

ANNEX B. Other USAID/Rwanda Activities

The following represents other USAID/Rwanda Activities that RSDA may collaborate with. These are subject to change. Additionally, the Recipient should also be cognizant of USAID partners in other sectors (i.e. Education, Economic Growth). Collaboration with other Activities may vary upon geographic location. Finally, collaboration should seek to maximise USG resources and not create overlap and/or additional costs. The current Activities which RSDA may collaborate with are as follows:

Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP) – As USAID/Rwanda’s flagship health service delivery activity, MCSP supports training, supervision, and technical assistance activities to improve the quality of, access to, demand for, and management of facility-based and community based family health services. MCSP/Rwanda will end in December 2017. It is expected that there will be an initial period of overlap between MCSP and RDSA.

Rwanda Health Systems Strengthening Activity (RHSSA) – RHSSA provides support to the MOH and other relevant entities both at the national and district levels in critical areas of the health system that are necessary for attaining sustainability. Strong collaboration between RSDA and RHSSA is expected. RSDA shall coordinate closely with the RHSSA on systems strengthening activities (particularly those related to IR 3 of the results framework). There should be a clear delineation and complementarity of the focus areas for each activity, with RSDA focusing primarily on the operationalization of policies at district, facility, and community level; where there may be potential overlap in district-level activities, clear delineations should be defined during the implementation plan development process.

Rwanda Social Marketing Program (RSMP) – As one of USAID/Rwanda’s key Activities focused on Social and behavior change, RSMP implements social marketing of condoms and behavior change approaches in the areas of family planning, maternal and child health and malaria. RSMP has a strong presence at the community level and may have some geographic overlap with RSDA. RSDA should coordinate closely with RSMP and the MOH in the development and dissemination of key messages related to maternal, child survival, family planning and malaria.

Breakthrough Action - Breakthrough Action focuses on providing technical assistance in social behavioral research, design and evaluation of the social and behavior change communication (SBCC) approaches messages developed under RSMP. RSDA is expected to coordinate closely with Breakthrough Action, via RSMP, in the development, dissemination and research of key RMNCH and malaria SBCC approaches (i.e .

Global Health Supply Chain - Procurement, Supply and Management (GHSC-PSM) – USAID/Rwanda is a key contributor of family planning, HIV and malaria commodities, as well as maternal and child health equipment, in Rwanda. GHSC-PSM is the implementing mechanism for this support. The availability of commodities and equipment is critical for the effective delivery of health services. Where new interventions supported by RDSA should require specific commodities that are not currently available or that are not available in sufficient quantities, RDSA should coordinate with GHSC-PSM, the MOH, or other donors to advocate for the

provision of necessary commodities and MCH equipment. There is also expected to be limited collaboration at the site level between RSDA and GHSC-PSM.

Gikuriro – USAID/Rwanda’s flagship for integrated nutrition and WASH support to Rwanda aims to improve nutritional status of pregnant and lactating women and children under five years of age through two main objectives; 1) strengthening the capacity of health service providers and districts to achieve improved nutrition outcomes and 2) improving household-level nutrition and hygiene/sanitation behaviors. Gikuriro is essentially a community level project but supports district level planning and works closely with health centers to improve capacity of anthropometric measurements and support could be further strengthened for complementarity and synergy. RSDA should engage with Gikuriro for synergy and complementarity, especially on communication channels and utilization of tools.

Twiyubake - In addition to extensive work with Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Twiyubake supports key SBCCs and messaging related to FP/RH, and disseminates information through outreach, special events, and media. Messages include a focus on healthy timing and spacing of pregnancies. This activity includes a particular focus on adolescent sexual and reproductive health, increasing access to, and demand for FP among youth, this includes support for youth-friendly services in some districts. RSDA should coordinate will work with Twiyubake in developing and updating tools, and implementing quality improvement activities in FP/RH, in order to increase uptake among youth.

Gimbuka, Turengere Abana and Ubaka Ejo - These activities target OVC and their families, and provide social protection, improving health and nutrition behaviors and practices among these populations. With a particular focus of the first 1000 days of life and strengthening resilience of vulnerable households to mitigate adverse social impacts of HIV, poverty and associated social ills. Between them, the partners support 24 of the 30 district of Rwanda. RSDA should strengthen collaboration with these activities to harmonize health and nutrition messaging, maximize service delivery for the target population through a continuum of care and identify synergies in delivering quality care for vulnerable populations. Another possible area of collaboration with these Activities could be around Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW).

Isuku Iwacu - The main objective of Isuku Iwacu is to improve access to and encourage correct and consistent use of household sanitation and hygiene facilities in order to decrease childhood stunting and support the GOR’s work in sanitation. Isuku Iwacu focuses on district wide, private sector-driven household sanitation and hygiene interventions targeting an estimated 500,000 people, while ensuring that an additional 1,000,000 members of the population are using, at a minimum, improved sanitation and living in open-defecation free environments. Isuku Iwacu provides a good foundation for and reinforces nutrition and WASH messaging that RSDA is expected to support at facility level.