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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE
BASICS TECHNICAL WORK PLAN
PROJECT YEAR THREE
(OCTOBER 1, 2006 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2007)**

The third year of BASICS' five-year project cycle will run from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. At this critical juncture, interventions begun in previous years are generally reaching the implementation stage, to be followed by expansion, scale-up and endline assessment in the closing years of the project.

BASICS' Year 3 work plan covers 9 broad technical assistance focus areas in 20 countries and two regions. Additional country-level support is provided through the project's active role in the 78-member Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health. This work is supported by Global, Regional and Field Support, as well as PEPFAR and PMI funding. In addition, three new Task Orders were developed.

BASICS continues to emphasize the importance of partnerships in better ensuring timely, broad scale-up in countries of infant and child survival interventions in countries. Key partners include: bilateral country programs; UN organizations such as WHO, UNICEF and the World Bank; other USAID-supported central projects like RPM+, A2Z, ESD, ACCESS, ACCESS-Family Planning, Infant Young Child Nutrition Project, and the Quality Assurance Project; NGOs including the CORE Project and many of its health partners, as well as foundation-supported projects like Saving Newborn Lives.

Partnership is also a key feature of BASICS' *global leadership* role in formulating and implementing key policies to improve child survival, as well as identifying, evaluating, and applying approaches that deepen the impact of country programs. The project plans global leadership activities in 20 countries and 2 regions in 2007.

An essential new aspect of BASICS' technical assistance and global leadership programs in Project Year 3 is alignment with the USAID Office Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition's (HIDN) *Results Pathways*. The pathways, which replace the USAID Bureau for Global Health's *strategic objectives*, provide clear description and accounting for how money is spent, and specify outcomes and results that can be tracked from beginning to end over a multi-year period. BASICS was a principle advisor to HIDN during development of the pathways, which include:

- Community-based treatment of acute respiratory infections; including BASICS introducing the intervention in three new countries in Year 3, and 10 total countries by project-end.
- Revitalization of oral re-hydration therapy and introduction of zinc in diarrheal case management; including analyzing oral re-hydration solution usage rates in selected countries and, where it has decreased, designing interventions to improve prevalence.
- Community-based growth promotion, and Essential Nutrition Actions and Infant and Young Child Feeding; including implementing community-based growth promotion programs in four countries.
- Essential Newborn Care; including introduction in Rwanda and three Latin American and Caribbean countries in 2007.
- Pediatric HIV/AIDS; including assessments and assistance in at least two countries aimed at expanding existing child survival services to include detection and treatment of pediatric HIV/AIDS.

Cross-support between BASICS' technical assistance and global leadership activities is an important way to increase impact. The countries where BASICS is providing technical field support are among the sites where the project is most active in global leadership to introduce new technologies or innovative implementation models.

Technical Focus Areas

BASICS' Year 3 work technical work plan includes new assistance programs in Afghanistan, Honduras, Indonesia, Liberia, Mali, Malawi, Mozambique, Nicaragua, and South Africa. The plan not only addresses each element of the Results Pathways, but also malaria, birth spacing, and humanitarian crises and post conflict environments.

While the majority of interventions are in either the introduction or early implementation stages—as expected at this point in the project—expansion and scale-up work is planned for several countries including DR Congo and Senegal.

In addition to the continuation of interventions begun during Project Years 1 and 2, Year 3 also features several important new developments—

- With **birth spacing** now recognized as a critical child survival intervention BASICS will begin implementation efforts with partners (particularly USAID's Expanding Service Delivery project) to introduce Health Spacing and Timing of Pregnancy (HSTP) within routine primary care for newborns and young children.
- Two **nutrition** strategies are being introduced. First, an urban strategy will address the unique challenges of child nutrition in large metropolitan areas. Second, nutrition programming in recovering states will document the role of nutrition programming and its best practices in stabilizing emergency and recovering situations.
- Based on new USAID approaches to newborn care, BASICS is promoting the application of the minimal package for **newborn health**.
- Constraints in the availability of **zinc for treating diarrheal diseases** that affected programming in Project Year 2 have generally been resolved, enabling BASICS to move forward on a number of country initiatives to introduce zinc in the treatment of diarrhea, but also to use interest in zinc to strengthen overall case management (ORT use) of diarrhea in young children.
- Building on its previous work in Fragile States and Post-Conflict Countries, OFDA funding will support BASICS to develop and introduce methods and materials to assist an organized **transition from Humanitarian Aid to Development Aid**, which minimizes decrease or loss of services to vulnerable populations. It will continue to help countries rebuild health systems and services in such situations, particularly focusing on the development of national health policy, plans and the development and implementation of a Basic or Essential Package of Health Services, including the costing of such services.
- Participation in the **President's Malaria Initiative**, focusing on implementation of home-based treatment of malaria (community-based case management of malaria).
- **Costing, resource tracking and planning methods** and exercises to assist Ministries of Health to better plan and finance the scaling up of effective child survival interventions and to operationalize national child survival strategies

