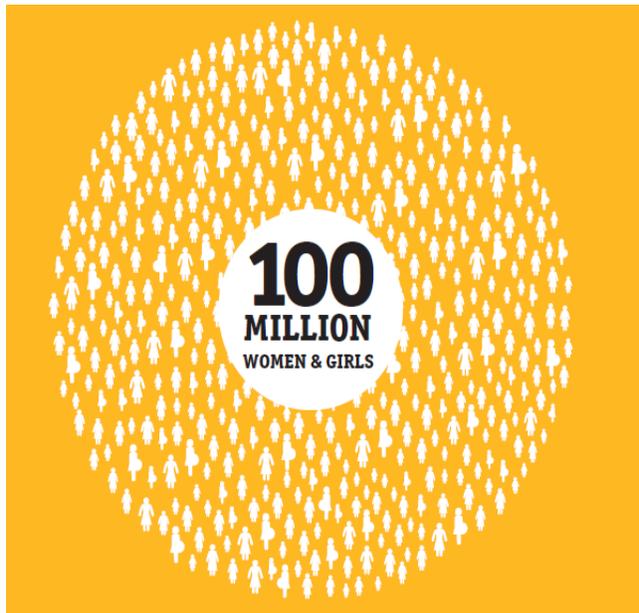




*Please send us updates on sexual and reproductive health and rights programming in your country! If you would like to share anything with this listserv community, please send your content to [mrodriguez@care.org](mailto:mrodriguez@care.org). We will include it in the next bi-monthly update.*

## SRHR Global Updates



### **Designing for Impact at Scale:**

#### **2016 Progress Report on CARE Global SRHR**

Over the past year, colleagues across CARE have been working hard to drive forward our global vision to ensure that 100 million women and girls exercise their rights to sexual, reproductive and maternal health. The second annual report on the collective progress to advance sexual, reproductive and maternal health and rights has been finalized. Please click to read the report with [live links and animation](#). You can also find a downloadable print version on the [SRHR wiki page](#). Thank you to all our dedicated CARE colleagues around the world who have shared their work and commitment to SRHR.

### **Published in *Global Health Science and Practice*: Rapid Contraceptive Uptake and Changing Method Mix with High Use of Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives in Crisis- Affected Populations in Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Offering a broad choice of contraceptives can rapidly expand use in crisis-affected settings, particularly when the choice includes long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs). This article highlights the work of CARE's Supporting Access to Family Planning and Post Abortion Care (SAFPAC) initiative to support the governments of Chad and DRC to provide nearly 85,000 new clients with contraceptives. LARC users, which include an increasing number of IUD users, accounted for 73% of new clients. Read the [article](#) to learn more about SAF PAC and their work to support access to contraceptives.

### **CARE India's Dr. Hemant Shah interviewed as Global Leader in Maternal and Newborn Health**

Dr. Hemant Shah of CARE India Solutions for Sustainable Development, leads the [Integrated Family Health Initiative](#) (IFHI) in Bihar, India and was recently interviewed by the Maternal Health Task Force for their Global Leaders in Maternal and Newborn Health series. Dr. Hemant shared information on the IFHI project, where CARE is working to improve quality of care in health facilities, build capacity of frontline health workers and improve health system issues such as the supply chain. Congratulations to Dr. Hemant for being identified as a Global Leader in Maternal and Newborn Health! You can read the entire interview [here](#).



### **New tools for measuring the impact of social accountability approaches on governance processes and outcomes**

CARE has developed two survey tools [Women's VOICES](#) and [Health Workers' VOICES](#), to evaluate the impact of social accountability approaches, like CARE's [Community Score Card® \(CSC\)](#), in improving governance and accountability processes, individual and community empowerment and voice, and health service delivery. While there is growing popularity, and promise, for social accountability approaches as a means to accelerate progress for maternal and newborn health, there is a gap in available resources and tools for assessing the effectiveness of such approaches. As the use of social accountability approaches in health programs continues to expand, we hope these measures will be of use to others attempting to evaluate impact. These two survey tools are included in a peer-reviewed journal article by Sebert Kuhlmann et al., currently in Press with *Development Policy Review*.

### **LQAS Workshop with SAFPAC Countries**

The [Supporting Access to Family Planning and Post Abortion Care initiative](#) (SAFPAC) held a workshop with all SAFPAC staff from DRC, Chad and Mali country offices in Kinshasa, DRC in August on how to use the Lot Quality Assurance Sampling (LQAS) methodology for sampling and analysis for household assessments for program improvement. The LQAS survey implementation will begin in a few months and indicators will include CARE Global SRHR indicators in addition to SAFPAC-specific measurements. SAFPAC staff in Pakistan will also receive LQAS training and begin implementation in the next few months.

### **IBP and WHO Consultative Meeting on MEC**

Implementing Best Practices (IBP), in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), recently held an expert's consultative meeting on developing implementation guidelines for Medical Eligibility Criteria (MEC) and Selected Practice Recommendations for contraceptive services. CARE's Kamlesh Giri participated in meeting. The WHO plans to complete the implementation guidelines development by the end of this calendar year. This was the first of several consultative meetings before the final product is developed. Stay tuned for future updates on these guidelines. If you have any questions on the meeting or the guidelines, please contact Kamlesh ([kgiri@care.org](mailto:kgiri@care.org)).

