# CapacityPlus Results & Lessons Learned

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### CapacityPlus At-a-Glance











USAID global project dedicated to human resources for health (HRH)

Bureau-wide project supporting HRH goals across multiple offices

\$60 million

AAs: Central America, Dominican Republic, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, Tajikistan, Uganda, West Bank/Gaza Led by IntraHealth
International with Abt
Associates, IMA World
Health, Liverpool
Associates in Tropical
Health (LATH), Training
Resources Group (TRG)

Leaders in innovation and cost-effectiveness



## **Project Goals**

- Build country capacity to address health workforce challenges
- Support USAID and country priorities for increasing accessibility and quality of FP/RH, HIV/AIDS, MNCH services
- Contribute to USG and global initiatives to improve health outcomes: AIDS-Free Generation, EPCMD, FP2020



## Where We Worked: 27 Countries



Angola
Botswana
Burkina Faso
DR Congo

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Dominican Republic

El Salvador Ethiopia Ghana Haiti India

Kenya Laos Liberia Malawi Mali Mozambique Namibia Nigeria Pakistan Peru Rwanda Senegal South Africa Tanzania

Uganda

Zambia Zimbabwe



## **Key Focus Areas**

- Global leadership in HRH
- Country HR management and leadership
- Health workforce information systems and data use
- Education and training
- Retention, productivity, absenteeism, and ghost workers
- Professionalizing under-recognized cadres (social service, supply chain)
- Overarching: gender equality, M&E, knowledge sharing, integrating faith-based organizations



## Global HRH Leadership

- Contributed to design and implementation of Second and Third Global Forum on HRH
- Supported multiple global and regional HRH consensus-building and resource development efforts
- Provided expertise for advocacy leading African parliamentarians to prioritize HRH as focus area
- HRH Global Resource Center: world's largest online HRH library with 17,000 monthly visits from almost every country
- Expanded global evidence base and thought leadership in HRH



## **Innovative Capacity-Building Tools**

- School management tools including Bottlenecks and Best Buys Approach, Dean's Dashboard
- iHRIS open source software platform for datainformed decision-making
- HRM Assessment Toolkit
- Rapid Retention Survey and Productivity Analysis and Improvement toolkits
- HRH Effort Index



## HR Management and Leadership

- Built global evidence base for importance of HRM
- Comprehensive HRM strengthening in Dominican Republic contributed to increased service access and use
- Leadership development in Uganda improved districtlevel facilities





## Country Highlight: Dominican Republic

- HRM assessment guided strategic plan, policy, and systems improvements (e.g., career law, job descriptions, reorganized services)
- Payroll analysis eliminated 3,913 "ghost workers";
   \$9.1 million in annual savings reinvested to hire health workers, improve services
- 500% increase over one year in Region IV in patient consultations for HIV, FP, prenatal care (from 2,039 to 12,237)



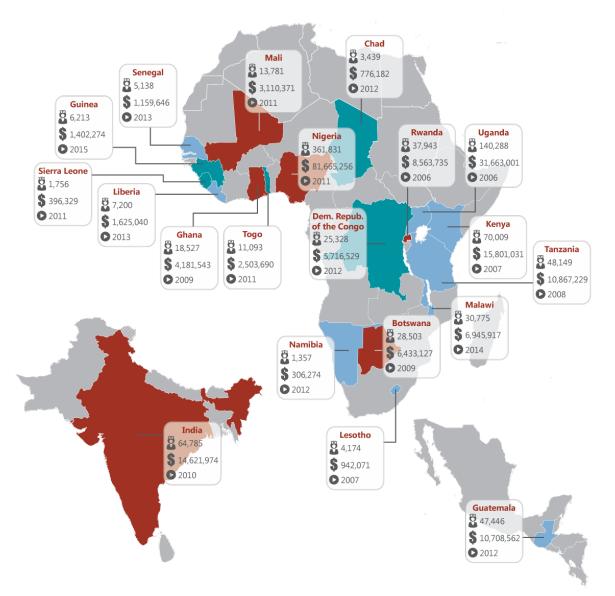
## **Data for Decision-Making**

- 25 countries using free, open source iHRIS software to manage over 1.2 million health worker records
- Cost savings of over \$475 million compared to commercial software
- Countries using iHRIS data for decisions on recruitment and deployment to increase access to services





## iHRIS Records and Cost-Savings by Country



- # Health Worker Records in iHRIS
- Potential Cost-Savings
  Compared to Proprietary
  Software (\$USD)
- Start Year
- Supported by the USAIDfunded CapacityPlus project
- Supported by other USAID projects
- Independently implementing or supported by other donors/partners



## Country Highlight: India

## The State of Jharkhand uses iHRIS data to increase access to MNCH and FP services

112 specialists with emergency obstetric care skills redeployed to 1<sup>st</sup> Referral Units (community health centers)

Significant increases in antenatal care (740%), facility births (nearly 12 times), Caesarean sections for women in need (nearly 20 times).