Global Leadership

As in the past, BASICS global leadership activities in Project Year 3 are concentrated in the project's priority lines of work for global leadership. These include: community-based treatment; private practitioner delivery of child survival interventions; and incorporating essential newborn care, essential nutrition, and pediatric HIV care within interventions for mothers, newborns, and children. As noted above, global leadership activities will take place in 9 new countries in 2007, as well as through regional initiatives in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

The addition of fragile states as a global leadership line of work during Project Year 2 notably led to BASICS' ongoing stewardship process for developing a basic package of health care services in Liberia, and expands in Year 3 to include designing an approach to guide the country in its transition from humanitarian assistance to development assistance for public health, as well as implementation of the basic package. Among other key leadership activities, BASICS' Project Year 3 work plan includes:

- Leading the effort of a 14-country West African group to identify a common set of indicators for monitoring and evaluating **community-based pneumonia treatment**. This effort significantly advances the use of data as an indispensable element in program management, and promotes the sharing of methods and materials between countries.
- Advocating for policies and approaches that support improved quality of **treatment of malaria in children by private drug sellers**.
- Implementing and strengthening **Essential Nutrition Actions** through (1) improving protocols for facility-based care, and expanding promotion, and counseling; (2) improving implementation of micronutrient interventions and other preventative interventions conducted through outreach or community-based workers, and; (3) improving home nutritional care and infant/young child feeding, including during and after illness.
- Developing technical strategies, guidelines, and tools for **Essential Newborn Care** and assisting local implementing partners to apply them. BASICS is also assisting the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health to advocate for and develop policies that increase the visibility of newborns in country health programs.
- Advocating to donors and hosting a regional meeting in Africa focused on the opportunities within child health programs to improve the detection, care, and referral of **pediatric HIV/AIDS** cases.

BASICS PROJECT YEAR 3 TECHNICAL FOCUS AREAS/PATHWAYS BY COUNTRY

	Acute Respiratory Infections	Diarrheal Diseases - ORT	Diarrheal Diseases - Zinc	Malaria	Healthy Timing & Spacing of Pregnancy	Newborn	Nutrition	Pediatric AIDS	Humanitarian Crises & Post-Conflict	PMNCH
Afghanistan	√	√	√						√	
*Bolivia	√					√	TBD			
*Cambodia	√	√			√	√	√		√	√
DR Congo	√	√	√	√		√			√	√
Ethiopia						TBD				TBD
*Honduras						√				
*India	TBD						√			
Indonesia		√	√							
*LAC Region - Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, & Nicaragua or Bolivia or Honduras						√	√			
*Liberia				TBD					√	
*Madagascar	√	√	√	√		√	√			
*Malawi	TBD							√		
Mozambique	TBD			TBD						
Nicaragua	√									
*Nigeria				√			√			
*Rwanda	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		

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*REDSO: Rwanda, Kenya, or Tanzania, Uganda		√	√							
*Senegal	√			√		√	√			
South Africa								√		
Swaziland					√	√		√		
Tanzania		TBD	√	√				√		
*Timor Leste		√	TBD	√	√	√	√		√	
Uganda	TBD	√	√	TBD		TBD	TBD			

NOTE: Bolivia, Senegal and India continue through remaining FY06 funding

*Mission financial support or regional bureau TBD—to be determined, under discussion

BASICS PY3 IMPLEMENTATION STAGE

	Community Based Treatment	Expanding Private Practitioner Participation	Essential Nutrition Actions/ Community Based Growth Program	Essential Newborn Care	Pediatric HIV/AIDS
Afghanistan	Advocacy, Introduction				
Africa Regional Technical Exchange (Benin, Niger, Togo)	Implementation				
Bangladesh	Advocacy				
Benin	Expansion				
Bolivia				Implementation	
Cambodia	Advocacy		Advocacy, Introduction	Implementation	
DR Congo	Expansion			Advocacy, Introduction	
East Africa Regional (Kenya or Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda)	Introduction				
Honduras				Implementation (through LAC)	
Indonesia	Advocacy, Introduction				
India			Expansion		
LAC Region				Introduction Implementation	

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Liberia	Advocacy				
Madagascar	Implementation	Planning, Introduction	Planning, Introduction	Advocacy, Introduction	
Malawi	Advocacy				Introduction
Mali				Advocacy, Introduction	
Mozambique	Advocacy				Advocacy
Nicaragua	Introduction				
Nigeria			Implementation		
Rwanda	Planning, Introduction	Planning, Introduction	Planning, Introduction	Implementation	Implementation
Senegal	Expansion		Expansion	Expansion	
South Africa					Planning, Introduction
Swaziland				Implementation	Advocacy
Tanzania	Advocacy	Implementation			Implementation
Timor Leste	Planning, Introduction		Implementation	Implementation	
Uganda	Advocacy Planning, Introduction				
Zambia					Advocacy