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2012 Best Health Care Improvement Report Contest

The USAID Health Care Improvement Project (HCI) seeks stories about from health care providers and implementers in USAID-assisted countries about how you have improved health care in your local setting for HCI's global database on improving health care. The stories, or Improvement Reports, can be entered on the Health Care Improvement Portal at www.hciproject.org/improvement_database. (Sample stories may be viewed at: http://www.hciproject.org/improvement_reports.)

To encourage submission of improvement reports from outside the HCI Project, we are repeating last year's contest for "Best Improvement Report" submitted to the HCI Portal during January and February 2012. (Read the 2011 winning report at: <http://www.hciproject.org/node/2183>.)

Improvement Reports are short stories about specific health care improvement experiences. The format for an improvement report has four parts: 1) Background/problem addressed; 2) Intervention or changes made to address the problem; 3) Results achieved by the intervention; and 4) Lessons—what is the main message you would like to convey to others who may face a similar health care problem.

We are particularly interested in stories with quantitative results related to improving care for women, newborns, and children and for people with tuberculosis, HIV, or other infectious diseases. We are also interested in short video clips to complement your written report that help convey what you learned in your improvement experience.

Prize for the contest winner:

The prize for the best improvement report is all expenses paid for presentation of the improvement report as a poster at the Global Health Council conference July 18-21, 2012 in Washington, DC. The USAID Health Care Improvement Project will assist the winner to prepare the poster, which will be displayed in the poster session of the conference. Covered expenses include travel to Washington, DC, hotel accommodations during the conference, and conference registration fees.

Contest dates:

To be eligible for consideration, the improvement report must be submitted to the HCI Portal between January 20, 2012 and no later than 11:59pm, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, on February 29, 2012. The winner will be notified and then announced on the HCI Portal home page by March 19, 2012.

How to enter:

To enter the contest, participants must first register on the HCI Portal (<http://www.hciproject.org/user/register>) and then submit their improvement report to the HCI Portal's Improvement Database at <http://www.hciproject.org/node/add/improvement-report>. Instructions for submitting an Improvement Report may be downloaded at: <http://www.hciproject.org/sites/default/files/Create-Improvement-Report-Instructions-Jan12.pdf>. Eligible entries must be submitted in English and entered into the Improvement Database during the period January 20-February 29, 2012.

Now accepting videos! Short videos (1-5 minutes) are a powerful way to share patient and providers' experiences and convey the key message for others about a health care improvement intervention. HCI now has a Vimeo page for video hosting, accessible at <http://vimeo.com/improvinghealthcare>. If you have a short video to accompany your written improvement report, please contact hci-info@urc-chs.com for instructions on how to upload your video to the site.

Eligible contest participants:

To be eligible, participants must be a citizen of a USAID-assisted country who is living and working in their home country or another USAID-assisted country. Employees or family members of employees of University Research Co., LLC (URC) or any of its HCI subcontractors (including EnCompass LLC, FHI-360, Health Research Inc., Initiatives Inc., Institute for Healthcare Improvement, and Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs) are not eligible to participate in this contest. Questions about the 2012 Best Health Care Improvement Report Contest can be directed to hci-info@urc-chs.com.