Four-fold increase in women choosing postpartum IUD (due to combination of redeployments and other programs)

450 new medical officers recruited (34% increase) and posted in high-vacancy districts

## 900,000 additional Jharkhand residents can now access health services





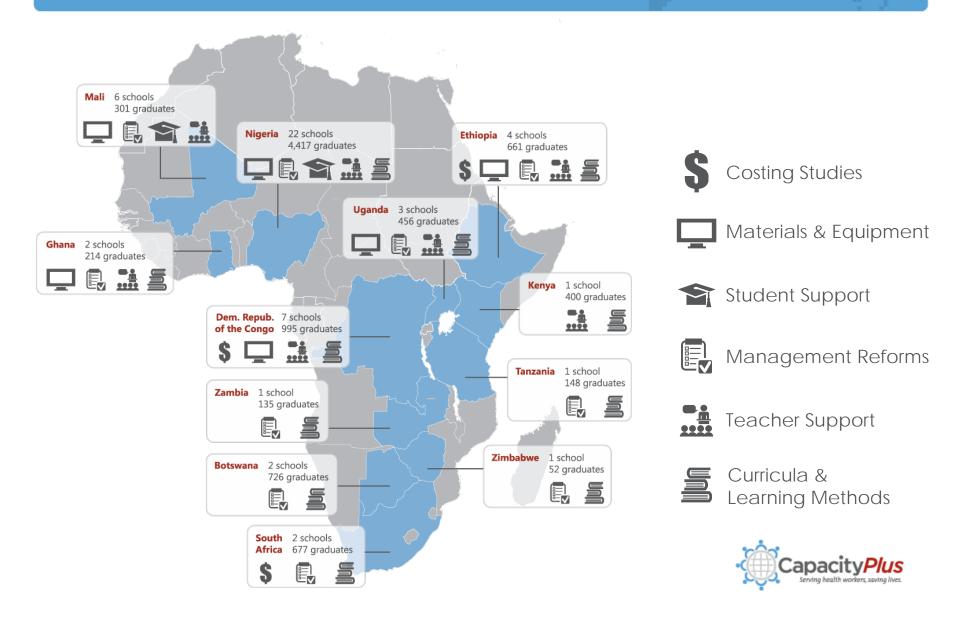
## **Transforming Preservice Education**

- Supported 50 schools in 12 African countries
- Contributed to over 9,000 new health workers
- Built schools' capacity to continue scaling up production and improving efficiency and quality



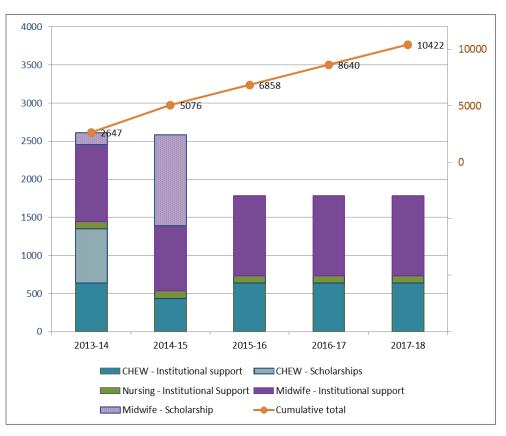


## Targeted Support to Schools Contributes to the Education of More than 9,000 Graduates across 12 African Counties



## **Country Highlight: Nigeria**

#### Projected number of students supported



#### **Results:**

- Supported over 3,000 newlyqualified health workers
- Benefit to over 10,000 students in 5 years (2,065 scholarship recipients, students in 22 schools receiving clinical training, institutional support)
- Prevented drops for \$500/dropout prevented



## Retention and Productivity

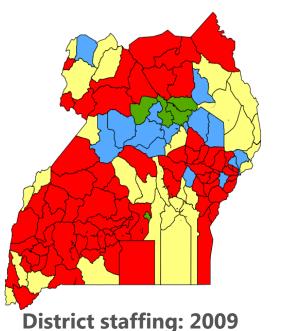
- Built capacity of national HRH leaders and managers in Uganda, Laos, and Malawi to generate evidence and make decisions to improve the availability and quality of services
- Assisted Lao government to design & implement evidence-based recruitment and retention plan; estimated 2 million people now have increased access to services