### **We want to hear from you—Do you have programs/projects working with sex workers?**

Does your CARE country program work with sex workers? What strategies are you using for advocacy and influence? Our CARE Gender & Empowerment colleagues want to hear from you! Please reach out to Milkah Kihunah ([mkihunah@care.org](mailto:mkihunah@care.org)) if you have information to share about this programming in your country.

### **Share the Story of CARE: CARE's Annual Human Interest Story Contest**

Send in your stories, photos and videos about CARE's work! Entries are due September 12<sup>th</sup>. You can find instructions and an official entry form on the contest website: <http://www.care.org/2016-human-interest-story-contest>. Information is available in English, French and Spanish. Video entries are especially encouraged; please check out a few tips from the experts at <http://www.care.org/storytellers>.



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

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### Global Conferences

**AWID (Association for Women’s Rights in Development) Forum:** the 13th AWID Forum will be held in Bahia, Brazil 8-11 September 2016. AWID is an international, feminist, membership organization committed to achieving gender equality, sustainable development and women’s human rights. Visit <http://www.forum.awid.org/forum16/> to learn more about the conference. CARE will be participating in an interactive learning session on the empowerment of girls through exploration of sexuality, gender, power and pleasure. See information about this event [here](#).

### **CORE Group Fall Conference**

CARE will be participating in the annual CORE Group meeting October 13-14 in Washington, DC. SRHR and Food & Nutrition Security (FNS) colleagues will be leading a workshop on CARE’s [Social Analysis and Action](#) approach. We will share details from the session in the next listserv blast—stay tuned! Learn more about the conference here: <https://conference.coregroup.org/>

### **American Evaluation Association Conference**

CARE will be participating in the American Evaluation Association (AEA) conference that will be held in Atlanta, GA October 24-29. Several abstracts from various sector teams were accepted, including an abstract on “Transforming M into E: Designing routine monitoring systems to support evaluation and program improvement” which will be presented by CARE SRHR staff member Dora Ward Curry. Please visit the AEA website to learn more: <http://www.eval.org/p/cm/ld/fid=395>

### **Global Symposium on Health Systems Research:**

CARE will be attending and presenting at the Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, held 14-18 November 2016 in Vancouver, British Columbia. CARE’s SRHR work from Benin and India will be presented at the conference. Are you planning to attend? Please reach out to [Mariela Rodriguez](#) if you are planning to attend this conference. See more information here: <http://healthsystemsresearch.org/hsr2016/>

**Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (APCSRHR):** This conference will be held in Vietnam from 27-30 November 2017. APCSRHR is a biennial conference gathering of civil society, young people, academia, government, media, private sector, and development partners from the region who are concerned about sexual and reproductive health and rights. The conference’s theme is “Leave No One Behind- Justice in Sexual and Reproductive Health.” Please visit <http://apcshr9vn.org/> to learn more.

### Resources

**Article in PLOS ONE: What Prevents Quality Midwifery Care? A Systematic Mapping of Barriers in Low and Middle Income Countries from the Provider Perspective.** Quality of care is



essential for further progress in reducing maternal and newborn deaths. The integration of educated, trained, regulated and licensed midwives into the health system is associated with improved quality of care and sustained decreases in maternal and newborn mortality. To date, research on barriers to quality of care for women and newborns has not given due attention to the care provider's perspective. This paper by Filby et al. addresses this gap by presenting the findings of a systematic mapping of the literature of the social, economic and professional barriers preventing midwifery personnel in low and middle income countries (LMICs) from providing quality of care. Read the article [here](#).

### **Blog: 5 Challenges to Women's Human, Economic and Labor Rights in the Global Health Workforce**

Did you know that between 65% and 85% of health workers are women? Based on a presentation given at Women Deliver 2016, Constance Newman of IntraHealth International writes about the challenges women face in the global health workforce. You can read the blog [here](#).

### **New Online Tool Provides Global, National, and Regional View of Modern Contraception Data**

A [new online tool](#) allows donors and implementers to look at the total market when designing family planning programs. Private Sector Counts allows users to view modern contraception prevalence data globally, regionally, and at the country level. Users can also view the data by method and source of supply (public or private sector). Based on Demographic and Health Survey data, Private Sector Counts gives family planning stakeholders information to help increase access to quality services and expand method choice.

### **People- Staff**



**Blake Dublin** recently joined the SRHR team in Atlanta as a Senior Technical Advisor, Program Design and Resource Mobilization. Blake has more than 10 years of experience designing and implementing global public health and international development strategies and programs in the U.S. and 15 countries, including in East and Southern Africa, West Africa and the LAC region. Blake most recently worked for Deloitte and was based at the Centers for Disease Control, focusing primarily on strategy, monitoring and evaluation, and performance improvement for CDC's Global Health Security

Agenda and with the Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities. Prior to Deloitte, Blake worked for Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's and Women's Hospital in Houston, Texas, and with Booz Allen Hamilton in Washington, DC on a USAID/PEPFAR supply chain management project. He has a Master's in International Affairs and a Bachelor of Arts in French, Spanish and History. With the SRHR team, Blake will liaise with the Competitive Bids Unit, Strategic Partnerships, and regional and country offices to identify, review and support fundraising, business development and partnership opportunities. Blake is married, and has a four-year old girl and a two-year old boy. He likes gardening, hiking, riding his bike, reading, and drinking coffee, and is on a quest to find the perfect taco in Atlanta.