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## Facilitating Collaborations Within The Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Immunization Project (MSFWIP) By Implementing a Pilot Online Secure Discussion Forum

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**Introduction:** The MSFWIP currently provides free vaccine to providers serving Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers (MSFWs) and their adult family members. A number of MSFWIP providers have achieved success in delivering vaccines to this vulnerable population by utilizing intra-project collaborations. In an effort to foster intra-project collaborations, the MSFWIP implemented a pilot online secure discussion forum that was launched in February. The forum allows MSFWIP providers to directly communicate with other MSFWIP providers, MSFWIP staff, and Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Health Program (MSFWHP) staff.

**Methods:** I conducted five conference calls with MSFWIP providers, MSFWIP staff and MSFWHP staff to assess attitudes about using a secure online discussion forum and solicit feedback about the content and structure of the forum. I coordinated four discussion forum group trainings, created and distributed a follow-up power point presentation, and conducted individual training sessions.

**Conclusions/Recommendations:** Conversations and questions have been posted to the discussion forum since the February Launch. Also, interest in participating in the secure discussion forum has grown. The online secure discussion forum has the potential to be very beneficial to MSFWIP providers, MSFWIP staff, and MSFWHP staff, because it facilitates secure communication between various migrant stakeholders. Also, intra-project communication enables providers to identify other providers in their catchment area and formulate collaborations with those providers. However, in order to maintain sustainability of the secure discussion forum, the MSFWIP will need to explore adding an incentive feature. The incentive may include using the forum to offer continuing education credits.