



ELIZABETH GLASER PEDIATRIC AIDS FOUNDATION (EGPAF)

COMMITMENT FOR INCREASED HIV AND FP SERVICE DELIVERY INTEGRATION TO PROMOTE DUAL PROTECTION FOR WOMEN AND ADOLESCENTS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

CONSTITUENCY: Non-Governmental Organization

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PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER THIS COMMITMENT IS: a new commitment to the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016-2030).

PROVIDE A 200-WORD DESCRIPTION OF YOUR COMMITMENT: The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation's (EGPAF) mission is to eliminate pediatric AIDS. While preventing and treating HIV infection in women of childbearing age is critical to that mission, equally important is addressing the comprehensive sexual and reproductive health needs of women and families affected by or at risk of acquiring HIV. EGPAF will support 500 health facilities in Africa to provide at least 500,000 people with family planning methods from October 2019 to September 2023. EGPAF will deliver on this goal through integrated service delivery for dual prevention of HIV and pregnancy, working in primary, secondary, and tertiary level facilities and in the communities connected to them. In addition, embedded in this commitment is also a pledge to address the youth challenge head-on: out of the 500,000 we intend to reach with services by 2023, half will be under the age of 25.

CONTEXT AND JUSTIFICATION: It is widely known that women of reproductive age in sub-Saharan Africa – especially adolescent girls and young women – are at high risk for both unintended pregnancy and HIV infection. The results of the ECHO trial earlier this year further highlighted the need to increase the urgency of integration of FP and HIV services. The purpose of the ECHO trial was to determine if there was any difference in risk of acquiring HIV based on a women's contraception method; however, one of the most startling findings of the trial was that the rate of new HIV infections among trial participants was unacceptably high, averaging close to 4%. As one Kenyan researcher said in response to the alarming HIV incidence rates: "We have failed young women who come to us seeking...contraceptive services by not providing HIV prevention services as part of a comprehensive standard of care package."

EGPAF intends to use its significant HIV programmatic footprint to accelerate integration of FP services to our beneficiaries. As ECHO confirmed, modern contraceptive methods are safe, effective, and acceptable to females at high risk of HIV in Eastern and Southern Africa. This includes counselling on family planning, increasing access to a mix of contraceptive methods, facilitating decision-making at service delivery points supported by the Foundation to fill unmet family planning needs of women living with HIV, as well as expand access to dual prevention services for HIV and pregnancy.

This commitment will also focus on those adolescent girls and young women and their male partners living with or affected by HIV. The organization will work with the country governments to improve method mix access and services through capacity building; demand creation for family planning; strengthening community engagement and mobilization; capacity building of health workers and community resources persons; and integration of FP services into HIV care and treatment services.

BY AGE GROUP, WHICH GROUPS ARE TARGETED BY YOUR COMMITMENT? SPECIFY THE ESTIMATED AFFECTED POPULATION: 250,000 adolescents and 500,000 women of reproductive age

BY THEME: Women's health priorities and interventions, Adolescents' health priorities and interventions, Health systems resilience and health workforce, Human rights and equity

BY GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE: Multiple countries (Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Uganda)

COUNTRY: Cameroon, Congo (DRC), Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda

HOW DOES THIS COMMITMENT TARGET ANY INTERSECTORAL LINKS RELEVANT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ESSENTIAL RMNCAH INTERVENTIONS, SUCH AS: EDUCATION SYSTEMS, NUTRITION (INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS), TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, IMPROVED SANITATION FACILITIES, IMPROVED DRINKING WATER, HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RESPONSE SYSTEMS, ETC.?:

EGPAF routinely offers programming that connects HIV services to broader health and social outcomes, especially education and economic strengthening. An example is EGPAF's work in Kenya and Mozambique, which support the Ministry of Education and schools to increase linkages for sexual health services at nearby facilities. Country priorities vary and EGPAF will track these and report during each annual submission, as appropriate.

HOW DOES THIS COMMITMENT SPECIFICALLY RELATE TO, AND ADVANCE THE GOALS OF, THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR WOMEN'S, CHILDREN'S AND ADOLESCENTS' HEALTH? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY): Country-led health plans, Comprehensive, integrated package of essential interventions and services, Integrated care, Health workforce capacity building

TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

START: 2019-10-01

END: 2020-12-31

IS THIS A FINANCIAL OR NON-FINANCIAL COMMITMENT, OR BOTH?: Non Financial

FOR NON-FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS:

EXPECTED OUTCOME (E.G. LIVES SAVED OR IMPROVED, POPULATION IMPACTED):

500,000 people with voluntary family planning services and commodities, with an increasing proportion of adolescents girls and young women

ESTIMATED VALUE (EITHER IN USD OR LOCAL CURRENCY) OF SERVICES, PRODUCTS AND OTHER RESOURCES PROVIDED): \$11 million USD

EXPLANATION OF HOW THIS ESTIMATED VALUE WAS DETERMINED: Estimated on current and projected project funding within USG funding cycle

SHARING PROGRESS

HOW DO YOU INTEND TO TRACK AND SHARE INFORMATION ON PROGRESS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING THIS COMMITMENT TO THE GLOBAL STRATEGY? FOR INSTANCE, RELEASING AN ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER REPORT THAT INCLUDES THIS COMMITMENT, JOINT REPORTING EFFORTS TOGETHER WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS (PLEASE SPECIFY), ETC.:

Progress towards this commitment will be highlighted in EGPAF’s annual report as well as additional external documents and platforms (EGPAF website, blogs, technical briefs, etc.) as relevant. EGPAF will use the FP 2020 data hub guidance to compile project results on: family planning counselling, demand satisfied for clients by method, and aggregate couple years protection. EGPAF also intends to model the estimated number of deaths averted for women and children, along with unsafe abortions averted.

CONFIRMATION: I confirm that I wish to make a new commitment to the Every Woman Every Child Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health