About CIRCLE

The Coordinating Implementation Research to Communicate Learning and Evidence (CIRCLE) Project supports USAID’s Health Research Program within the Global Health Bureau’s Office of Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition. CIRCLE provides support for implementation research, stakeholder engagement, expert mobilization and consultation, strategic planning, and knowledge management and research translation. CIRCLE’s goal is to coordinate and support research-to-use activities to improve health outcomes and increase survival of newborns, children and women.

The research-to-use process aims to translate research findings into effective health interventions that can be widely implemented and adopted for greater health impact. The research-to-use pathway employed by the Health Research Program is an iterative process, whereby stakeholder engagement informs applied research and the introduction of new or refined approaches and interventions, leading to sustained scale at country level and collaborative learning at the global level.

HEALTH RESEARCH PROGRAM RESEARCH-TO-USE PATHWAY

CIRCLE’s key achievements thus far:

- **Launched a Developmental Evaluation of USAID/Tanzania’s Boresha Afya Project**, to support program learning and adaptive management efforts to improve health service quality, utilization and efficiency of integrated health care delivery. (ongoing)

- **Supported the Health Research Program carry out two BAA solicitations**, including co-creation workshops using human-centered design.

- **Facilitated the development of USAID’s Global Health Research and Development Strategy**, which outlines USAID’s five-year vision for addressing pressing health and development challenges through research, evaluation, and technology development.

- **Helped advance implementation research** on the scale up of simplified treatments for newborn sepsis in USAID priorities countries. (ongoing)

- **Launched the Zika Health Systems Learning Assessment**, to understand the impact of the Zika outbreak on maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) services in Latin American and Caribbean countries. (ongoing)

- **Increased access to MNCH information** and research to inform implementation through the redesign and launch of the Health Research Program website and resource library. (www.harpnet.org)

- **Launched a multi-country study to assess key drivers of child health** with a focus on understanding the influence of leadership and governance on child health outcomes. (ongoing)

CIRCLE’S EXPERTISE AND MANAGEMENT

CIRCLE’s team has a wealth of expertise in project management and providing technical assistance for implementation research in multiple health areas – MNCH, HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Nutrition, and Zika. For more information about CIRCLE, please contact Project Director Elizabeth MacGregor-Skinner at emacgregorskinner@socialsolutions.biz.