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Setting the Foundations for Growth



Jean-Christophe-FOTSO
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Dear Readers,

Since its launch in 2017, EVIHDAF has progressively positioned itself as a research and evaluation organization which serves the West and Central Africa Region. The just-ended year 2023 was a year of continued expansion for EVIHDAF, with special attention to developing our internal capacity and culture.

Our **project portfolio** grew in 2023 with **five** exciting new projects:

- ✓ Three under the Agency for All project funded by USAID through the University of California at San Diego (UCSD): a) Development of a **contraceptive hesitancy** scale in Cameroon (and Kenya); b) Informing a **social and behavioral change infertility intervention** that supports reproductive agency in Cameroon (and Kenya); and c) **Capacity building of research institutions to accelerate the Ouagadougou Partnership Research Agenda**.
- ✓ Our Research for Scalable Solutions (R4S) project funded by USAID through FHI 360 also expanded to include a cross-sectional study on **assessing RMNCH/FP service use and barriers** to uptake among women and children in Niger.
- ✓ Finally, we also launched the **Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Exemplars (ASHER)** in Cameroon (and Ghana, Malawi, Rwanda, and Nepal), with funding from Gates Ventures through AFIDEP.

These new activities added to our existing projects, namely, Supporting measurement and replication techniques of **family planning high impact practices (SMART-HIPs)** in Burkina Faso and Nigeria (and Uganda, Nepal, India and Mozambique), and in the nine Ouagadougou Partnership countries, with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation through FHI 360, and R4S' key activities including **family planning self-care** in Niger (and Uganda and Nepal), and **equity in family planning** in Niger (and Uganda, Malawi, and Nepal).

To deliver on these projects, we **invested in our systems and people**. Our **full-time staff** increased from seven (7) in December 2022 to fifteen (15) in December 2023, from Cameroon, Benin, Niger and Nigeria. New key functions included Communications and Knowledge Management, Contracts and Compliance, and Business Development. These staff continued to be supported by a wide range of experts from all domains who work with EVIHDAF on a consultancy basis. We began to put in place **systems for human resources, finance, contracts, and procurement** that are congruent with our size of operations and our ambition. These efforts will be pursued and strengthened in 2024.

During the last quarter of the year, we embarked on the elaboration of our **first Strategic Plan** which will serve as our three-year (**2024 – 2027**) guide. We also speeded up the process for moving to our new office designed to accommodate our needs over the next few years. Institutional wise, we developed and adopted a new and coherent organizational identity (logotype, signature, colors, fonts, templates, etc.) centralized on **"success"**, which best describes our vision: ***"African institutions and communities have agency to generate and use evidence to transform human development systems"***.

In 2024 we will continue to lay the foundations for our growth, prioritize staff development, consolidate our relationships with our key partners at the country, regional and global levels, and ultimately, to deliver on our promise and values.

As you learn more about our corporate and project activities, we wish you a 2024 year full of happiness, achievements, and new inspirations!

ABOUT EVIHDAF

Embracing our New Identity!



This new identity adopted by EVIHDAF (Evidence for Sustainable Human Development Systems in Africa) focuses on success and validation, marked here by the tick-like shape you will notice on letter V of the logo.

The logo is accompanied by a signature "***strengthening evidence-based decision-making in Africa***", which highlights its desire and determination to see, day by day, the human development systems in Africa transformed thanks to the evidence it will have produced and/or extended.

This new visual identity, which preserves EVIHDAF's core identity, is much more than a simple logo or signature change. It represents EVIHDAF's promise/vision to achieve an Africa where ***African institutions and communities have the agency to produce and use evidence to transform human development systems.***

The base of the logo is a typography with a font called Coolvetica, readjusted with rounded corners to give the logo a softer look. In EVIHDAF's context, this logo marked with the tick-like checkmark, attests to the fact that all projects, programs, and activities carried out by the organization will be marked by a great success. As for its lower-case shape, it makes its style simple and recognizable whatever its size, while expressing EVIHDAF's dynamism, friendliness, and proximity to all its targets.

