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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The annual report presents key accomplishments and activities for the first year (December 2013-September 2014) of Fistula Care Plus (FC+). EngenderHealth manages the project in collaboration with international and national partners. In FY13/14, USAID supported fistula treatment and prevention services through the FC+ project in five countries—Bangladesh, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Niger, Nigeria, and Uganda. The delivery of fistula repair services accelerated dramatically in the final quarter of FY13/14 and first-year activities have developed a foundation for rapid expansion of program outputs and outcomes in the coming year. Key accomplishments during the December 2013 to September 2014 period included:

Objective 1: Strengthened enabling environment
- National fistula working group/strategy meetings in Bangladesh, Niger, Nigeria, and Uganda
- Establishment of country public-private partnerships (PPPs) in Niger, Nigeria, and Uganda
- Development of global strategy to identify and approach providers of fistula service-related commodities in FC+'s target countries as part of the PPP initiative

Objective 2: Enhanced community understanding and practices
- Orientations to community engagement for staff and partners in Niger, Nigeria, and Uganda
- Implementation of health facility “site walk-throughs” for community engagement in Uganda
- Training and support for outreach activities of religious leaders in Uganda, and Nigeria

Objective 3: Reduced transportation, communications, and financial barriers
- Initiation of desk review by Population Council to guide intervention development
- Completion of a media analysis to understand reported barriers to fistula treatment

Objective 4: Strengthened provider and health facility capacity
- 25 sites supported by FC+ for fistula treatment and prevention activities; one site supported through other USAID bilateral support
- 16 sites supported by FC+ for prevention-only activities
- 873 repairs supported by USAID, of which 813 supported through FC+
- Two surgeons attended first-time training and five continued training in fistula repair
- 154 health system personnel trained in non-surgical fistula repair and prevention topics

Objective 5: Strengthened evidence base
- FC+ research agenda developed through International Research Advisory Group meeting and consultation with USAID
- Consultation held with global experts on the quantification of the burden of fistula
- Seven papers published in peer review journals
- DHIS2 platform established for FC+ and partner data collection, analysis, and storage

Special activities
- Development of algorithm for health and psychosocial support for the girls abducted by Boko Haram from Chibok Nigeria