M&E Activity Report

- Participation in the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa-

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We participated in the 17th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa held in Cape Town, South Africa from 7-11 December 2013 under the M&E activity of 2-6 of PDM. The presentation was made by poster (see Annex 1) accepted by the technical committee of the conference.

1. Participants

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2. Schedule

Please see Annex 2 for an itinerary, and Annex 3-1 and 3-2 for programs.

3. Comments

It was a good opportunity to share our experiences and project activities with other participants from other countries. Our poster was one of a few posters presented by council staff based on their routinely collected data for council health services.

During the conference we exchanged our opinions with Tanzanian representatives of NACP and development partners over the studies presented by posters. NACP and we reassured the importance of sharing our experiences with other teams in the model regions once we return to Tanzania. Representatives of NACP said that they were willing to make presentations on their studies in the meeting.

The Bahi staff learned a lot from posters and oral presentations. However, the project believes that they learned more in the process of preparation towards this conference than in the participation itself.

Unfortunately a study tour for M&E activities had been canceled, but, through National QI forum and ICASA, we are convinced that counterparts can learn what they can achieve through a study tour in the process of the preparation towards conferences. Therefore we like to support as many counterparts as possible to participate in the international as well as national conferences. No doubt that it can also be such a motivation for all the counterparts in the project.