The main colour is "Catalina Blue", a type of blue whose connotation for us is associated with ***intelligence, calm, logic, and reflection.*** Blue is a soothing colour that evokes deep thought and encourages reflection. It's also a symbol of ***rationality and science.*** It highlights the slightly brighter secondary colour "la Palma" of the logo, present on letter "V". La Palma, a green that symbolizes balance, nature, and rebirth. For us, this green is a symbol of ***freshness, progress and prosperity.***

Henceforth, we will be using this new identity in all our branding tools and subsequent communications and deeply wish you integrate and vulgarize this.

Together, let's embrace EVIHDAF's new identity!

Meet our new staff!



Angela Odiachi, DrPH, Research Scientist, EVIHDAF, Cameroon

Dr Angela Odiachi is EVIHDAF's Research Scientist based in the Yaoundé, Cameroon office, where she leads and oversees ongoing USAID-funded Agency for All, Gates-funded ASHER. An accomplished public health practitioner and researcher, published in peer-reviewed journals, Dr Odiachi has over 20 years' experience from working on USAID- and other donor-funded family planning/reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, maternal and child health, health systems and health workforce strengthening, nutrition, and essential medicines programs.

Berylvolle Etoh, BSc, Communications and KM Officer, EVIHDAF, Cameroon

As EVIHDAF's Communications and Knowledge Management officer, Berylvolle oversees and leads all communication activities for the Organization's and its projects; contributing to the development, writing and finalization of products and documents for internal or external disseminations; working closely with project teams in Cameroon and in other countries where we operate; managing EVIHDAF's website and social media presence and visibility, etc. Prior to joining EVIHDAF in 2023, she worked for five (05) years as the Soa council's Communications officer, where she was in charge of managing both its internal and external communications patterns and flow.



Ermel Johnson, MD, Research Capacity Building Manager, EVIHDAF, Benin

Dr Ermel Johnson is EVIHDAF's Research Capacity building Manager. He is a dedicated and experienced public health physician with expertise in Health Policy & Systems Research. With a strong background in health policy and system analysis, implementation research, and knowledge translation, he has made significant contributions to the field of public health in West Africa. He is currently coordinating the capacity building initiative which aims at supporting the Ouagadougou Partnership Coordination Unit (OPCU) Research Agenda to enhance the institutional capacity of grantees to conduct research that will generate new/strengthen evidence on effective strategies to improve FP/RH and MNCH outcomes at the individual and community levels, and lead knowledge application and research uptake efforts that will catalyse health-system strengthening and lead to improved cross-sector health outcomes.

Ermel is also supporting other activities under Agency For All and SMART-HIPs projects implemented in Burkina Faso, Nigeria, India and Mozambique.

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Emma Kefiye Woks, MD, Research Manager, EVIHDAF, Cameroon

Dr Emma recently joined EVIHDAF as Research Manager. She is a French and English-speaking medical doctor trained at the University of Yaoundé I, specialized in international health and tropical medicine at Charite Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany. Dr Emma has over four years of experience working as a medical doctor in rural areas and at the national referral hospital for mother and childcare in Yaoundé (HGOPY). She is coordinating our new projects on contraceptive hesitancy and infertility in Cameroon, under the Agency for All project. She is also supporting other activities under Agency for All; data analysis on the gender-transformative adaptation of husband schools project in Niger.

Hidayatou Mohamadou, MPH, Research Officer, EVIHDAF, Cameroon

Hidayatou is EVIHDAF's Research Officer, based in Yaoundé, Cameroon. She has wide-ranging responsibilities, which mainly include developing and implementing projects in Reproductive, Maternal, New-born & Child Health and Nutrition. She leads publication efforts in the form of Research Briefs, Working Papers and peer reviewed articles, and contribute to growing EVIHDAF's capabilities in research utilization. She is an epidemiologist and public health specialist who coordinates, under our Agency for All program, a project on designing and testing a gender transformative adaptation of the Niger Husbands Schools. She is equally supporting our project on contraceptive hesitancy and infertility in Cameroon and other activities under Agency for All.



Alain Jacques Kamno, Logistician-Driver, EVIHDAF, Cameroon

As EVIHDAF's Logistician-Driver, Alain Jacques KAMNO is in charge of transporting people with the service vehicle for the EVIHDAF Staff, guests and official visitors; the control of the logbooks of the vehicles and the preparation of the fuel consumption sheets; the follow-up of the technical control of the vehicles of the office; the supervision of the activities of supply of goods and services, and logistics; the maintenance of the state of the assets and the goods and equipment of the organization; the control, the follow-up and the request for updating of the periodical documents of the vehicles of the office; organizing the purchase of small office supplies and other small materials according to the rules and procedures of EVIHDAF; assistance in the logistical preparation of workshops/seminars and meetings.

