

SUPPORT TO THE SAFE MOTHERHOOD PROGRAMME

Update on Major Activities in January 2009

General

- All advisers and partners were involved in preparations for the DfID annual review of SSMP, scheduled for February.

Output 1: Equity and Access (EA) (ActionAid)

- Contributed to Birth Preparedness Package revision workshop organised by FHD
- Provided technical support to MoHP in preparing consultation workshops to develop Social Inclusion strategy for health sector.
- Valley Research Group (VaRG) has been selected as the research organisation for the KAP end-line survey in EA Programme districts. Meetings were conducted to finalise the survey methodology.
- Worked on EA Programme briefing notes (social inclusion, empowerment, capacity building and impact on health services). These are expected to be published in the next month.
- Completed VDC/ EASO and district level voice sharing in all EA Programme districts. EASO action plans were prepared. Representatives from GoN, political parties, media, I/NGO projects committed to prioritise SMNH services in planning, budgeting and advocacy.
- Regular community interaction and group activities continued to promote SMNH issues, women's rights, radio programming and management of emergency funds. Youth groups are also showing interest in some areas (Rupandehi).
- Interactions between service providers, HFMCs and right holders conducted in all programme districts. Discussion focused on provision of free delivery services at local facilities.
- HFMC in Jutpani PHC (Chitwan) decided to operate 24-hour safe delivery services as quickly as possible in presence of public health administrator. The PHC staff agreed to stay for 24 hours if their basic requirements are met.
- Social auditing was carried out in five VDCs in Myagdi.
- Well being ranking was conducted in Bagauli VDC of Rupandehi to find out whether the ultra poor are left out of groups because of their inability to contribute regular savings.
- A three-day RHCC strategic planning workshop (until 2015) was conducted in Dadeldhura. RHCC members including DHO, other GoN line agencies, political parties, journalists, civil society participated in the programme.
- Provided capacity building input to HFMC, VDC secretary and different stakeholders of Rupandehi, Dailekh, Dadeldhura, and Nawalparasi on rights based approaches, social inclusion, advocacy and group mobilisation/ management.

Output 2: Service strengthening

- Participated in meeting for discussion of final pre-service SBA training strategy
- Provided information to FHD, DoHS and MoHP for the human resource management meeting to address absence of CEOC service providers where needed.

- Provided information to Nepalganj Medical College, Nepal Medical College Jorpati, Kathmandu Medical College, NESOG and IoM regarding the newspaper advertisement requesting bidding for CEOC provision in Dailekh, as a new modality of providing service through outsourcing.
- Arranged participatory planning and review in Pyuthan hospital for BEOC service, Rampur PHCC of Palpa, Tribhubanbasti health post of Kanchanpur, Charikot PHCC and two health posts in Dolakha.
- Participated in CB-IMCI and CB-NCP technical working group meetings organised by CHD
- Provided facilitation and follow up in seven DHOs for contracting MDGP/ gynaecologists and Medical Colleges for CEOC services. Nepalganj Medical college responded for Dailekh Hospital CEOC service provision and preparations are in process. Nuwakot also received one MDGP applicant, and negotiations are in process. Jumla, Achham and Gulmi districts will re-advertise as they did not receive any applications. Dang and Sarlahi did not move forward on this.

United Mission to Nepal (UMN) (2 districts)

Mugu

- Action Plan Follow up Visit to Dungedhara health post
- Annual Review and Planning at Natharpu health post
- Essential New Born Care Training to FCHVs and TBAs in hospital catchment VDCs and Natharpu health post
- Infection prevention refresher training at Natharpu health post
- SMNH update for UMN NGO Partners
- One-day district Health Management Committee interaction workshop
- Health facility management and capacity building training for HFMCs at hospital and Dungedhara/ Shreekot/ Natharpu health posts
- Support for service strengthening in the hospital

Rupandehi

- AI – COPE/PLA action planning workshop at Majegaun health post
- Infection prevention whole site training at Suryapura SHP
- Action plan follow up visits to Rudrapur, Motipur, Parroha and Surapura
- Cluster level half yearly review of SMNH Programme
- Planning meeting with DPHO for next year's SMNH programme.

