Author's response to reviews

Title: Assessing the Relevance, Efficiency, and Sustainability of HIV/AIDS In-Service Training in Nigeria

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Dear HRH Editorial Team,

Thank you for the careful and thorough review of our article. The new draft in this re-submission attempts to respond to all of the suggestions offered by the reviewers. Below, please find a summary of how suggestions from each reviewer were addressed in the text.

Reviewer 1

- Discretionary revision 1: We have added additional information that further describes how the MEASURE Evaluation stakeholder engagement process was adapted for this project.
- Discretionary revision 2: We have added additional information on the development of the IST Improvement Framework.
- Discretionary revision 3: We added some language to explain the nature of the technical difficulties with the online platform.
- Discretionary revision 4: We added a few clarifying sentences about why some IPs may report that a national curriculum exists in areas in which other IPs report that there is no national curriculum.
- Discretionary revision 5: The survey conducted was primarily quantitative. Most of the qualitative data that was collected has already been included in the report.
- Discretionary revision 6: We have added additional details about coordination among partners.
- Discretionary revision 7: We have changed the title to “Assessing the Relevance, Efficiency, and Sustainability of PEPFAR Funded HIV/AIDS In-Service Training in Nigeria

Reviewer 2

- Revision 1: We have added additional details about coordination among partners.

Reviewer 3:

- Point 1: The design and scope and of the study did not allow for an evaluation of the impact of the training on the overall HIV/AIDS situation and health outcomes and although the aim of PEPFAR support is to improve services and reduce the HIV/AIDS burden in Nigeria, it is difficult to attribute improvements in these areas to training alone. However we have suggested in the conclusions that improved funding for evaluation could provide opportunities to examine the extent to which the training has improved the quality of HIV/AIDS services and the overall HIV/AIDS situation.
- Point 2: We have added language to clarify that the 39 respondents and 15 non-respondents reflect PEPFAR funded implementing partners in Nigeria.
- Point 3: The survey conducted was primarily quantitative. Most of the qualitative data that was collected has already been included in the report.
- Point 4: We have added additional information to clarify that surveys were accepted through November of 2012. We have not added information about the cost to conduct the survey for proprietary reasons.

Thank you so much for your time and attention. Please let us know if there is anything else you need.

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