Agency for All project (2022 – 2027)

It is a USAID-funded project (2022-2027) that will generate evidence on agency and effective social and behaviour change strategies to convert intention into action to improve health.

Led by the Centre on Gender Equity and Health at the University of California San Diego (UCSD-GEH), the project



seeks to improve and sustain agency, health, and well-being for individuals and communities, advancing cross-sector development outcomes in family planning and reproductive health, maternal, new-born and child health, nutrition, infectious disease, and HIV/AIDS. The UCSD-GEH has assembled a diverse and highly experienced consortium including Centre for Catalyzing Change, CORE Group, Equimundo, EVIHDAF, International Planned Parenthood Federation, Makerere University, Matchboxology, Save the Children, Shujaaz, Inc., University of Witwatersrand, and Viamo. EVIHDAF is leading the research and evaluation phases of this project as regards the **designing and testing a gender transformative adaptation of the Niger Husbands Schools**.



Contraceptive Hesitancy and Infertility (Agency for All 2023 - 2025)



As part of the Agency for All project, EVIHDAF is working with the Center on Gender Equity and Health at the University of California (UCSD-GEH), Makerere University, Matchboxology, and Save the Children, to conduct a twin research study on **contraceptive hesitancy and infertility** in Cameroon

and Kenya. Activity 1 (*Contraceptive Hesitancy*) of this project aims at developing a reliable and valid measure of contraceptive hesitancy in different contexts across Africa to inform the design of future interventions and policies to effectively meet the needs of women and men throughout the reproductive life cycle. It will use mixed methods to explore hesitancy, including rapid qualitative formative research, fertility life history maps, human centered design approaches, and a literature review. Activity 2 (Infertility) aims to design a social and behaviour change (SBC) intervention that supports women and couples to build agency to achieve their self-determined reproductive goals by increasing fertility-related knowledge and decreasing infertility-related stigma. Qualitative formative research will explore individual, community, contextual and programmatic factors related to infertility, as well as the influence these factors have on the reproductive agency.

OUR PROJECTS

Capacity Building of Local Institutions to Accelerate the Ouagadougou Partnership Research Agenda (Agency for All 2023 - 2025)



"Grantee institutions + OPCU and Agency for All partners during Co-creation Workshop in Dakar, Sénégal."

The Center on Gender Equity and Health of UCSD and EVIDAF are conducting a two-year activity on **Capacity Building of Local Institutions to Accelerate the Ouagadougou Partnership Research Agenda** with support from Makerere University in Uganda, and Sambodhi in India. This is an Agency for All buy-in which aims to **build the research capacity** of selected research institutions from Ouagadougou Partnership (OP) countries, in support of the OP Research Agenda as part of its Beyond 2020 Strategy.

Funded by USAID West Africa Office, it is a two-year (**July 2023 - June 2025**) activity which will be conducted by EVIDAF, and UCSD-GEH, with support from Makerere University in Uganda, and Sambodhi in India, which are all partners on the Agency for All project.

This capacity building initiative will support the OPCU Research Agenda and grantees to enhance the research capacity of grantees by providing comprehensive training, technical support, and resources to enable them to independently conduct high-quality research and generate evidence-based solutions to local FP/SRH challenges.

Its vision: ***ensuring that in all OP member countries, decisions are based on evidence produced by research institutions.***

Research for Scalable Solutions (R4S) project (2019 - 2024)

It is a five-year (Oct 2019 - Sep 2024) implementation science project funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Led by FHI 360, the project aims at conducting implementation science research to improve the efficiency, cost effectiveness and equity of family planning programs. The project will also generate evidence for improving country-level family planning policies in Africa and Asia. FHI 360 has four partners in this project:

EVIDAF, Population Services International (PSI), Save the Children (STC) and Makerere University School of Public Health (MakSPH) in Uganda. R4S partners will work together with a range of country research agencies to strengthen research capacity and support countries in their journey to self-reliance.



