

# **SUPPORT TO THE SAFE MOTHERHOOD PROGRAMME**

## **Update on Major Activities in October 2009**

### **Output 1: Equity and Access (EA)**

- Participated in various NHSP II sub-thematic group meetings (communication and gender and social inclusion), facilitated by Dr. Tirtha Rana, coordinator. Provided particular technical support to consolidate outcome of gender, rights and social inclusion group.
- Organised a one-day trip to Bhakundebse PHCC in Kavre, as an exposure visit for Sarah Hepworth, new Options project manager for SSMP.
- Worked with Safe Motherhood Adviser to organise and plan AI evaluation.
- Provided technical support to FHD for preparing and conducting an orientation programme for selected District Managers (D/PHO), who will be implementing EA initiatives through SSMP FA.
- Participated in SI workshop organised by DFID
- Supported (technically and partly financially) Safe Motherhood Network Federation in organising and facilitating an interaction meeting with medical professionals (gynaecologist/obstetricians) on the Safe Motherhood Bill.
- Provided technical support ActionAid Nepal to prepare short proposal for funding from DFID to continue limited EAP activities.
- Worked with VaRG to finalise EAP end-line (KAP and Service utilisation) survey report to SSMP.
- Supported to NHEICC in planning of communication activities funded through SSMP FA. Also participated facilitated BCC working group meeting organised by NHEICC.

### **Output 2: Service strengthening**

- Coordinated with Genesis Management for follow up review workshop for seven health facilities: 1.Barbise, 2.Rampur of Palpa,3. Rajapur of Bardiya,4.Pyuthan Hospital,5. Salyan,6. Makawanpur Hospital and 7.Sarlahi Hospital.
- Contracted two national consultants for AI process evaluation. Developed and reviewed assessment tools with international consultant and Dr Louise Houlton (Options); selected assessment sites. Coordinated visits to assessment sites. To date, the following four facilities have been assessed 1. Safrobesi HP of Rasuwa 2. Nuwakot Hospital, 3. Madhuban PHCC of Sunsari. 4. Letang PHCC of Morang
- Attended meeting and prepared presentation for FHD for DOHS, HMIS annual review
- Participated in NHSP-II thematic group preparation meeting.

### ***United Mission to Nepal (UMN) (2 districts)***

#### Mugu

- Three staff from the district hospital completed blood transfusion training at Central Blood Bank, Nepal Red Cross Society.
- The hospital and three health posts continue to provide 24-hour services. At one health post, staff provide home delivery service.

### Rupandehi

- All eight health facilities continue to provide 24-hour birthing services, with increasing utilisation.

### Kathmandu

- Video production process ongoing and will be completed in the last week of November.

### **UNICEF**

- *Infection Prevention*: Ongoing technical support for good infection prevention practices in all birthing centres of the eight programme districts
- *Enabling environment (AI approach)*: Nepali AI manual now printed. Dissemination planned last week of November; regular community mobilisation activities continuing are going in all eight districts (monthly breakthrough team meeting , community based watch group mobilisation, mobilisation of FCHVs)
- *Birthing centres/BEOC*: Continuing technical support to ensure 24 hours services.
- *Public Private Partnership*: In coordination with National STI and HIV/AIDs Centre, Teku and HIV/AIDs section of UNICEF, conducted one-day orientation workshop for seven SBAs (trainers and service providers) from Dhulikhel Hospital, particular focus on PMTCT, in which they had not previously received training.

### **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**

Adviser not available to provide inputs

### **Output 6: Information**

- Worked intensively with New Era, FHD and Options advisers on verification and analysis of the data from the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Study and worked on the draft summary report for printing and distribution at the dissemination meeting planned in November

### **Output 7: Physical assets**

- Finalised distribution list for equipment arriving directly through DFID support and informed concerned officers
- Prepared detailed budget analysis tables under different budget headings and outputs allocated through SSMP FA (DFID) this fiscal year (in the red book) with the approved programme of each division/centre.
- Followed up on missing budget for ongoing SMNH infrastructure included in the current

- year's AWPB
- Handed over training equipment to Baglung SBA training site
  - Participated in a workshop to define timeline for the inputs and events necessary for NHSP2-IP development and contributed to the work of the thematic group to design services and interventions beyond essential health care
  - Supported DUDBC in the preparation of drawings required for development of different level of infrastructure for this fiscal year
  - Supported preparation of strategic methodology, and monitoring tools and timeline for monitoring the financial impact of Aama programme on facilities.

## **Output 8: Finance**

### ***Aama Programme***

- Supported FHD to finalise the evaluation process of SM-RC and conducted a meeting of the selection committee.
- Worked on the detailed planning of M&E activities up to June 2010
- Facilitated the *International Development Committee* visit to Bheri Zonal hospital.
- Prepared the Aama programme six monthly report for DFID.
- Finalised the Social Audit manual and sent for printing.
- Included comments from Louise on the tools for Rapid Assessment-IV and finalised them.
- Participated in a half-day meeting on marginal bottleneck analysis conducted by UNICEF/ New ERA.
- Supported FHD to prepare ToR for Social Auditing to be conducted in 14 districts.
- Finalised the English translation of Aama programme guideline.

## 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