

6QC QUESTIONS, LOGIC and DESIRED RESPONSES

MATERNAL HEALTH

Background to Questions 1 and 2: Maternal deaths remain the leading cause of death for women of reproductive age around the world; one woman dies every minute in pregnancy and childbirth. The main complications of pregnancy and childbirth that lead to death or disability include hemorrhage (bleeding), hypertension, infections, anemia, prolonged labor, and unsafe abortion. Solutions to prevent or treat these complications are known, and include access to family planning, access to a skilled birth attendant (a midwife or health professional with midwifery skills), access to emergency obstetric care and postpartum care.

Post partum hemorrhage is the leading cause of maternal deaths. Fortunately, feasible, low-cost, and evidence-based interventions have been identified to prevent and address postpartum hemorrhaging. A skilled birth attendant who can actively manage the third stage of labor can save the life of a woman by stopping hemorrhage through administering drugs that contract the uterus, applying cord traction and counter traction to the uterus, massaging the uterus through the abdomen, and monitoring for further bleeding. Unfortunately, these life saving drugs are not always readily available. In addition, there is a tremendous gap in many countries in human resources, particularly skilled birth attendants, to address complications and prevent unnecessary deaths. These two questions reveal a great deal about the health system priorities and capacities.

Q1. What was the total amount actually spent nationwide during the last two fiscal years on purchasing/procuring each of the following medications: (a) magnesium sulphate for treating eclampsia, and (b) uterotonics for use for treating post partum hemorrhaging? Please specify which uterotonic (such as oxytocin, misoprostol, ergometrine, etc.) was purchased. Please also include amounts spent by sub-national governments, or indicate clearly if you do not have this information.

	Current Fiscal Year -1 (last fiscal year)	Current Fiscal Year -2 (fiscal year before last fiscal year)
Uterotonics (specify which uterotonic)		
Actual Expenses (national and subnational government)	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency
Magnesium Sulphate		
Actual Expenses (national and subnational government)	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency

Q2. What was the total amount spent during the last two fiscal years for pre-service training of midwives (or midwife equivalents) and how many midwives graduated from pre-service training?

	Current Fiscal Year -1 (last fiscal year)	Current Fiscal Year -2 (fiscal year before last fiscal year)
Pre-service training of midwives (or midwife equivalents)		
Actual Expenses	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency
Number of midwives that graduated from pre-service training	Number of graduates	Number of graduates

DEVELOPMENT AID

Background to Questions 3 and 4: Donors often don't tell recipient countries what they're giving—how much aid, for what purposes, how it will be provided, and so forth. So governments expect to receive aid, but often don't know how much and how useful it will really be. This is such a problem that major donors have jointly agreed to improve the information on their aid flows. Donors first signed an agreement at a high-level meeting on aid effectiveness in Paris in 2005 and reiterated their commitments in another agreement at a meeting in Accra in 2008. They've committed to being more transparent about what they're funding now, as well as provide information on what they plan to fund on a 3 to 5 year rolling basis. These questions are meant to assess how well donors have been living up to their promises.

To make sense, questions 3 and 4 have been formulated in two different ways: one for aid-recipient countries and another for donor countries. Please use the set of questions that best apply to your country.

For Aid-Recipient Countries

Q3. What was the total amount of overseas development assistance received during the last fiscal year from the European Development Fund, the World Bank, and the following three US government agencies: i) the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), ii) the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), and iii) the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Were you notified and if so, what were the dates (month and year) on which each of these agencies notified you (recipient government) about the assistance?

	Current fiscal year -1 (Last Fiscal Year)
European Commission	
Actual Received	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year
World Bank	
Actual Received	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year
PEPFAR	
Actual Received	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year
USAID	
Actual Received	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year
MCC	
Actual Received	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year

Q4. What is the total amount of overseas development assistance committed for the next three fiscal years by the European Development Fund, the World Bank, and the following three US government agencies: i) the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), ii) the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), and iii) the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Were you notified and if so, what are the dates (month and year) on which each of these agencies notified you (recipient government) about the assistance?

