Putting Communities First

The Legacy of USAID's APC Project
Run of Show

• Opening by Maggie Farrell - APC AOR/USAID
• Moderated by Liz Creel - APC Project Director
• Watch a short video on APC
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  – Community-Based Family Planning by Nancy Harris
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• Closing and review of recommendations from the project
• Q&A
Meet our Speakers

Moderator: Elizabeth (Liz) Creel
Project Director for APC

Intro: Marguerite (Maggie) Farrell

CBFP: Nancy Harris
Senior Advisor to APC & Vice President at John Snow, Inc.

HIV and AIDS: Walter Proper
Director of Field Support for APC

Post-Ebola: Jeffrey (Jeff) Sanderson
Team Leader for APC’s post-Ebola programs in West Africa

Vulnerable Populations: Olga Cojocari
Grants and Operations Manager for APC
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2F8aGF0J2Qo&t=16s
Healthy Families Thrive
Why Community Health Matters in the Journey to Self-Reliance
Advancing Partners & Communities
Final Report Preview
COMMUNITY-BASED FAMILY PLANNING & HEALTH SYSTEMS

In 22 countries, APC strengthened voluntary family planning by training health workers, building capacity within local NGOs, advocating for policy change, and introducing new methods desired by clients.

- **Provided contraception to women and men, equal to almost 39,000 couple-years of protection**
- **Reached over 276,000 new family planning users**
  - Trained over 17,000 health workers and CHWs to deliver quality counseling on contraceptives and family planning
  - Strengthened the organizational and/or technical capacity of 23 NGOs, 5 of them faith-based organizations, to provide voluntary family planning
  - Assisted 9 countries to advance policies that support community-based family planning
- **Reached over 2.7 million community members with information about a wide range of family planning methods**

**A wide range of methods**
- Condoms
- Fertility awareness methods
- Injectables
- Oral contraceptives
- IUDs

Quality counseling ensured that clients were fully informed about all methods.
In 3 countries, APC supported more than 40 NGOs and public health facilities to expand testing and treatment of HIV and AIDS in an effort to reach the 90-90-90 goals and help end the AIDS epidemic by 2020.

Provided HIV & AIDS Services

- More than 351,000 people tested for HIV
- 4% tested positive for HIV
- Over 3,400 defaulters found and re-enrolled on treatment

Local Capacity Initiative

Supported NGOs in 13 countries with organizational capacity building and HIV policy and advocacy

Social Contracting

Helped 2 countries build capacity to successfully qualify for domestic government funding to continue HIV work
POST-EBOLA RECOVERY

In 3 West African countries, APC improved health services for Ebola survivors, strengthened health systems to prevent future outbreaks, and built capacity within NGOs, FBOs, ministries of health, and other local organizations.

- Rehabilitated and/or provided medical equipment to 342 health facilities
- Trained more than 8,600 health workers to deliver better health services
- Trained or mentored almost 1,300 clinicians in sub-specialty care: ophthalmology, rheumatology, neurology, and mental health
- Supported 3 national Ebola survivor organizations and 33 local chapters

More than 3 million patient visits to project-supported health facilities

- Almost 3,000 patients were referred to higher-level treatment
- More than 8,000 survivor visits to health facilities
COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR HEALTH FACILITY MAINTENANCE

APC built the capacity of Facility Management Committees (FMCs) and communities to support basic maintenance of health facilities.

- **70 Action Plans Developed**
- **3 Districts**
- **70 Facilities/FMCs**
- **64 Action Plans Regularly Updated**
- **60 FMCs Mobilized Private and/or Public Resources**
- **408 Facility Staff/Community Members Trained to Support Facility Maintenance**

Involving communities to maintain their own health facilities created ownership, enhanced community cohesion, improved relationships between communities and health care workers, and led to self-reliance.
VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

In 12 countries, APC helped some of the world’s most vulnerable populations through funding for small, local organizations that support orphans, children, and adults with mental or physical handicaps, or with severe trauma from war or violence.

HELPING THE MOST VULNERABLE

ASSISTED 260,000 INDIVIDUALS WITH LITTLE PREVIOUS ACCESS TO REHABILITATION, COUNSELING, OR HEALTH CARE

More than 58,000 children in adversity received support

More than 50,000 people were trained to provide rehabilitative services or support to vulnerable populations

More than 70,000 primary health consultations for victims of war

More than 11,000 people received assistive devices, including wheelchairs

More than 73,000 people received an eye screening

More than 11,000 health workers trained in primary eye care

Almost 3,000 children benefited from eye surgeries

Almost 7,000 pairs of eye glasses provided to underserved children and adults

* Vulnerable populations include children affected by blindness and those separated from their families; people with disabilities; people suffering from physical and psychological trauma; or residents of war, conflict, or conflict-affected environments; and persons living under extreme conditions.
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Continue to promote and strengthen harmonization of community health programs within the health system.

2. Increase emphasis on changing social, cultural, and gender norms.

3. Prioritize adolescents, youth, and vulnerable populations.

4. Consider the next generation of grant-giving and financing.
Thank you!

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