



Disaster Relief, Recovery, and Development Programs

GENERAL M&E UPDATE

Through the JDC Disaster Response and International Development program (known as IDP), JDC aims to respond to both emergency relief and longer-term recovery needs in countries impacted by a major disaster. With the goal of providing the best possible services, JDC has a monitoring system in place for tracking progress toward program and partnership outcomes, summarizing outputs, and helping local partners perform better. This is based on the logic model it develops for each post-disaster recovery program.

The monitoring system includes partnership tracking documents, standardized monitoring reports, and proposal templates for post-disaster contexts.

- ◆ There is a major focus on M&E and data management among all local partners, with the aim of establishing relationships with partners that allow for honest and open discussions about programmatic and operational challenges.
- ◆ JDC professionals placed in the countries are charged with the ongoing monitoring of projects, as well as of capacity building with local partners.
- ◆ As part of the latter strategy, JDC focuses on being a convener among its various partners. This approach increases opportunities to disseminate local knowledge and expertise while developing a network of local organizations implementing disaster response and recovery activities.

The Women's Health Empowerment Program (WHEP)

In 2016, together with Susan G. Komen®, a USA-based partner, JDC began an intensive process of collecting data from the field, both in Hungary and in Bosnia and Herzegovina, on its:

- ◆ Educational programs focusing on the importance of the early detection of breast cancer and healthy living;
- ◆ Provision of direct services, including free mammograms, pap tests, and other checkups through community-based health days; and
- ◆ Patient navigation and support services for women newly diagnosed with breast cancer, survivors immediately post-surgery, and long-term survivors.

The data, which is collected on a semi-annual basis, allows JDC to critically examine its activities and provides new information regarding outcomes; it has already triggered changes in various programs to better address needs on the ground.

Simultaneously, in May 2016, JDC began a survey of participants in three of our core activities: survivor peer-to-peer support groups, educational outreach programs, and community-based health days. The surveys were designed by recent program participants in tandem with the field staff, and they were reviewed by Komen. Initial findings from these surveys are expected early in 2017.

The JDC WHEP program in Bosnia and Herzegovina is also a member of the Komen European Network (KEN®), Komen's network of European Race for the Cure® partners, a group that was formed in late 2015. JDC has been leading KEN's M&E process, which included creating an initial logic model that helped members chart their short- and long-term goals. This has become a critical tool for the network, allowing the members to better articulate their mission, create timelines for program implementation, and reaffirm their commitment to increasing awareness and reducing breast cancer mortality.



Bosniac Muslim women receiving breast cancer mammogram screening during a community-based health day in the remote village of Janjici



PROGRAM FINDINGS

Recovery in the Philippines

Mounted by JDC in response to the devastation wrought by Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013, the Philippines Recovery Program underwent an external evaluation during the summer of 2016. Major findings included:

- ◆ JDC followed best practices in prioritizing the needs of marginalized people, focusing on relatively underserved and/or hard-to-reach areas, pursuing a community-based approach, and acting in partnership with local NGOs.
- ◆ JDC’s financial support enabled its partners to develop new knowledge in previously unfamiliar areas. JDC partners also highly valued the June 2016 partners’ conference, and the opportunity it provided for networking and information sharing.
- ◆ JDC funding enabled its partners to improve the lives of those impacted by the typhoon.
 - Particular achievements include improved standards in school reconstruction, the popularity of community savings groups, the adaptation of new farming techniques, increased integration of people with disabilities, enhanced knowledge of disaster preparedness, and a strong appreciation for new tools in psychosocial support.
- ◆ Most partners included participatory feedback in their interventions and are pursuing phase-out mechanisms – including the community savings groups, organizations for people with disabilities, and disaster preparedness committees—that aim to sustain program content.
- ◆ At least one partner found that JDC helped them improve both their performance reporting and their proposal drafting.