar in improving health services across the state as part of the Gates funded Technical Support Unit work. He worked with the Bihar team to strengthen family planning service delivery activities including capacity building of the health system for the intervention. The TSU is a follow on to the Integrated Family Health Initiative (IFHI) in Bihar, also funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). The objective of the Family Planning project is to provide technical assistance to the government of Bihar to improve access, scale and quality of family planning services especially for intrauterine devices (IUCDs) and sterilization services. Mini-lap tubal ligation is one of most popular contraceptive methods in the State as part of the sterilization service.

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

Global Partnership for Social Accountability Newsletter

The [Global Partnership for Social Accountability](#) (GPSA) supports civil society and governments to work together to solve critical governance challenges in developing countries. The GPSA provides grants to CSOs to address critical governance and development problems through social accountability processes and supports the advancement of social accountability knowledge and learning. The current newsletter highlights CARE Malawi's short films on the Community Score Card.

FP2020 (Various Updates)

- **Call for applications: FP2020 Working Groups membership:** FP2020 Working Groups play a critical role in the success of FP2020. A Working Group is a platform for collaboration and discussion that brings together the foremost leaders, thinkers and practitioners in an area that is of fundamental importance to expanding the accessibility, and improving the quality of family planning. Applications are now open to apply to one of the FP2020 Working Groups (Rights and Empowerment, Market Dynamics, Performance Monitoring and Accountability and Country Engagement). If you are interested in applying or seeking more information please visit: <http://www.familyplanning2020.org/microsite/application> Deadline to apply is **30 June, 2015**.
- **FP2020 Launches New Knowledge Platform:** [The new knowledge platform](#) replaces the existing FP2020 website and is designed to connect people, ideas and evidence to



inspire, inform and accelerate progress for family planning. [Explore official progress updates](#) and over 50 topic areas, [discover country-specific information, news, data and resources](#), [share your perspective and expertise and connect with members of the global family planning community](#). [Share this communications toolkit](#) with your networks and get started now at www.familyplanning2020.org

4th Annual International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP): Updates

ICFP will be held in 9-12 November later this year. Currently, the conference organizers are reviewing abstracts and pre-formed panel submissions. 1,899 individual abstracts and 193 preformed panel abstracts were submitted—record numbers for the conference. Authors will be notified of acceptances by **19 June**.

Registration for the conference will be opening soon. Costs for attendance are as follows:

- Developing country attendees cost: \$400
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Please visit the [conference website](#) to view the proposed conference schedule. Pre-Conferences on Faith and Youth will be held November 7-9. The conference will begin Monday, 9 November and will conclude on Thursday, 12 November.

Proposed Conference Schedule

Please visit the conference website for updated information and details on the conference, including registration, visa and hotel information. <http://fpconference.org/2015>

Scholarship for Evaluators

The Claremont Evaluation Center (CEC), in partnership with EvalPartners, and with financial support from the Rockefeller Foundation, has created a scholarship fund to help support the continued training of evaluators across the Globe. This scholarship will allow evaluators that are working in, or are originally from countries in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, or East and Central Europe to participate in the Claremont Evaluation Center's annual online workshops in Evaluation and Applied Research Methods free of charge (www.cgu.edu/workshops<<http://www.cgu.edu/workshops>>). If you are an evaluator working in any of the mentioned countries, you are invited to submit an application for a week of online high-quality training online. Visit www.cgu.edu/workshops for a full list of the workshops offered, and visit www.cgu.edu/pages/10456.asp for information about the CEC/EP scholarship and to access the application form. Please send the completed applications to: John.LaVelle@cgu.edu or Edith.Ramirez@cgu.edu.



7th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights (7ACSHR)

The 7th ACSHR, “Realizing Demographic Dividend in Africa: The Critical Importance of Adolescents and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights” will be held in Accra, Ghana from 8-12 February 2016. The conference is a good opportunity to build alliances, exchange learning for improved policy, legal and program management on sexual and reproductive rights and disseminate international declaration, charters and guidelines for civil society engagement on these issues. To find out more information, please visit: <http://youthhubafrica.org/apply-7th-africa-conference-on-sexual-health-and-rights-7acshr/>

Registration Open: Women Deliver 2016

The next Women Deliver Conference will be held 16-19 May in Copenhagen, Denmark. Registration is now open. For more details on the conference to register, click [here](#).

People

New CARE USA CEO: Michelle Nunn

Michelle Nunn has been announced as CARE USA’s new president and CEO. Nunn, a social entrepreneur and public service pioneer, will officially begin at CARE on July 1, replacing Helene D. Gayle, who is stepping down after nearly a decade of service. Nunn co-founded a local non-profit, Hands on Atlanta, and grew its volunteer engagement model nationally.

“As someone with a passion for citizen movements, I couldn’t be more excited to lead an organization that has the most critical and compelling mission in the world today: alleviating poverty by empowering women and girls,” Nunn said. “I am eager to lead CARE’s innovative work helping communities lift themselves out of poverty.”

“I am thrilled to be able to pass the leadership baton on to Michelle,” Dr. Gayle said. “I have known her and admired her work and commitment to public service and social justice for years. I will leave CARE with a sense of great satisfaction knowing that she will very capably continue to advance CARE’s mission to end global poverty and take the organization to the next level.”

Carolyn Grant has been promoted to Specialist, Sexual, Reproductive and Maternal Health team at CARE USA. In this role, Carolyn will focus on advancing SRMH program quality, evidence generation and influencing. As part of her new role, Carolyn will be leading the SRHM team’s efforts to expand our adolescent SRH work, partnering with the Education team and others.



For the past two years, Carolyn has served as a SRMH Senior Program Officer, providing valuable programmatic and technical support on a wide range of areas. She has been instrumental in the team's efforts to create a range of products – from the Social Analysis and Action Training Manual to the Community Score Card Implementation Guidance Notes. Carolyn has also helped to generate evidence and developed knowledge products, such as papers documenting Bihar IFHI innovations. Over the past two years Carolyn has also helped the SRMH team form partnerships internally and externally to advance our work. Most recently she played an instrumental role in our collaboration with the UNC's School of Journalism; helping to create 13 short documentary films featuring the Maternal Health Alliance Project.

Prior to this position, Carolyn served in short term assignments supporting CARE's work in the areas of grant stewardship, policy and advocacy, and SRMH. Before coming to CARE she worked at a public relations firm where she was responsible for developing policy and briefing materials across a breadth of social, economic and political topics. Carolyn also has experience working with FHI 360's Gender Center on human trafficking issues. In her former life she lived in Belgium and worked for a beverage company where she designed metrics to measure and standardize processes. Carolyn has her Masters in International Affairs from George Washington University and her Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Economics from the University of Michigan.