

The Motion Tracker

POLICY BRIEF

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BUILDING A COMMON AGENDA: DRIVE TOWARDS ACHIEVING UGANDA'S FP2020 COMMITMENTS

Introduction

Uganda has shown commitment to improving family planning information and services through making commitments at the London Summit for Family Planning (FP2020). FP2020 is an outcome of the 2012 London summit on FP where more than 20 governments made commitments to address the financing, policy, delivery and socio-cultural barriers to women accessing contraceptive information, services and supplies. Since then, the number of countries with FP2020 commitments has grown to 41. Five years later on, at the anniversary of the London Summit, the international community gathered for the 2017 London Summit for safer, healthier, empowered features to renew its commitment to the FP2020 partnership, growing to include more than 120 making partners

The Motion Tracker is a result of the lessons learned and best practices during implementation of the proof-of-concept project titled 'Uganda Commitments Initiative' that was later successfully scaled-up in Tanzania and Zambia in 2016. The Motion tracker is a customized dynamic framework for strengthening accountability and driving action by keeping commitments visible and highlighting progress while fostering partner participation, engagement and ownership to address bottlenecks to achieving commitments (see Figure 1). To-date the Motion Tracker is being implemented in 7 countries.

This policy brief summarizes the progress being made towards achieving Uganda commitments to FP2020 for FY 2018/19 reporting period July- December 2018 focusing on partner participation and engagement.



Figure 1: Motion tracker: Six Steps to greater accountability

PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT OF UGANDA'S FP2020 COMMITMENTS (JULY-DECEMBER, 2018)

Finance

- Government of Uganda recommits to allocate \$5 million annually from domestic resources for procurement and distribution of a range of FP supplies and RH commodities up to the health facility (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK**

For the FY 2018/19, the Government of Uganda allocated US\$16,000,000,000 (\$4.3million USD) for the procurement, storage and distribution of reproductive health commodities (Medroxyprogesterone acetate and Safe Maternity Delivery kits) to NMS vote 116 as evidenced in Health Policy Ministerial Statement (MPS) FY 2018/2019

The funds were allocated on Vote 116 specifically vote function output 15. This commitment was as a result of advocacy efforts from MOH RHD, MOH- Pharmacy Division, NMS, CSBAG, PPD-ARO, A4HU, RHU, UFPC, PPDARO, NAWMP, NPC, WRA, Amref Health Africa, Samasha, UFPBAG, Save for Health and UNFPA.

- Government commits to raise \$20 million annually through continued partnership with development agencies and the private sector –Renewed FP2020 ON TRACK**

The total fund mobilized from development partners in FY 2018/19 (during the reporting period of July to December 2018) was \$ 9,439,255 USD. This was mobilized from United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) that committed \$3,123,567 USD United States Agency for International Development (USAID) committed \$ 4,300,041 USD and anonymous donor that committed \$ 2,015,649 USD that procured FP contraceptives as shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Distribution of Contraceptive by funding source from July - December 2018

Method	Quantity	Value	Funding source
Condoms- Female (pieces)	137,000	\$78,810	UNFPA
Condoms – Male (pieces)	81,360,000	\$2,015,649	Other
Condoms- Male (Pieces)	74,454,000	\$2,177,834	USAID
IUDs (pieces)	225,000	\$78,860	UNFPA
Implants (pieces)	116,088	\$992,579	UNFPA
Implants (pieces)	95,904	\$978,445	USAID
Injectables (doses)	1,541,000	\$1,372,003	UNFPA
Inectables (doses)	1,251,200	\$1,143,762	USAID
Orals – Combined (cycles)	2,500,008	\$552,780	UNFPA
Orals – Emergency (doses)	151,200	\$23,250	UNFPA
Orals – Progestin Only (cycles)	68,040	\$25,285	UNFPA

Source; UNFPA RH Interchange (www.myrhaccess.org) viewed 27th May, 2019

3. Annual review of country's needs conducted and funding gaps identified (Old FP2020) ON TRACK

The annual funding gaps were determined from the National FP-CIP that showed a funding gap of \$ 21,950,000 USD for contraceptives in FY 2018/2019 ; while the RMNCAH Quantification and supply plans forecasted the contraceptive need for public sector as \$9.5m. With support from UNFPA, MoH- RHD, FP/RHCS, RMNCAH Coalition, MPM, MoH-Pharmacy Division and QPPU.