"A mother in Kenya with her two children."
Jessica Scranton, FHI 360

Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Exemplars (ASHER) Project (2023 - 2024)



Implemented in Cameroon by EVIHDAF, the ASHER project is funded by Gates Ventures' "Exemplars in Global Health" program. The project aims to examine the policies and programs that have been successful in selected LMICS to reduce high levels of adolescents' pregnancies, including prevention and management of unintended pregnancy, and to advance ASRHR. This research also seeks to determine how the lessons learned and best practices can be applied to improve SRHR outcomes for adolescents across geographies. In addition, it will engage youth leaders in each Exemplar country to help guide the work through Youth Advisory Councils.

Supporting Measurement and Replication Techniques of High Impact Practices (SMART - HIPs) (2022 -2023)



Led by FHI 360 in partnership with EVIHDAF, SMART-HIPs is a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funded project which seeks to inform harmonized measurement standards for HIPs and to generate evidence to help countries reflect on and optimize implementation and scale-up of HIPs. The project takes place in Burkina Faso, India and Nigeria, with an additional assessment of the HIP landscape at the Ouagadougou Partnership (OP) level. SMART-HIPs complements a parallel activity currently funded by USAID under the Research for Scalable Solutions (R4S) project in Mozambique, Nepal and Uganda.

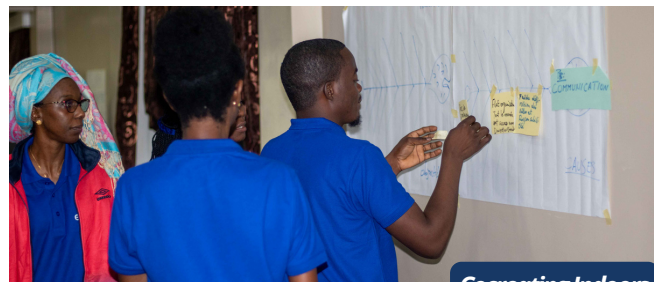
WHERE WE WERE!

Team Building Session: feeling refreshed!



Outdoors activities amongst EVIHDAF staff

From September 14 – 15, 2023, the EVIHDAF staff was regrouped around a teambuilding session in Mbankomo, a suburb area of the Centre Region of Cameroon. The main aim of this come-together activity was to strengthen group cohesion around EVIHDAF's shared vision, values, principles, and objectives. During these two days out of office, we focused on understanding EVIHDAF's mission, vision, and values and what makes a great team? Our governing themes during this session were centered around the concepts of: **team forming, team storming, team norming and team performing**. Staff reflected on these questions and more to create a shared vision, strengthen best practices, and develop an organizational culture.



Cocreating Indoors



Family Photo





NGO CSW Forum 67

Together with other consortium partners representing Agency for All at the United Nations's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 67th Conference on March 13, 2023, in New York, we presented a session, entitled “Envisioning Equality: Building Insight and Action from Data Innovations, explored new frameworks of gender empowerment, agency and norms, data use technologies and more”. For the session, Dr Jean Christophe Fotso, Executive Director of EVIDAF and Dr. Abhishek Singh, Professor, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai were joined by Dr. Lotus McDougal, Assistant Professor, Dr. Katherine Hay, Distinguished Fellow and Senior Strategy Advisor, and Dr. Anita Raj, Professor at the Center on Gender Equity and Health, University of California, San Diego which leads the Agency for All Consortium.

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ASHER Inception Meeting Malawi

In April 2023, funders, implementing partners and youth advisors from Cameroon, Ghana, Malawi, and Rwanda in Africa, and Nepal and India in Asia on the ASHER project met in Malawi for this project inception meeting. EVIDAF, in-country partner for this project in Cameroon, was represented by its Executive Director, Jean Christophe Fotso and one of its Research officer's, Agbor Junior Ayuk. During this meeting, participants discussed about the engagement, implementation and dissemination phases of the project and their timelines.

