



Update on Major Activities in June 2008

Output 1: Equity and Access (EA) (including AAN and JHU/CCP)

Central

- Joint monitoring of EAP was undertaken in Myagdi and Nawalparasi districts by senior government officers from the National Planning Commission and MoHP, with the EAP Team Leader and SSMP Equity and Access Advisor. The government officers were impressed with the success of the EAP approach in targeting poor and marginalised groups.
- EAP organised ToT on the Rights Based Approach and Advocacy for district coordinators, EASO staff and board members at Hetauda and Pokhara (four days each).
- The ToR was finalised for outsourcing the consultancy contract for Rights Based and Social Inclusion inputs to the SSMP EA team.
- Technical support (including workshop facilitation) was provided to the DoHS Management Division for organising one day workshops on social inclusion.
- The EAP team leader gave a short presentation about the programme to the members of the Coogee Beach Group (hosted by UNICEF) in Nepalgunj.
- The SSMP EA Adviser facilitated a successful one-day SEDC workshop for the senior management team of UMN.

Districts

- A district level safe motherhood network was established and formally registered in Myagdi. The intention is to create a district platform to continue the momentum of the EAP and provide facilitation for community groups, including mothers groups.
- Nawalparasi and Dadeldhura districts organised exposure visits for EASO staff and board members, visiting Parbat, Myagdi, and Chitwan.
- Voice Capturing Organisations (SAC and HICODEF) organised VDC level KIM training, debriefing and monitoring as a part of second round voice capturing in EAP districts.
- HFMC meetings and networks meetings were held in all EAP districts.
- JHU/CCP provided three Interpersonal Communication (IPC) trainings for health workers from EAP target VDCs in Parbat, Myagdi and Morang districts.
- Promotional materials, including flex charts, fliers and brochures for the SDIP were pre-tested and approved by RH IEC technical committee. A radio spot for SDIP promotion was also finalised (in coordination with NHEICC, FHD, SSMP) and handed over to NHEICC for airing.
- JHU/CCP provided intensive technical support to NHEICC to develop, pre-test and finalise a Safe Motherhood Newborn Health brochure.
- JHU/CCP provided technical assistance to the CHD led Community-Based Newborn Care Programme strategy development.



- JHU/CCP provided technical support to EAP districts for localising and producing SMNH related media and materials, including a drama for the Aama Radio programme.
- JHU/CCP provided technical support to NHEICC in conducting a regional BCC orientation workshop for the Far-Western Region and preparing a BCC Regional Workshop summary report and NHEICC newsletter.

Output 2: Service strengthening

- The SSMP MNH Adviser and Team Leader visited Dailekh and Surkhet districts and Nepalgunj Medical College to explore the feasibility of a public private partnership with the medical college for starting CEOC services in Dailekh and SBA training in Surkhet. A random check was carried out to see if women who delivered at a health institution had received the safe delivery incentive at the time of discharge. All those interviewed had received the money.
- Finalised the flex flow chart for major obstetric complications, as a tool for ensuring quality SBA services. This was field tested in Banke and Bardiya and input was taken from SBA trainers at Maternity Hospital and FHD
- Coordinated with SMNH Subcommittee members (NFHP, RHDP/ SDC, NSI, UMN, ADRA) for possible collaboration to implement the FHD plan in their districts.
- Developed ToR /proposal for facilitation of the FHD work plan for strengthening CEOC, BEOC and delivery services in the districts
- Coordinated with UNICEF, UMN and EA districts for training, providing material for service sites as needed (EOC tally sheet, Nepali version of WHO IMPAC for ANMs)
- Contributed to development of a community based newborn care training package for FCHV, VHW, MCHW, and complementary BCC strategy, working with CHD and partners
- Prepared the Nepal/ FHD presentation at the Third Network Meeting for Reduction of Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in South Asia in Delhi.
- Assisted with preparations for the FHD regional SMNH review meetings and attended the Eastern and Central Regional meetings. Visited Bayerban HP, Jhurkiya PHCC, Letang PHCC and Manglabare PHCC for monitoring SMNH services.
- Supported FHD's family planning annual review
- Participated in the Medical Abortion Strategy meeting

United Mission to Nepal (UMN) (2 districts)

SMNH Progress Report (Jan-June) and Service Utilisation Report (July - May) prepared.

