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Research and Evaluation Report FY17

The research and evaluation (R&E) unit of the USAID Applying Science to Strengthen and Improve Systems (ASSIST) Project provides technical assistance and guidance on country-led research and synthesizes learning across country- and centrally-funded activities. Topics for investigation include the validity of improvement-indicator data, sustainability and institutionalization of improvement activities, and economic analysis of improvement interventions.

The R&E unit works with the knowledge management unit to disseminate information from these studies through web-published reports, peer-reviewed journal articles, webinars, and presentations at international meetings to encourage wider adoption of improvements methods. The unit also provides training to USAID mission officers on cost-effectiveness analysis of health system improvement interventions.

There is a continued demand for evidence of the effectiveness and efficiency of improvement activities within and beyond the countries in which the USAID ASSIST Project is providing support. The rigor and thoroughness with which the evidence is collected, analyzed, and presented is important for promoting continuation of improvement activities in low- and/or middle-income countries.

In fiscal year 2017 (FY17), the R&E unit finalized several key studies. It also began other activities in several countries, including the West Bank, Botswana, and Latin American countries where ASSIST has initiated Zika-related improvement activities.



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