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WATER & SANITATION PROGRAMS CRITICAL IN ANGOLA

On June 19, 2013, USAID/Angola launched a new water and sanitation program (WASH) in Benguela province. This program is funded by the **Development Grants Program** and implemented by ADPP, a local organization. The program supports the Water for All efforts of the Angolan government. The launch was attended by over 200 participants and attended by the Director of Education, representing the Governor of Benguela and the Director of Water & Energy.



ADPP Leadership Staff explain the current coverage of water and sanitation in area schools to the Education Director of Benguela and USAID/Angola Mission Director Teresa McGhie.



An ADPP staff member demonstrates the "tip-tap" method of hand washing.

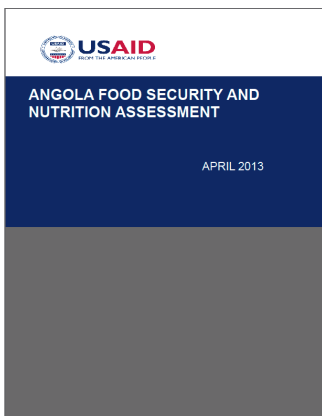
The program will support teacher training in WASH and also construct over 100 latrines in area schools. The project will mobilize a total of 5,000 families around 150 schools in latrine construction and the permanent systems for washing hands and train 800 teachers in sanitation and hygiene.

The project includes building capacity for teachers from ADPP School of Future Teachers with component education for basic sanitation and hygiene.

Food for Peace Angola Food Security Assessment Report Now Available

What you need to know:

- ◆ As the Angola malnutrition crisis worsens, the FFP Report notes that more toddler girls are affected than any other group. Almost 85% of children suffering from severe or moderate malnutrition are between six and 24 months old, and over 60% are girls;
- ◆ Most respondents reported that they used poor water sources, including open shallow wells and rivers, and approximately half of the respondents indicated that they do not use any method to treat their water prior to consumption;
- ◆ The primary causes of malnutrition are "poor infant feeding practices, childcare practices, hygiene practices, birth spacing, and lack of food."





STRENGTHENING THE ANGOLAN HEALTH SYSTEM

MUNICIPAL HEALTH PLANNING SUPPORTED BY USAID/ANGOLA

From May 24 to June 4, the USAID strengthening Angola system health funded project (SASH) supported a planning process workshop at Longonjo municipality in Huambo province. The technical support is focused on building the capacity of municipal health teams to develop, implement and monitor their health plans and budgets, as per the new guidance provided by the Ministry of Health (MOH).

This process is part of the main activity of decentralization in the Angola Health Sector aiming to more efficiently manage resources received at the local level through the Revitalization of Municipal Health Services strategy as release by the National Strategic Health Plan 2012-2025.

Managed by JHPIEGO to help support a sustainable basic services governance system, USAID's "SASH" project works with municipalities in Luanda and Huambo provinces (the two most populated) to strengthen local planning, implementation and monitoring of decentralized health services. The goal of the SASH program is to increase the availability and use of high quality services in key areas including family planning, malaria and HIV/AIDS. SASH applies an integrated health systems approach in which higher quality health care services (and, thus, better health status outcomes) are achieved through more affective management processes and institutionalized quality improvement programs.

As requested by the Provincial Health Director in Huambo Province, SASH is in the process to support all of 11 municipalities to produce their priority health plans and budgets, as well as support the Provincial Health Team to plan how they would provide technical support to the municipal teams and monitor the implementation of their plans.

This process brought together 20 members of the municipal health teams, including the Municipal Health Directors, to analyze the health information data that had been organized by each health municipality department team with SASH's support in a previous phase.



Community Health Leaders join together to plan for community health needs

Based on the reports of deaths the past three years, these teams of health municipal department identified weaknesses linked to maternal diseases in the municipalities of Chinjenje, Longonjo and Ukuma, diseases such as diarrheal and acute respiratory infections, as those that cause the most queries and/or preventable deaths. Then, through a process of participatory analysis they chose the services related to these problems that performed poorly and could benefit from greater attention and resources to improve in the next 1-3 years. At the end of the process, the three municipalities produced municipal health plans that will guide health priorities interventions leading to the city from 2013 to 2015.



Participants of the workshop, accompanied by USAID/Angola staff member Dr. Gisele Guimaraes



HIV Prevention Program Site Visit in Cunene Province



The USAID HIV team made a field visit to Cunene to assess the progress Management for Sciences for Health (MSH) is making with their Building Local Capacity program through its sub-partner, ADPP. This project aims to strengthen the capacity of local civil society organizations, to implement policies and health services for people infected and affected by HIV and AIDS, and respond more effectively and sustainably to the epidemic. One of the main program activities is the training of 298 Community Health Agents (CHAs) in three municipalities.

The Program is part of the national health system revitalization program and the training of the CHAs is done by INLS. In the past six months, ADPP reached over 16,000 individuals with HIV prevention interventions, including condom demonstrations and HIV counseling and testing. During household visits, 35,000 condoms were also distributed. CHAs (who are part of the national Ministry of Health's strategy for improved health) visit households at least once per quarter to provide HIV prevention sensitization sessions.

Mission Hosts Youth Roundtable under the President's Young African Leaders Initiative

On May 16, USAID/Angola, organized the first listening session meeting with Angolan youth leaders through its Presidential Initiative for Young African Leaders which aimed to share ideas, promote and give voice to young leaders Angolans and understand how the U.S government can support and determine what can be done at regional level on empowerment of youth. The first listening session topics included "Community Participation in each Education and Culture, and Local Elections."



Moderator and panelists for the YALI event at the 'roundtable'



Meeting with Community Health Agents in Cunene Province are USAID/Angola's Tandeo Peshi and Tom Van Boven

Gender-based violence awareness event at the US Embassy

On June 25, USAID implementing partner EngenderHealth set up an information stand and offered materials to raise awareness about gender-based and domestic violence. The event was co-sponsored by the CLO of office staff.



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