UNICEF (8 districts)

- Coordinated with NHTC to arrange SBA training in three UNICEF supported training sites. Second batch of 60 days started
- Four days technical refresher training for peripheral level staff nurses, ANMs and MCHWs conducted in Dang and Saptari.
- Whole site infection prevention training for health workers and HFMCs completed in Kavre and 7 Birthing centres in Panchthar district.
- VDC level appreciative inquiry review and planning workshops conducted in PHCCs in Dang and in Kavre, resulting in initiation of 24-hour services in one.
- Breakthrough team meetings conducted at district level in Dang and Jumla

- Provided A/C unit for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit BZH. Procured and handed over essential equipment, supplies and medicine for Chhumchour birthing centre, Jumla using money collected from stakeholders during the July district review and planning workshop
- Joint monitoring, supervision and quarterly review visit to Lamahi PHCC, Sisahaniya birthing Centre, Dang Hospital and birthing centres in Achham.
- Provided technical support for 3-day SMNH care package training for 715 community mobilisers, completed for 34 batches in 25 DACAW -CAP VDCs in Achham.
- One-day VDC level orientation on SMNH for community sensitisation (birth preparedness, danger signs and availability of 24-hour birthing centres) completed in 103 VDCs of Saptari
- Prepared progress report from 2006-08 and submitted to Dr. Pankaj Mehta, New Chief, Health and Nutrition Section. Provided technical inputs on maternal health; Nepal figures according to the NDHS 2006 in SOWC and participated in the press conference on SOWC and dissemination of Maternal and Newborn Health 2009 in Hotel Himalaya.
- Completed editing of Nepali Manual of facilitation guide (phase 1 and 2) for finalisation.
- Prepared draft MNH Annual Work Plan 2009.

TCIC (Abortion)

Training

- CAC training for Medical doctors; one batch at FPAN (5 GoN)
- CAC training for Nurses one batch at Maternity Hospital (6 GoN)

IEC/BCC

- Conducted ToT for health workers of public and NGO sites in Tanahu district to train FCHVs
- Printed and distributed six types of IEC materials

Policy/ Listing/ Drugs and Equipment

- Linked with CAC providers to the distributor of MVA (Atlas Trading Concern) for promotion of MVA sales.
- Orientation on MVA processing to the cleaners of private institutions.
- Published advertisement of MVA in the journal of Nepal Medical Association

Monitoring

- Conducted one month post training check in with all the MVA and medical abortion trainees.
- Collected and entered the monthly abortion reporting form.
- Prepared a list for upcoming CAC training.
- Prepared a draft of new HMIS-11.
- Supported FHD to orient PHNs in the Central Region on safe abortion.

Medical Abortion

- Finalised client profile for medical abortion services.
- Drafted medical abortion monitoring tools
- Supported FHD to prepare distribution list of medical abortion drugs and facilitated FHD/ LMD in distribution to all six pilot district stores.
- Monitoring visit to three districts (Kailali, Surkhet, Chitwan) to support recording/ reporting systems, completing client profile forms, drug demand system and briefing on medical abortion IEC materials.

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

- Worked with IoM and their consultant to finalise the pre-service education strategy, including discussion at a key stakeholders' meeting on January 5. The strategy is now in process for Ministry approval.
- Coordinated with partners to support and strengthen new SBA training sites and to organise SBA training for staff in partner supported districts, funded under their programmes. This is fulfilling programme needs and making use of the opportunity presented by temporary halting of government training because of issues related to training and daily allowances
- Coordinated finalisation of the post training follow up guideline and development of a post training follow up package, including interview questionnaires for trainees and supervisors.
- Coordinated with NESOG and national and international consultants to develop and finalise the advanced SBA (C/section) training package for medical officers.
- Coordinated finalisation of the training package for the revised and updated Learning Resource Package and supplementary reference manual. This has now been printed ready for training.

