

COP21 Meeting with IP's

Thursday, June 24, 2021 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

1. Question: Great presentation. Any additional information on the priority areas/provinces for FBO engagement in male mobilization

- *Response from Nidze: For COP 21 the plan is to expand from 9 to 11 provinces. We're giving an opportunity to partners to discuss their priorities with us, where to implement. There are criteria's being used for district selection.*

2. Question: Will the list of districts be shared with us and will there be a timeline?

- *Response from Nidze: This will be negotiated between agency and partners.*

3. Question: Mental health is becoming a major issue in Mozambique. Any comment, in relation to COP21.

- *Response from Nidze: for mental health, the funding for last year was sustained. The agreement with the government is to expand to 1 additional site per province.*

4. Question: Thanks for this interesting presentation. When do you think it will be possible to share the expected COP 21 planning timeline with detail of planning products and deadlines?

Thanks

- *Response from Jacky: For each of the different activities it will be in the work plan and work planning guidance.*
- *Response from Shadit: For the work plan development, we just finalized the COP guidance which will soon be released to partners. The USAID process is to send guidance soon between today and Monday. The guidance will come with a timeline and expectation of deliverables. Even though each agency has their own process, they still have to comply with OGAC requirements. The guidance will include some deliverables that need to be uploaded in DATIM and OGAC sharepoint. It will also include all the templates that are required for partners to submit.*
- *Response from Ishani: for CDC partners, the process is different. So many of partners are waiting for the notice of funding award. So, the process is a little more delayed.*

5. Question: Thanks and great news on the ARPA funds. Any comments or plan on Natural disaster preparedness and response within current PEPFAR programs particularly in the central and northern region?

- *Response from Ishani: There is covid response through ARPA and there's funding buckets that came before that. Is the question for beyond Pepfar funding?*

6. Question: Is there resources in the eventuality of calamities within the Pepfar programming

- *Response from Jacky: Within the current program that ARPA provided for. But we don't have in COP 21 how to respond to different disasters. Overall the government at the embassy is looking into how to provide support to the global health national agenda. Building towards putting together a program for the health sector and beyond. In COP 21 immediately there is none, other than what is provided here, but we do recognize that disasters will increase. However, this will become more evident in the future country operational plans.*

7. Question: TX-CURR seems to be increasing since 2018 and the target in COP21 has increased quite significantly to 1,860,401 (from 1,354,192 in 2020). Can you tell us the rationale?

- *Response from Jacky: OGAC gave every country the targets that they were to reach in a particular year. But the targets have been consistently high and difficult to achieve. Guidance this year was that we couldn't go lower than last year's target. 1.5M was not the target from last year but the achievement. The goal is to get the country to 95-95-95 as soon as possible.*

8. Question: Thanks for the informative presentation. Wanted to know the operational steps of the ARPA program, Have the ARPA funds been allocated to Local Partners?

- *Response from Shadit: Partners that will receive ARPA funds will receive guidance on how to plan for those funds in their work plans. In the communication that is going out to partners, that information will be also sent to them.*
- *Response from Ishani. That money will all come in a 1st tranche sometime in the future.*

9. Question: In COP20, DISABILITY especially among OVC was not considered as a priority group. Is it one of the priority group in COP21 especially HIV OVC with disabilities?

- *Response from Paula Simbine: Regarding OVC children with Disability, these will continue to be prioritized within the context the other already known prioritized sub-population groups and not solely as a stand-alone sup-population group; and with the risk assessment needs and vulnerabilities identified enabling enrollment into our programs, meaning that we continue to focus on supporting access to HIV care and treatment, retention and VL suppression efforts.*