

African Health Professions Regional Collaborative

2016-2017 Updates

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ARC II – PHASE II (2016-2017)

Supporting quality improvement of HIV care at priority, high-volume sites

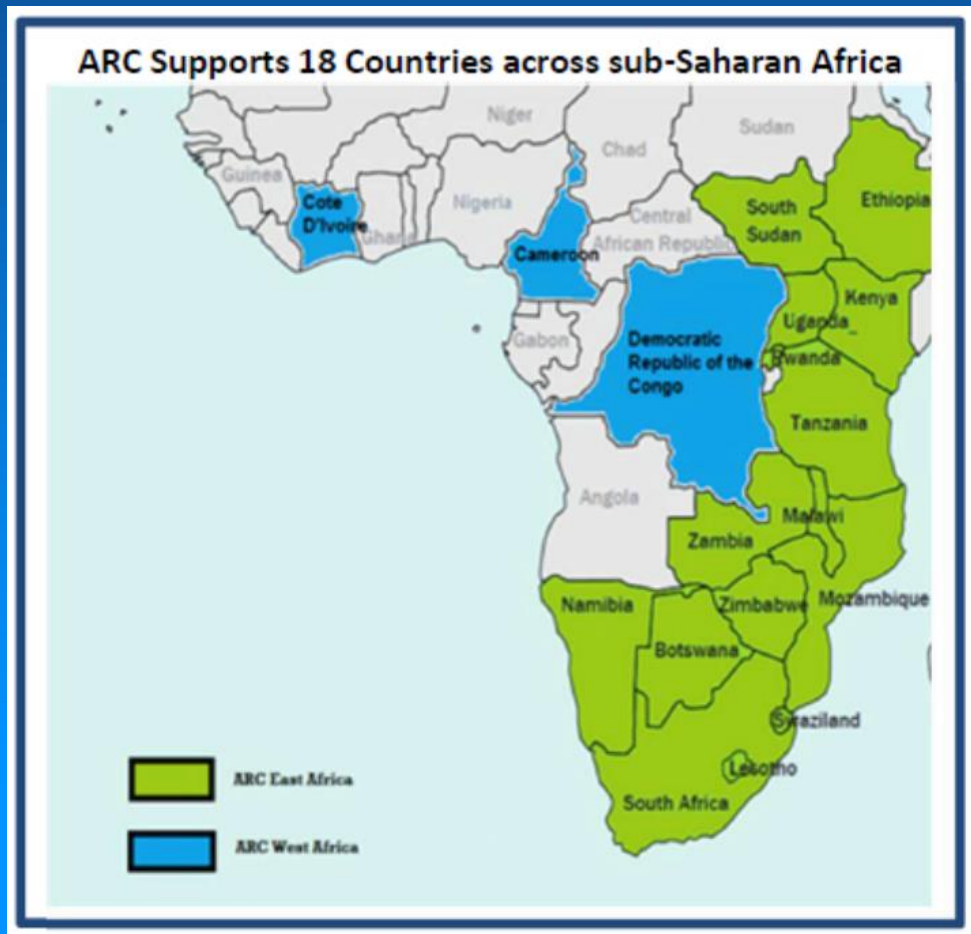
ARC II

- Improving nurse-led PMTCT, B+ services and pediatric HIV care

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- Addressing bottlenecks in the viral load scale-up

ARC II Collaboratives



ARC East
Grants in
August
2016

ARC
West
Grants in
October
2016

Facility Assessments

- Facility Assessments – annually
 - Pre- Post- Data – quality improvement projects
- 3 Modules
 - In-depth Interviews – supervisors
 - Surveys – nurses and midwives
 - Program and Materials Audit – supervisors
- 17 countries received grants; 13 reports to date
- Data submission completed except 2 countries
- 2nd round data collection July 2017; contracts in June

ARC East Grants (August 2016-July 2017)

Populations: All, Pregnant Women, Infants, Children, Adolescents

Key Strategy

- **Task-Sharing -- Tanzania**
- **Clinical Mentorship—Lesotho, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia**
- **Quality Improvement & Assurance – Kenya, Zimbabwe, Swaziland**
- **Data Quality and Data Use – Malawi**
- **Patient-Provider Interaction—Ethiopia, Mozambique**
- **2nd progress report due April 15, 2017**

ARC East Grants –Technical Assistance

Key Strategy

- TA for entire year of project, monthly basis
- Conference Calls and Visits
- Liaison with CDC country offices
- Project Scope, Workplan, Tools, Indicators
- Guidance on challenges
- TA Visits to Kenya, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe
- M&E Training at Rwanda Learning Session

PROGRESS REPORT TEMPLATE

COUNTRY: _____

CONTACT NAME AND EMAIL: _____

•Please describe any significant change in the project -- e.g., its direction and objectives or the work plan -- and provide a rationale for the change.

•OBJECTIVE 1: _____

Describe in detail the activities that the project team conducted during this action period.

Activities (minimum 100 words per activity)	Indicators Being Tracked
A.	1. 2. 3.
B.	1. 2. 3.
C.	1. 2. 3.

due April
15th

ARC West and Central: Grants Ending July 2017

Improving the quality of nursing practice at priority, high-volume sites

- **Cameroon** – Improve the quality of PMTCT, Option B+ and Pediatric HIV services through a close supervision program at three high volume sites.
- **Cote d'Ivoire** – Enhance the quality of PTMCT, Option B+ and Pediatric HIV services at three high volume sites *via indicator monitoring*.
- **DRC** – Support to nurses and midwives in improvement of the quality of service provision and management of health data for Option B+ and pediatric HIV.
- *TA Visit January-February 2017 to CDI and Cameroon; Consultants in all 3 countries*



LARC

- Laboratorian African Regional Collaborative
- Launched: February 18-19, 2016
- Objective: Support viral load scale-up
- Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, and Uganda
- TA Visits 2 or 3 per year
- Next Learning Session May 2017

ARC Going Forward

- Continue Technical Assistance
- Publications and Writer's Workshop
- July 2017 Summative Congress
- **August 14th Final Report**
- PEPFAR Priorities
- Role of Implementing Partner