4. Funding gaps addressed by Donors (Old FP2020) ACHIEVED

The donor contributions mobilized towards RH for FY2018/19 amount to \$ 60.3million (\$50.9m from DFID for FP programming, \$3m from UNFPA, USAID \$4.3m USD and \$2.0m from anonymous donor for contraceptives. Other members that contributed were CHAI, DFID and MoH- Pharmacy Division.

5. Budgetary allocation and tracking to ensure procurement of a range of FP supplies and commodities especially the Long Acting and Reversible Contraceptives-(Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

FP partners are lobbying with the Parliamentary Committee (on health) to ensure that Government includes USD 5 million in the 2019/2020 Health budget and handling fees for ADS, with support from UNFPA, PPD-ARO, WRA, HEPS-Uganda, CHAI, UFPC, PPDARO, RHU, MOH, CSBAG.

6. Capacity building on RBF for both the central and district stakeholders (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

MOH and Enabel is implementing the Results-based financing (RBF). MoH conducted an evaluation of health facilities for the next phase of RBF. There is a fully functioning RBF at the planning department at MOH

7. FP/RH Supplies procured, stored and distributed (FP2020) ACHIEVED

National Medical Stores (NMS) and JMS have warehouses for the storage of RH commodities that are distributed to health facilities, other partners like UCMB and UPMB supported in the procurement of some FP commodities.

8. Development of an accountability mechanism to monitor implementation of the RBF grant (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

Ministry of Health and Enabel are implementing RBF in 83 districts with an RBF Unit in place that provides progress to the MCH cluster and RBF Steering Committee.

9. Implementation of innovative financing schemes (FP2020 renewed) ON TRACK

MOH and Enabel are implementing the RBF scheme. Save for Health, Marie Stopes International and UPMB are implementing Community Health Insurance scheme. Advocacy efforts ongoing for the National Health Insurance scheme. With support from NAWMP, PPDARO, A4HU, UFPC RHU, Samasha, HEPS Uganda, WRA, NPC, Amref Health Africa.

- 10. Ensure RBF focal operational unit to support development and implementation of work plans and verification of invoices, certify invoices and disburse in accordance with guidelines (Renewed FP2020)**

ON TRACK

Ministry of Health has an active RBF focal unit in the Planning Department to support scale-up and its institutionalization in addition, Ministry of Health and WHO signed agreements with 21 RBF districts and start-up funds totaling to Shs 2.9b were disbursed. This is supported by MoFPED.

- 11. Raising awareness of the voucher programme including geographical location and groups targeted; increased financing of FP voucher schemes (Renewed FP2020)** **ON TRACK**

Abt Associates through USAID/Uganda Voucher Plus Activity carried out community sensitization and client referral for services by VHTs. With support from MSIU and Save the Children.

- 12. Commit a percentage 10% of the annual health sector budget to adolescent SRH. (Renewed FP2020)** **NOT ACHIEVED**

There were no funds specifically allocated to adolescent health SRH on the FY2018/19 annual health sector budget. FP partners are engaged in advocacy efforts aimed at increasing domestic resources for RMNCAH in the FY 2018/2019. With support from MoH, WRA, UYAFH, RAHU, CSBAG.

- 13. Ensure allocation of at least 10% percent of the RMNCAH (GFF) resources annually to adolescent FP (Renewed FP2020)** **NOT ACHIEVED**

No information for quarter.

- 14. RH Sub-Account operational (Old FP2020)** **ACHIEVED**

The RH Sub-account that was set up under the National Health accounts (NHA), is operational. The NHA report for FY 2014/15 and FY 2015/16 was presented and validated in July 2018 to partners. Next round of the NHA in process.

- 15. Quarterly Funds released from MoFPED (Old FP2020)** **ACHIEVED**

Fund for all the quarters for FY 2018/19, were released by MoFPED.

Leadership and Governance

- 1. Regulation, oversight and cohesion on training of Health Care Workers including in the provision of new methods (Renewed FP2020)** **ON TRACK**

A training module has been embedded onto the iHRIS system (<http://hris.health.go.ug>) on training of health workers. With support from MoH RHD, Intrahealth, CHAI, FHI 360, Wellshare International, Path, USAID funded RHITES and MOH.

- 2. Strengthen inter-ministerial and partner coordination to provide FP to high burden and hard to reach populations including (refugees, young girls. Islands, mountains)Renewed FP2020)** **ON TRACK**

Inter-Ministerial committees meet regularly and coordinated efforts by OPM in improving access to FP. With support from UK-AID, UNFPA, SRHR alliance.