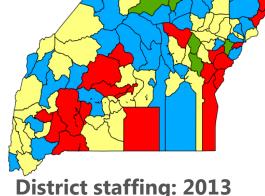




## **Country Highlight: Uganda**

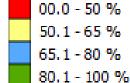
Uganda increases health workforce budget by \$20 million ⇒ deploys over 7,000 new health workers and doubles doctor salaries





- Collaboration with USAID/Uganda Capacity Program
- Evidence-based planning using data from iHRIS and rapid retention survey
- Contributes to significant rise in use of FP/RH, HIV/AIDS, and MNCH services

% of approved positions filled



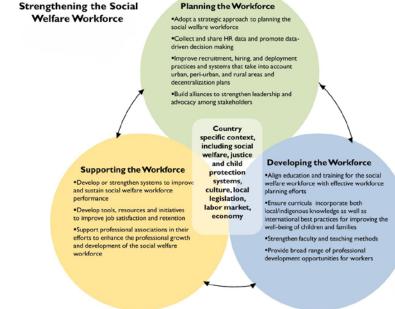


## Global Movement for Social Service Workforce



Social service workforce strengthening framework

Multi-country knowledgesharing platform



Launch of Global Social Service Workforce Alliance

Country-level workforce mapping



www.socialserviceworkforce.org

## Supply Chain Workforce

Billions are spent yearly procuring health commodities, yet one-third of the world's population still lacks regular access to essential medicines

#### Dominican Republic and El Salvador

Worked with governments

- job descriptions
- supervision manual
- updated salary structures
- training in motivation, advocacy, supply chain short course, supply chain management diploma course

#### Namibia

Supported government

- to define supply chain workforce staffing needs (WISN)
- create affordable salary/benefits package to attract and retain workers in supply chain jobs (DCE)







## Addressing Gender Issues

**Advocacy and knowledge resources:** Gender and HSS eLearning course; gender HRH and preservice advocacy tools

## Mainstreaming gender data use for decision-making

- iHRIS and HRM approaches
- Pilot-test of advocacy tools in Cross River State, Nigeria; state Gender HRH Working Group now analyzing data for advocacy

Mali and Kenya: Health workforce support to address sexual and gender-based violence



Pregnancy & family responsibilities discrimination



Occupational segregation



Wage discrimination





## FBOs Contribute to Improving Service Delivery

#### **HR Planning and Management (Ghana)**

 HRM assessment/scorecard applied across CHAG network; led to strategies to address challenges and identify and prioritize areas for HRM system strengthening, including iHRIS, across all 184 health facilities.

#### **HRM Policy (Kenya FBOs)**

- New HR policies and procedures implemented in over 900 FBO health facilities
- HR managers noted improvements in recruitment (5.3 to 9.4), availability of job descriptions (4 to 8.1) and manuals (3.5 to 8.9), and appropriate payment of salaries (5.1 to 8.5)
- Policy intervention replicated in Ghana, Lesotho, Malawi



## **African Christian Health Associations Platform**

 Seconded HR Technical Advisor to support members to strengthen HRM (34 ACHAP members in 28 countries; 10 countries on HRH technical working group)



## **HRH Effort Index**

Question #	Human Resources Management	N	Rating
53.	Use of Data in HRH Planning	14	3
54.	FBO, NGO, and Private Sector Inclusion in Planning	17	5
55.	HRM Leadership Capacity and Availability	17	4
56.	Strength of Licensing and Certification	17	6
57.	Participation of Professional Associations and Councils in National HRH Strategies	17	6
58.	Existence and Availability of HR Policy Manuals	16	5
59.	Performance Support	17	5
60.	Performance Evaluation and Rewards	17	5
61.	Payroll System	17	6
62.	Career Development	16	5
63.	Nondiscrimination, Equal Opportunity, and Gender Equality in the Workplace	17	4
64.	Health Workforce Occupational Safety and Health	17	4
65.	Assessing Health Workforce Productivity	17	4
66.	Assessing the Quality of Health Services	17	4
Total		66/140 (48%)	



From: Nigeria HRH Effort Index preliminary report

## Lessons Learned

- Address the Elephants in the room (ghost workers, quality/accessibility tension)
- Create Global Public Goods
- Dropout Prevention Pays
- PSE is the route to sustainability
- Leadership is hard
- Parliamentarians are key
- Data Use
- Power of the Private Sector



#### The CapacityPlus Partnership

IntraHealth International, Inc. (lead partner)
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IMA World Health
Liverpool Associates In Tropical Health (LATH)
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