WHERE WE WERE



African Social Marketing Association Conference

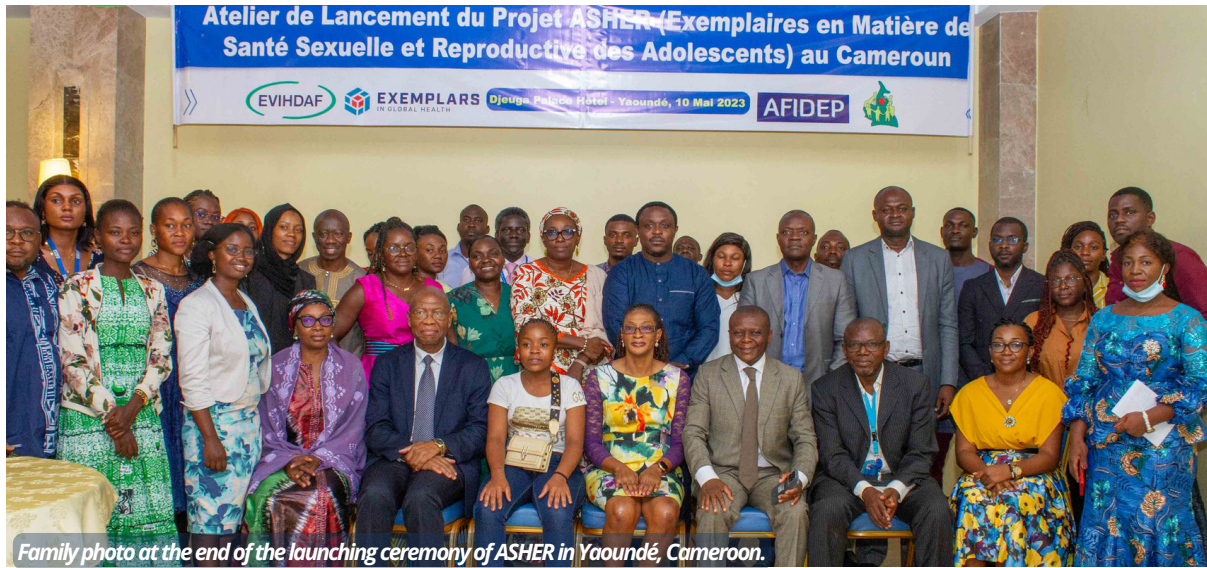
Consortium partners (Core Group, EVIHDAF, Matchboxology, Makerere University, University of the Witwatersrand, and Save the Children), on behalf of the Agency for All project participated at the first African Social Marketing Association Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa from April 24-26, 2023. With the School of Business Sciences at the University of Witwatersrand, Agency for All co-sponsored this event which brought together international and regional organizations, the private sector,



and academics working in social marketing, social and behavior change (SBC), and public health. The inaugural conference celebrated the official registration of the African Social Marketing Association (a new regional branch of the International Social Marketing Association) and provided valuable opportunities for networking and reflection on the successes and challenges the social marketing community has faced in the wake of the global pandemic and other health, climate, and economic changes.

Alongside in-country experts, we explored how agency is positioned within social marketing discussions, especially private sector, and how Agency for All could be engaging in these spaces. Organizers plan to make this successful conference an annual event.

Original Source: Agency for All Quarterly Newsletter



Family photo at the end of the launching ceremony of ASHER in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Understanding ASHER Policies and Programs in Cameroon

Implemented in Cameroon by EVIHDAF, the ASHER (Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Exemplars) project is funded by Gates Ventures’ “Exemplars in Global Health” program. Officially launched by the representative of the Secretary General of the Ministry of Public Health, Dr. Tjek Biyaga Paul, Deputy Director of Reproductive Health at the Ministry of Public Health on **Wednesday, May 10, 2023** in Djeuga Palace Hotel, Yaoundé, the launching ceremony witnessed the massive presence and active participation of government sectoral ministries, various International organizations working closely with adolescents, youth associations and advocates, who did not hesitate to formulate



Opening remarks from the representative of the Ministry of Public Health Secretary General



Working for Adolescents and with Adolescents

several recommendations for effective and efficient the data collection methods. During presentation of the ASHER project, the EVIHDAF team headed by its Executive Director, Dr. Jean Christophe Fotso, explained the various stages of the project which will be due by December 2023. According to the team, the ASHER project aims at identifying and reviewing policies and programs that have been successful in reducing high levels of pregnancy, including the prevention and management of unwanted pregnancies, and in advancing adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights (ASRRH) in Cameroon. WHO’s representative, Dr. Banyi Sixtus F., present at this inception meeting, reaffirmed his organization’s commitment to collaborate with EVIHDAF and the Ministry of Public Health in the implementation of ASHER in Cameroon.

