

PROJECT OVERVIEW FOR QUARTER 2, YEAR 2

Improved Health Service Delivery – Integrated Health Resilience Activity (IHSD)

Funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), IMA World Health implements the Improved Health Service Delivery – Integrated Health Resilience Activity (IHSD) in collaboration with its consortium of local partners — Centres de Développement et de la Santé, Zanmi Lasanté, FONDEFH, FOSREF and Konesans Fanmi. IHSD increases access to integrated health care in Haiti with an emphasis on quality and patient-centric primary health care services to ensure a continuum of care and efficient use of resources. This includes technologies, best practices and innovation to support sustainable health service delivery through a decentralized approach in six departments: West, Central, Artibonite, North, North-West and North-East. Under the Global Health New Partnerships Initiative (NPI), the activity harnesses the potential of new and underutilized partners at all levels of the health system to accelerate the equitable availability of quality essential health services, to strengthen the capacity of local partners and to prepare local partners to transition to direct funding in the third and fourth years of implementation.

Building on the achievements of past USAID investments in Haiti, IHSD is improving services and outcomes for family planning, sexual and reproductive health (FP/SRH), maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (MNCAH), nutrition, HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Working closely with Haiti's Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population (MSPP), IHSD is scaling-up high-impact interventions and implementing MSPP's Community Health Strategy. Additionally, to strengthen community health systems and their responsiveness to epidemic shocks, IHSD is engaging community-based organizations through a competitive small grants program to work in partnership with communities, community health workers, and care groups to increase healthy behaviors, drive demand of health services and strengthen platforms to hold the health system accountable. IHSD is also engaging PEPFAR partners to increase availability of comprehensive HIV prevention, care and treatment services to achieve 95-95-95 targets.

RESULTS FROM JANUARY – MARCH 2024

During the second quarter of year two of implementation, IHSD continued to face a challenging environment in Haiti marked by a complex and volatile security and socio-economic context. However, through strong partnerships with USAID, MSPP and local partners, IHSD adapted to the evolving context and service disruptions to serve the population in all six target departments.

Improve FP/SRH, MNCAH, nutrition and WASH outcomes

- 16,523 pregnant women received high-quality first antenatal care (ANC1), marking a 12.95% improvement over the last quarter.
- The adoption of long-term family planning methods rose slightly to 42,624 individuals from 42,470 in the previous quarter.
- By quarter's end, IHSD achieved 49% of its annual target for women giving birth in health facilities with qualified staff.
- By quarter's end, IHSD achieved 47% of its annual target for fully vaccinated children under one year.
- By quarter's end, IHSD achieved 58% of its annual target for children under five (0-59 months) reached with nutrition-specific interventions.
- For the first 6 months of Year 2, IHSD achieved 43% of its annual target for pregnant women to receive at least four antenatal care (ANC4) visits.

Increase the availability of comprehensive HIV prevention, care and treatment services

- 18 HIV PreP sites were certified by the MSPP/PNLS and are fully operational, representing 100% of the Year 2 target.
- While there was no self-testing capacity in IHSD-supported sites at project start-up, 11 sites were approved by MSPP/PNLS to use the HTS-self test, resulting in the distribution of 652 self-tests this quarter compared to 512 in the last quarter. This capacity has been fully integrated into routine program operations.
- All HIV sites provide quality GBV services, integrated

with MNCH and FP programs.

- All HIV sites have fully implemented their HealthQual plans, placing IHSD among the top three performers in the Haiti network.
- IHSD successfully tested 429 contacts for HIV and identified 114 positive contacts, which translates into an impressive HIV testing yield of 26.66%.
- This quarter marked a significant milestone for IHSD, as antiretroviral therapy (ART) began for 428 new HIV-positive patients. This accomplishment is underscored by a linkage rate of 99.6%.
- The rate of HIV testing among pregnant women has risen, with the indicator improving from 97% to 99%.
- Through an effective retention strategy, 73.5 % of patients received appointment reminders and 44.07 % of HIV patients received ART ahead of their scheduled appointments.
- The viral load suppression rate remained constant at 85% in the second quarter, a slight decrease from 86% in the first quarter. The sites have implemented quality improvement projects with the goal of enhancing viral suppression performance by the end of the fiscal year.

Strengthen community health systems and responsiveness to epidemic shocks

- The project has trained and worked with 57 out of 74 targeted Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), providing training on a curriculum that covers topics such as MNCH, HIV, cholera, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), COVID-19 vaccination, and information, education, and communication (IEC) strategies. These CBOs have developed action plans with key interventions that promote a healthy lifestyle while simultaneously increasing the utilization of

health services.

- These CBOs referred 1,953 people to health facilities, compared to 447 referrals from the previous quarter.

Strengthen selected local health partners' management and operational capacities

- This quarter, the three NPI implementing partners were oriented on methods for conducting their organizational self-assessment to evaluate their capacity. The session included a detailed explanation of the Organizational Capacity Assessment facilitation guide, which was then distributed to the partners.

Supply chain management

- During the reporting period, IMA improved its reporting rate performance. The metric dramatically rose from 34% in December 2023 to an impressive 88% by February 2024. This achievement exceeds the average rate of 74% observed in other USG projects.

Monitoring, evaluation and learning

- At the start of the project, only 83% of IHSD-supported HIV Care and Treatment sites had access to ISANTE/EMR, but now, all IHSD-supported sites are equipped with ISANTE/EMR and other platforms like PLR and SAFE.
- The HIV data discrepancy has dramatically improved, decreasing from a 49.1% gap at the project's inception to just 5%, meeting the requirements of MSPP and PEPFAR.
- A Performance Management Plan that includes an electronic dashboard is fully operational and allows for performance monitoring and coaching to implementing partners and service providers.