Output 6: Information

- Participated in two Target Population Generation Steering Committee meetings. The meetings discussed the target population generation process and provided guidelines to the contracting company. It was chaired by the Director, Management Division and participants included staff/ representatives of Central Bureau of Statistics, Central Department of Population Studies/ TU, MoHP, HMIS, FHD, CHD, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, and NFHP-II. This work is outsourced under the SSMP TC implementation budget.
- Participated in meetings to evaluate the proposals for equity and access end line and service utilisation study and evaluated four proposals as a member of evaluation team.
- Participated in the GIS based SMNH atlas development steering committee meeting. The meeting discussed the atlas development process and provided guidelines to the contracting company. The meeting was chaired by the FHD Director and participants included staff/representatives of National Planning Commission, HMIS, and FHD. This work is outsourced under TC implementation budget.
- Two MMMS central staff monitored and supervised the maternal mortality and morbidity study 2008/09 field work in Surkhet, Jumla and Kailali.
- Finalised the facility assessment and staff competency assessment tools. The facility assessment and staff competencies assessment are two important components of the seven components of MMMS.

Output 7: Physical assets

- Supported organisation of a three-day training workshop on procurement process, evaluation techniques and quality assurance mechanisms for the officials from different divisions, and centres within DoHS and officials from MoHP.
- Designed standard birthing centre drawings (BEOC level with all support units) for FHD, including cost estimate.
- Supported DfID in analysis of the evaluation results for direct procurement of SMNH equipment through DfID.
- Prepared detailed analysis of gaps in infrastructure, human resources and other areas required to meet the targets specified in the MDGs, including the budget requirement.
- Organised e-bidding consultative workshop to ensure the confidence and commitment of the government officials in the system and enable them to start working towards it.
- Supported GTZ/ HSSP in orienting district technical staff on the technicalities related to health infrastructure planning and monitoring.

Output 8: Finance

- Worked on progress against the planned activities and budget and analysed the causes of unspent amounts for Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2007/08.

Safe Delivery Incentive Programme (SDIP)

- Supported FHD in finalising ToR for an independent review to identify implementation issues for *Aama* programme in six districts
- Supported FHD in preparing ToR for an obstetric morbidity study
- Supported FHD in finalising and printing the *Aama* programme guidelines and uploading them onto the DoHS website
- Supported FHD in preparing the press brief on *Aama* programme to be presented by the Minister for Health and Population
- Provided technical inputs on implementation modalities and steps for social auditing
- Supported FHD in launching *Aama* programme at Maternity Hospital
- Participated in the GIS training organised by FHD
- Conducted a week long launching media campaign for *Aama* programme through national and local media. Suresh
- Prepared costing for *Aama* based on the revised guidelines
- Participated in the social audit “Grand Event” programme in Jumla.

List of Acronyms

AAN	ActionAid Nepal
AI	Appreciative Inquiry
BCC	Behaviour Change Communication
BEOC	Basic Emergency Obstetric Care
BPP	Birth Preparedness Package
CAC	Comprehensive Abortion Care
CEOC	Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric Care
CHD	Child Health Division
CREHPA	Centre for Research in Environment Health and Population Activities
DoHS	Department of Health Services
D/PHO	District/ Public Health Officer
DUDBC	Department of Urban Development and Building Construction
EA	Equity and Access
EAP	Equity and Access Programme
FA	Financial Aid
FCHV	Female Community Health Volunteers
FHD	Family Health Division
FP	Family Planning
HMIS	Health management Information System
HP	Health Post
HSIS	Health Sector Information System
HSR-SP	Health Sector Reform - Support Programme
IoM	Institute of Medicine
JAR	Joint Annual Review
LMD	Logistics management Division
MD	Management Division
MMMS	Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Study
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
SBA	Skilled Birth Attendant
SDIP	Safe Delivery Incentives Programme
SED	Safe and Effective Development
SHP	Sub Health Post
SMNF	Safe Motherhood Network Federation
SMNH	Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health
SSMP	Support to the Safe Motherhood Programme
TCIC	Technical Committee for Implementation of Comprehensive Abortion Care
ToR	Terms of Reference
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