WHERE WE WERE



Panel Session during ASHER launch at Women Deliver in Kigali, Rwanda

ASHER Launch at Women Deliver

During the ASHER Launch at Women Deliver 2023 in Kigali, Rwanda, Dr Angela Odiachi, Research scientist at EVIHDAF (ASHER's project In-country Research Partner for Cameroon), co-presented on Adolescents sexual and reproductive health in Cameroon. Still in Kigali, it was equally a delight to listen to Cameroon's youth advisor on the ASHER project, Liz Lum, declare during WD2023 " there is a need for safe & friendly spaces that are resourced & backed by policy & provide substantive information on women & girls' health & well-being."

Atelier de Restitution des Résultats de l'Étude Exploratoire de l'Autoprise en Charge en Matière de Planification Familiale au Niger



Family photo during R4S dissemination workshop

Research for Scalable Solutions (R4S) project Dissemination Workshop Niger

On behalf of the R4S project, EVIHDAF organized a dissemination workshop on **Family Planning self-care in Niger to discuss the findings of a study** carried out by EVIHDAF. Chaired by **Dr Fatima Rachid, Director of Youth and Adolescent Health** at Niger's MOH and facilitated by **Dr Hadiza Kadri, EVIHDAF's Country Representative in Niger**, and **Dr Amadou Housseini, Niger's Director of Family Planning**. The study's goal was to improve self-care guidelines in Niger by generating evidence on the understanding, perception, and experiences of FP self-care. As a key takeaway of these findings, it is confirmed that self-management of FP is an approach that can boost contraceptive prevalence in Niger. It improves access to contraceptive products and reinforces the voluntary nature of FP service use.

Agency for All consortium partners annual meeting in Nairobi, Kenya.

(Original Source: Agency for All Quarterly Newsletter)



Partners cocreating during annual meeting.

Surrounded by flip charts and sticky notes, Agency for All partners and USAID staff met face-to-face in July in Nairobi, Kenya for an annual consortium meeting to take stock of project achievements, refresh awareness of the project's mission and objectives, and anticipate the new project year. Working side-by-side in a live context helped to build strong working relationships between partners as we delivered lightning talks on our progress, shared what we've learned so far, and led breakout skills building workshops on key technical areas. We also spent time developing the mission and vision of Agency for All's emerging regional communities of practice. What makes a great community of practice? How do we cultivate a dynamic community of engaged Social and Behavior Change professionals? What is needed to contextualize research on agency and gender? Partners reflected on these questions and more to create a shared knowledge base, reflect on best practices, and develop an organizational structure.



Family photo during cocreation workshop in Dakar, Senegal.

Capacity Building of Local Institutions to Accelerate the Ouagadougou Partnership Research Agenda Cocreation Workshop

In August, Agency for All began with the Ouagadougou Partnership Coordination Unit (OPCU) a new two-year activity USAID-funded activity to aid in a research capacity building effort for the grantees of the OP Research Agenda as part of its "Beyond 2020 Strategy."

Under this initiative, we are seeking to enhance the institutional and individual capacity of grantees to generate new evidence on effective strategies to improve family planning and reproductive health and MNCH outcomes, and lead knowledge application to catalyse health-system strengthening. In November 2023, our Agency for All team was in Dakar, Senegal for a three-day co-creation workshop with OPCU, and the 10 selected grantee research institutions. With enthusiasm, the participants were able to:

- ✓ Share, discuss, and reflect on the results of the baseline capacity assessment.
- ✓ Develop a common vision and values.
- ✓ Discuss the capacity training framework together with grantees, responding to their specific needs and contexts.
- ✓ Co-create training modules, delivery methods, and mentoring approach.

Under this initiative, we're working to enhance the institutional and individual capacity of grantees to generate new and strengthened evidence on effective strategies to improve family planning and reproductive health and MNCH outcomes, and lead knowledge application to catalyze health-system strengthening.