Mugu

- District Hospital Review and Planning Workshop carried out
- Regular monitoring carried out for SMNH Services in all supported health facilities
- Hospital Breakthrough Team Meeting



Rupandehi

- HFMC training at Motipur PHCC, Rayapur PHCC and Parroha Health Post
- Exposure visit arranged to Surunga PHCC, Jhapa and Dumkauli PHCC in Nawalparasi for the participants of the HFMC Training
- Action planning carried out with partner NGO (NASO) for demand side SMNH activities

UNICEF (8 districts)

Central level

- Participated in “Networking to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity in South Asia; the human resource dimension” in New Delhi. None representatives from Nepal participated in the meeting, which was organised jointly by UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA supported by DFID. Technical assistance was provided for the presentation of Dr. Suvedi, Director, FHD by UNICEF and SSMP.
- Provided technical support to the local trainers in Dang for annual review and planning workshop for SBA to create an enabling environment for 24-hour delivery services strengthen EOC services.
- Provided technical support in the annual review and planning workshop in Saptari for SBA to create an enabling environment through appreciative inquiry.
- Participated in the TAG meeting on prevention of eclampsia using calcium.
- Coordinated with NHTC/ FHD for CTS and LMD for the follow up on supply of teaching learning materials to planned SBA training sites.
- Accompanied Coogee Beach Group visit to Dang and Nepalgunj and supported DHO and birthing centre to brief them on SMNH activities.

Districts

- **Humla:** Supported DHO to prepare budget breakdown plan based on AWP 2008 for submission to UNICEF Regional Office for activities during July to Sept 2008. Coordinated with DHO and local NGO Welfare Programme for the Marginalised and the Poor for establishment of a maternity hostel and enumerators for client exit interview training.
- **Bheri Zonal Hospital, Banke:** Followed up on preparations for establishment of the SBA training site, including sending SBA Trainers for CTS and SBA training. Coordinated with PMTCT/MNH programme in Bheri Zonal Hospital for the visit of a filming team.
- **Dang:** Supported DHO to prepare budget breakdown plan based on AWP 2008 for submission to UNICEF Regional Office for activities during June to July 2008. Supported DHO facilitate the District MNH Review and Planning Workshop with 160 participants (all hospital staff, 3 staff from each of 8 birthing centres, HFMC, representatives of political parties, GOs, NGOs, line agencies and media.
- **Jumla:** Created EOC fund and with cash transfer from DHO account to EOC account in the district hospital. Selected the NGO (Himalayan Health and Environmental Society-HHES, Jumla) for enumerators for client exit interview training. Prepared three-month



budget for field office and developed monthly action plan with district supervisors. Developed plan for strengthening the monthly HMIS reporting system. Conducted meeting with the in-charges of birthing centres to clarify the SBA micro planning workshop at birthing centre level. Monitored, supervised, produced and aired the 10th episode of radio drama serial.

- **Achham:** Conducted two-days team meeting for hospital staff (30) about SMNH. Monitored achievements against annual plans. Monitored EOC, HMIS reporting in 14 different Ilakas, strengthened reporting of Maternal and Newborn Deaths. Meeting with 20 MCHWs on their role PHC ORC clinics to strengthen SMNH services. Assisted the Women's Development Officer in work on Chhaupadi. Shared. Participated in the Blood Transfusion with DDC and NRCS
- **Kavre:** Completed district wide FCHV training on SMNH in 15 VDCs including 5 CAP VDCs. 197 FCHVs, 14 VHWs are now knowledgeable on basic SMNH messages and able to advocate. They are also able to identify maternal and newborn danger signs. Completed SMNH package of FCHV training to the DACAW frontline workers.
- **Panchthar, Saptari and Udayapur:** Completed annual review and planning workshop for strengthening EOC services in Saptari. A total of 194 participants came. Completed district level annual review and planning workshop for SBA to create an enabling environment in Saptari (312 participants from peripheral birthing centres and 2 SHPs).

TCIC (Abortion)

Training

- Nurse provider training at Maternity Hospital (5 attended)
- Training for Medical Officers at MSI (5 MOs and 5 assistants)
- VC workshop (16 participants)

IEC/BCC

- Attended interaction programme for women activists organised by WOREC
- Supported DHO in conducting RHCC meeting in Makwanpur, Bhaktapur and Chitwan districts
- Aired four episodes of radio drama

Listing and Equipment

- Listed three new private sites
- Linked CAC trainees to the distributor of MVA kits (Atlas Trading Concern)
- Coordinated with LMD for provision of MVA for government CAC trainees.
- Coordinated with Atlas for action on the tender published by UNFPA
- Collected feedback on MVA equipment from the providers and sent to Ipas for analysis.



Monitoring

- Carried out site monitoring interview.
- Compiled and entered the interview in Epi-Info and sent to Ipas.
- Carried out CAC focal person orientation in Chitwan and Itahari.
- Collected baseline information on six medical abortion pilot districts.

Output 3: Public Private Partnerships

No separate activities under this output, which cuts across the work of other outputs.

Output 4: Decentralisation

No separate activities under this output, which cuts across the work of other outputs.

