



Health Sector PROJECT PROFILE

Health Systems Strengthening II

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Postpartum family planning counseling and services currently reach about a third of mothers who deliver in selected public sector hospitals, with more than half of those counseled accepting a modern method.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Implemented by: Abt Associates Inc.

Duration: 2009 – 2014

Total Funding: \$73.5 million

Beneficiaries: All Jordanians, especially women of reproductive age and newborn babies; community health committees

Geographic Coverage: Nationwide

BACKGROUND

The Health Systems Strengthening II (HSS II) Project supports institutionalization of systems that improve access to better quality maternal and child health care and family planning services in Jordan. Through HSS II, USAID/Jordan renovates and equips obstetric and neonatal departments and emergency units of selected hospitals. The project assists in strengthening the capacity of health care providers; delivering high quality maternal, newborn and family planning services; and empowering communities to adopt healthier lifestyles.

ACTIVITIES

- Improve management information systems and data-driven decision making within the Ministry of Health (MOH) and Royal Medical Services (RMS)
- Institutionalize quality improvement practices and prepare a selected number of health centers for accreditation by a national accreditation council
- Improve planning, supervision and monitoring of health services at hospitals and health centers
- Improve quality of maternal, newborn and family planning services at selected hospitals
- Increase access to high quality reproductive health and family planning services at primary care level
- Engage and empower communities to more effectively partner with the health system as well as to adopt healthier lifestyles

PROGRESS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Renovated and equipped obstetric and neonatal departments at Al-Bashir, Al Mafraq, Al Hussein Salt and South Shouneh Hospitals, with another four such projects underway. This includes expanded space for high quality maternal and newborn care, as well as for family planning counseling and services.
- Renovated and equipped emergency departments at Prince Faisal and Dr. Jamil Tutaniiji Hospitals, with three more in progress. Trained staff in these hospitals, and in selected health centers, on emergency care practices.



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Upgrading the physical infrastructure of Ministry of Health and Royal Medical Service hospitals, and supplying them with state of the art life-saving equipment, improves the survival and health of newborns and mothers.



Active community participation in public sector health services through institutionalized Community Health Committees leads to better access to quality services and healthier lifestyles.

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- Renovated and equipped ten training centers serving the central MOH and a majority of health directorates throughout the country.
- Installed computers and printers in 90 Health Centers, 18 Hospitals and the MOH to improve information management, operational planning and the referral and appointment system.
- Extended postpartum family planning counseling and services to 17 MOH and RMS hospitals, with around one-third of clients being counseled and more than half of these accepting a modern FP method before discharge from hospital.
- Increased the proportion of modern FP users among postpartum clients at selected health centers from 40% in 2010 to 52% in 2011.
- Expanded access to long acting hormonal contraceptive implants (Implanon) to 47 health facilities across Jordan.
- Strengthened supervision of MCH and FP services through development of supportive supervision guidelines.
- Improved management of newborns suffering respiratory distress by introducing nasal bubble continuous positive airway pressure (NB-CPAP) to 18 hospitals across the country.
- Maintained high levels of best practice care for mothers and newborns in MOH hospitals, including 87% of clients with pregnancy-induced hypertension (PIH) managed according to clinical guidelines; 84% of women monitored with partograph during labor; and 87% of newborns admitted to neonatal intensive care units (NICUs) discharged home alive.
- Completed preparation of 30 health centers for accreditation by the national accreditation council, and extended the preparation process to another 60 health centers.
- Established 58 Community Health Committees (CHCs) serving 75 health centers across all twelve health directorates. CHCs include women's, men's and youth groups taking active roles in improving health awareness and practices.

PARTNERS

- Abt Associates Inc., USA
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- Baha Consultant Engineers, Jordan
- Ministry of Health
- Royal Medical Services
- Higher Population Council
- Jordan University Hospital