	Current Fiscal Year +1	Current Fiscal Year +2	Current Fiscal Year +3
European Development Fund			
Committed	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year
World Bank			
Committed	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year
PEPFAR			
Committed	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year

USAID			
Committed	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year
MCC			
Committed	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year

For Donor Countries

Q3. What was the total amount of overseas development assistance actually provided during the last fiscal year (not your fiscal year, but the fiscal years of each of the relevant recipient government) to each of the following governments: Rwanda, Liberia, Ethiopia, Colombia, and Vietnam, and what were the dates (month and year) on which you notified the governments about the assistance?

	Current Fiscal Year -1 (Last fiscal year)
Rwanda	
Actual Expense	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year
Liberia	
Actual Expense	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year
Ethiopia	
Actual Expense	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year
Colombia	
Actual Expense	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year
Vietnam	
Actual Expense	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year

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	Current Fiscal Year +1	Current Fiscal Year +2	Current Fiscal Year +3
Rwanda			
Commitment	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year
Liberia			
Commitment	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year
Ethiopia			
Commitment	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year
Colombia			
Commitment	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year
Vietnam			
Commitment	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency
Notification Date	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year

ENVIRONMENT

Background to Question 5: Over the last decade, many countries have established a Ministry and apex agencies for the environment. Sometimes these Ministries and agencies are stand-alone institutions. In other cases, their functions are combined with other functions (e.g. Ministry of Forests and Environment or Ministry of Lands, Coasts and Environment). Such Ministries have been established largely in response to the growing importance of the environment and related issues of climate change, hazardous waste and ocean pollution. But many of these Ministries also have domestic responsibilities such as controlling air and water pollution, managing waste and protecting wildlife and forests.

Despite the establishment of these Ministries and agencies, governments have failed to provide them with the necessary budgets to be effective. In many countries, Ministries and agencies responsible for environmental protection and conservation are marginalized, under-funded or have limited power within the government structure to effectively discharge their duties. One indicator that reveals the political commitment, power and stature of these Ministries and agencies, are their actual expenditure as a share of the national budget.

Q5. As a share of the national budget, what was the total amount actually spent on all national agencies in charge of environmental protection and conservation during the last two fiscal years?

	Current Fiscal Year -1 (last fiscal year)	Current Fiscal Year -2 (fiscal year before last fiscal year)
Environmental Protection Agencies		
Total expenditures as share of the national budget	Percentage of national budget	Percentage of national budget

Background to Question 6: By deploying the public budget in pursuit of public policy objectives, governments offer inducements to the economy to favour some things and to avoid others. These economic inducements —usually in the form of subsidies— are often first given in response to a crisis and the action often has strong political support. However, subsidies soon become entitlements and it is difficult to remove them, even when the purpose for which they were first approved is no longer a reality. To make matters worse, subsidies are a form of rent, and like any rent, they tend to be captured by the most powerful and influential.

The case of subsidies to fossil fuels is worse. Very large sums (hundreds of billions of dollars each year) are deployed, supposedly to make transport or cooking fuel cheaper in poorer countries and to accelerate the production of new sources in the richer countries. In reality, they represent a massive inducement to prefer fossil fuels over cleaner alternatives, with many of the benefits not boosting energy security nor going to the poorest, but into the pockets of the more privileged in society. They represent an enormous inducement to behave in ways that undermine the struggle to control climate change, and they tilt the playing field against renewable energy, energy conservation or greater energy efficiency. There is nothing that would more quickly and more effectively boost efforts to avoid catastrophic climate change than the elimination of subsidies to fossil fuel production and consumption.

Note: Subsidies include financial transfers from the public purse, income foregone by the public purse, and transfers from consumers to producers (or vice versa) induced by public policies (such as import tariffs or export restrictions).

Q6. What was the total amount actually incurred during the past three fiscal years on subsidies for oil, gas and coal production and consumption?

	Current Fiscal Year -1	Current Fiscal Year -2	Current Fiscal Year -3
Oil			
Actual	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency
Gas			
Actual	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency
Coal			
Actual	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency	Amount in local currency