Output 5: Human Resource Development

- Team visit to Western Regional Hospital, Pokhara, including the NHTC Director, a master trainer and the SSMP Human Resource Adviser. SBA program orientation was conducted for key stakeholders, such as heads of department and nurses. SBA core skill updating was provided to 25 staff from appropriate units at the hospital.
- Coordinated with NHTC and WR Hospital, Pokhara to provide teaching learning materials for initiation of SBA training.
- Provided technical support for a 15-day training (the first SBA training) at the WR Hospital. Training was closely supported by two expert SBA trainers, with the SSMP SM and HR Advisers providing additional inputs.
- Reviewed and updated the human resource work plan for 2008/2009.

Output 6: Information

- Conducted training for eight district coordinators, FHD staff and New ERA on methodology and tools to be used for the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Study (MMMS) 2008/09.
- Met with the MMMS international technical adviser Dr Harshad Sanghvi (JHPIEGO) to discuss methodological issues.
- Attended the briefing meeting and contract signing between the eight MMMS coordinators and New ERA.
- Attended and advised the technical working group on HSIS system design.



- Conducted and supervised the training/orientation on the MMMS tools for all health post in-charges and health assistants for PHCCs and health posts, and MCHWs from SHPs and about 800 FCHVs in Rupandehi district.
- Met with officials of Butawal and Siddharthanagar Municipalities in Rupandehi district to organise MMMS orientation for FCHVs in the two municipalities. FCHVs are the key informants for both female deaths and live births. Clear mechanisms were created for smooth implementation.

Output 7: Physical assets

- SBA training equipment and instruments were handed over to Nepalgunj PCL Nursing Campus, Nursing Campus Lalitpur, TUTH Maharajgunj, PCL Nursing Campus Maharajgunj.
- BEOC construction site in Mugu was monitored and instructions for improvements in the construction work were given to DUDBC
- Liaised with FHD and DUDBC to obtain FHD feedback on the designs of BEOC, CAC and CEOC sites proposed for the year 2007/08.
- Supported presentation on web based LMIS to Coogee Beach team at Nepalgunj
- Gave a presentation on the waste management situation in Nepal and the design and implementation of a placenta pit to the SMSC sub-committee
- Supported DFID, LMD and Nepal government to address procurement issues.

Output 8: Finance

- Supported FHD preparation of the second quarter Financial Monitoring Report
- Supported MoHP preparation of the 2006/07 audit report
- Supported FHD preparation of the annual plan.

Safe Delivery Incentive Programme (SDIP)

- Finalised the summary of SDIP independent studies
- Provided final input for the SDIP impact evaluation and disseminated the final report
- Provided training for the MMM study district coordinators
- Finalised the report of the SDIP national workshop
- Finalised the SDIP updated information flyer
- Carried out a field visit for cross verification of SDIP in Rupandehi and Nawalparasi
- Prepared a concept note for SDIP expansion in the private sector and shared with Dr. Suvedi
- Provided technical support to finalise the FHD research on supply side environment.



List of Acronyms

AAN	ActionAid Nepal
BCC	Behaviour Change Communication
BEOC	Basic Emergency Obstetric Care
BPP	Birth Preparedness Package
CEOC	Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric Care
CFUG	Community Forest User Group
CHD	Child Health Division
CREHPA	Centre for Research in Environment Health and Population Activities
DACAW	Decentralised Action for Children and Women
DoHS	Department of Health Services
D/PHO	District/ Public Health Officer
DUDBC	Department of Urban Development and Building Construction
EA	Equity and Access
EASO	Equity and Access Support Organisation
FA	Financial Aid
FCHV	Female Community Health Volunteers
FHD	Family Health Division
FP	Family Planning
HMIS	Health management Information System
HSR-SP	Health Sector Reform - Support Programme
IEC	Information Education and Communication
JAR	Joint Annual Review
JHU/CCP	Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health/ Centre for Communication Programs
LMD	Logistics management Division
MD	Management Division
MoHP	Ministry of Health and Population
MSI	Marie Stopes International
MVA	Manual Vacuum Aspiration
NDHS	Nepal Demographic and Health Survey
NESOG	Nepal Society for gynaecologists and Obstetricians
NFE	Non Formal Education
NGO	Non Government Organisation
NHEICC	National Health Education Information Communication Centre
NHTC	National Health Training Centre
NSI	Nick Simons Institute
PHN	Public Health Nurse
PNC	Post Natal Care
RH	Reproductive Health
RHCC	Reproductive Health Coordination Committee
SAS	Safe Abortion Service
SBA	Skilled Birth Attendant
SDIP	Safe Delivery Incentives Programme
SEDC	Safe and Effective Development in Conflict
SHP	Sub Health Post



SMNF	Safe Motherhood Network Federation
SMNH	Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health
SSMP	Support to the Safe Motherhood Programme
TC	Technical Cooperation
TCIC	Technical Committee for Implementation of Comprehensive Abortion Care
TUTH	Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital
UMN	United Mission to Nepal
UNFPA	United Nations Fund for Population Activities
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
VDC	Village Development Committee