Guidance for Improving Family Planning/HIV Integration Service Delivery for Adolescent Girls and Young Women

PEPFAR-funded programs for vulnerable children and adolescents are assessed using the Site Improvement Monitoring System (SIMS) to ensure that programs are meeting minimum standards and providing quality services to vulnerable children and families. In the orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) domain, SIMS covers many core essential elements (CEE), including Family Planning/HIV Integration Service Delivery in Community Settings. This CEE standard requires that “each service delivery point supporting services for this population provides access to high quality family planning (FP) education and services, directly or through referrals.”

Accessing quality FP/HIV services improves health outcomes among adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) as it leads to preventing unwanted pregnancies especially among sexually active girls younger than 18 years. It also is a critical step in managing cases of sexual abuse within the first 72 hours to prevent unwanted pregnancy and exposure to new HIV infections. The USAID ASSIST Project is developing resources to help service delivery partners not only meet the requirements of the CEE but to better understand the key steps and best practices involved in implementing FP/HIV Integration programs for OVC.

This presentation by Dr. Diana Chamrad of URC and Dr. Taroub Faramand of WI-HER, LLC, developed for the 2017 Africa Psychosocial Support Forum in Arusha, Tanzania, describes:

- Why family planning/HIV integration is critical for adolescent girls and young women (AGYW)
- How the quality improvement (QI) process can help implementers effectively integrate quality FP/HIV services
- A case example of FP/HIV integration in the DREAMS Initiative in Northern Uganda
- Tools developed to support delivery of high-quality FP/HIV services for adolescent girls and young women in community settings

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