



HIV FREE NW PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

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Executive Summary

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- ◆ 232 Peer Educators working with the HIV-Free Northwest project have been enlightened on the recent developments in the project and re-orientated on their activities especially in the ACT Initiative. The two meetings took place in Bamenda and Bansa on October 20th and 21st.
- ◆ Supervisors and coordinators working with the Northwest project met in Bamenda on October 16th. They converged for updates in the project and deliberated on the new focus of the project- Option B+.
- ◆ PMTCT teams within the month continued to follow up and link to care people earlier tested HIV positive during outreach VCT.
- ◆ Facilitative and supportive supervision took place in PMTCT and Option B+ implementing sites, including all sites newly trained on the this PMTCT protocol. Observations in SQA and DQA showcase significant improvement in most of the Option B+ sites, though with some documentation challenges. Intensive follow up is intended to correct these shortcomings. HIV positive pregnant women are continuously being enrolled on TELE.
- ◆ Activities continued in the pediatric clinics in all coordination areas and there are positive comments on the turn up of children for treatment thanks to the assurance of transport remuneration and snacks. A case in point is Wum where 26 children turned up. Amongst this number were three reluctant cases who have been refusing treatment for several months. Also, pace setting examples like BBH and Shisong in children's clinic organization have been hailed as exemplary. Others have greatly improved and the few that are still experiencing lapses are working towards improvement. The collaboration of facility administrators has been yielding fruit in this domain.
- ◆ Peer Educators and bikers held their monthly meetings at all coordination areas. Their monthly communing enhances experience and best practice sharing, directives to operate and deliberations on better strategies for PMTCT activities.
- ◆ The persistent documentation problem cuts across most of the facilities, with high volume sites more affected and needing regular supervisory visits for corrections to be effected.
- ◆ The Local Capacity Initiative LCI had a one week working session on the review and enrichment of the CBCHS policy and advocacy strategic plan. The working session took place with a consultant from FHI 360-Emily Bockh.
- ◆ Some 20,310 persons have been sensitized in the communities on MNCH services under the LCI project. These activities have taken place in two phases. The sensitization was followed by some outreach activities in all the five health districts, and thanks to the participation of stakeholders like traditional leaders, church leaders and quarter heads, much success was recorded.

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