WHERE WE WERE



Three of the ten Grantee institutions sharing their experiences during the side event in Abidjan



USAID/WA at the Agency for All Booth during OPAM 2023

Agency for All at Ouagadougou Partnership Annual Meeting (OPAM 2023)

In December 2023, at the 12th Ouagadougou Partnership Annual Meeting (OPAM) in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, Agency for All hosted a side event on "***Institutional Capacity Building for Research Institutions in Ouagadougou Partnership Countries: Designing and Planning for and with Target Institutions.***" which focused on discussing the challenges and opportunities, the relevance and sustainability of an institutional capacity building project of research institutions. During this session, the target institutions presented to participants their respective areas of expertise and expectations regarding this project. This session delved into the complexities and potentials, as well as the long-term viability and impact, of enhancing the capabilities of research institutions. The participating institutions shared their specific areas of expertise and their expectations for the initiative. This side event, which attracted a diverse group of OPAM attendees including USAID West Africa, NGOs and partners, provided a platform for extensive dialogue and exchange.

Additionally, the EVIHDAF team actively engaged in various facets of the OPAM. They participated in plenary discussions, thematic sessions, and interactive talks. The meeting was an invaluable opportunity for EVIHDAF to forge connections with potential collaborators for ongoing and future projects. In a significant development, a meeting with research institutions was held, building on the foundational work done at the co-creation workshop in Dakar. This meeting focused on evaluating and refining the strategies for capacity building. Furthermore, the EVIHDAF team participated in another critical side event on December 14, organized by Breakthrough Action. This event centered around exploring current initiatives, prospective future endeavors, and the potential for new collaborative efforts.

COMING SOON



February 2024 - SMART HIPs Dissemination Workshop



March 2024 - ASHER Dissemination Workshop



April 2024 - Contraceptive Hesitancy and Infertility Dissemination Workshop

A WORD FROM



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One great advantage of partnering with EVIHDAF is being able to tap their network of experts based in many countries across Africa who bring first-hand knowledge of the context in which research is being conducted, heightening the likelihood that results will be applied to strengthen health programs.

Theresa Hoke, PhD, MPH,
Director, Health Services Research; Global Health,
Population and Nutrition; FHI 360, NC, USA

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Collaborating with EVIHDAF is so easy-going! In Cameroon, EVIHDAF is one of the few research organizations that play a crucial role in helping the Ministry of Public Health achieve great results especially when it comes to family health.

Dr. Ebongo Zacheus Nanje,
Director, Department of Family Health, Ministry of
Public Health, Cameroon.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED ANY

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Defining Collective Priorities: Research and Learning Agendas for Family Planning Across 6 Countries

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Key Findings

- Family planning (FP) research and learning agendas (RLAs) build a comprehensive understanding of the FP research landscape, identify key evidence gaps, and define national priority questions to drive the production of knowledge that ushers progress toward FP goals.
- Despite having unique FP contexts, the 6 country

ABSTRACT

Evidence should be the foundation for a well-designed family planning (FP) program, but existing evidence is rarely aligned with and/or synthesized to speak directly to FP programmatic needs. Based on our experience conducting FP research and learning agendas (FP RLAs) in Côte d'Ivoire, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, and Uganda, we argue that FP RLAs can drive the production of coordinated research that aligns with national priorities. To increase FP RLAs' availability across 6 countries, we conducted

Defining Collective Priorities – Research and Learning Agendas for Family Planning across 6 countries

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Reproductive Health

RESEARCH

Open Access

Pregnancy risks and contraceptive use among postpartum mothers in Cameroon: implications for improving the coverage of postpartum family planning services

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Abstract

Background: The health hazards of short inter-birth intervals are severe in Cameroon. One-quarter of inter-birth intervals are less than 24 months and the probability of death before age 5 for children born after a short interval is double that associated with intervals of 36–47 months. We examine the risk of an unintended pregnancy in the

Pregnancy risks and contraceptive use among postpartum mothers in Cameroon

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Teenage pregnancy and timing of first marriage in Cameroon—What has changed over the last three decades, and what are the implications?

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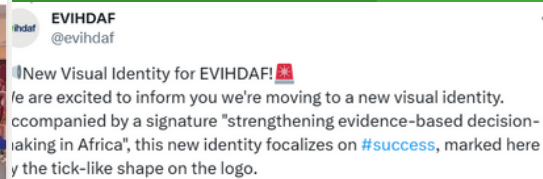
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