3. Strengthen performance management and monitoring of health workers (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

IntraHealth, with funding from UNICEF and KOICA, worked closely with 1 million CHEWS Campaign. UNICEF and MOH developed the iHRIS system that is implemented to track the health workforce. With support from MOH, ACHEST, UMDPC, UNMC, UAHPC, UFPC.

4. Prioritize efforts geared towards harnessing the demographic dividend (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

NPC developed the Roadmap for harnessing the demographic dividend. With support from UNFPA, MUSPH, UYAFH.

5. Declassification of Injectable Contraceptives (FP2020) ON TRACK

Updates and lessons learned from the pilot are shared by taskforce members chaired by MOH, FHI360, as secretariat, NPC, Jhpiego, Marie Stopes, RHU, UFPC, UHMG, Path and NDA

6. Commit to prioritize young people in Uganda's development Agenda (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

UN Country Team conducted a midterm evaluation of UNDAF between July and November with support from UNDP. Other IPs involved are NPC, Enabel and AAH-I

Service Delivery

1. Evidence on current coverage as a baseline to increase coverage (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

The current coverage is being tracked through the UDHS every five years, PMA 2020 every year and Track 20 every year. Awaiting results from PMA2020 (Round 7) and Track20 (2018). With support from MUSPH, MOH

2. Districts supported to develop FP Costed Implementation Plans (FP CIPs) and mobilise resources (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

For FY 2018/19 (July- December 2018), 36 districts developed districts Family Planning – Costed implementation Plans. With support from CUAMM, UNFPA, NPC, Samasha, RHU, PPD-ARO, UFPC, HEPS-Uganda and Plan International.

3. Implementing the SBCC strategy for increasing demand (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

There is ongoing implementation of SBCC strategy for increasing demand. With support from NTHIC, CDFU, Youth Alive, UYAFPAH, UYAHF.

4. Improve the generation and use of quality and timely national data on FP (FP2020) ON TRACK

Different partners have generated and used quality data and these include; Abt Associates, Wellshare International, APC/JSI/FHI360/Path, BAMA, Pathfinder International and Engenderhealth.

5. Use a Multi-sectoral approach to implement the national Adolescent Health Policy Action Plan to increase access to quality sexual and reproductive health services for adolescents and young people (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

UCMB and UPMB in collaboration with Institute for Reproductive health convened a meeting to strengthen capacity in FP service delivery by Faith Based Organisations. With support from MoH, MOES, MOGLSD, MOLG, OPM, WRA, RHU, RAHU, Youth Alive, CHAU, UYAFPAH Mildmay Uganda, Pathfinder International and HEPS Uganda

6. Framework to guide districts and advocacy to interest districts in the challenge Initiative (Renewed FP2020) ACHIEVED

14 urban authorities involved in the Challenge Initiative and a framework been developed to guide the districts. With support from Jhpiego through Tupange for Better Cities project

7. Support implementation of a total market Approach to delivery of family planning services (FP2020) NOT ACHIEVED

The TMA strategy is pending approval by Senior Management-MoH. However, PSI with support from UNFPA are implementing the Total Market approach.

8. Strengthen community systems including engaging religious and cultural structures, Community Health Extension Workers (CHEWs) and family units to disseminate age appropriate messages and gender barriers to utilization of FP services (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

Different partners have engaged in disseminating age appropriate messages and gender barriers to utilization of FP services. With support from USAID- CHC, UHMG, Wellshare International, UCMB, UPMB Uganda Pediatric Association, MOH, Center for Health Research and Programs, MuSPH , Abt Associates, UYAFPAH, HEPS Uganda, CDFU, RHU, IYAFP, Child Development Centers, Pathfinder International and Path.

9. Train Community Health Workers on provision of FP (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

With support from Wellshare International, Path, Pathfinder International, Tusitukirewamu, USAID Voucher Plus Activity, Jhpiego, Engenderhealth and Uganda Youth Coalition on Adolescent SRHR and HIV trained Community Health Workers in their catchment areas on provision of FP.

10. Train providers on youth friendly service provision to reduce provider biases (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

NTHIC trained health workers in provision of youth friendly services, other organisations that trained health workers are; Engenderhealth trained and mentored health workers while organisations like SRHR Alliance members advocated for this service.

Access To Essential Medicines

1. **Generation of accurate data to improve quantification, procurement and distribution of commodities through both the National Medical Stores and the Alternative Distribution System (ADS) (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK**

Different partners supported the implementation and conducted studies/surveys to address the issues of FP commodities stock outs. The partners that engaged include; CUAMM, A4HU IDI, CHAI, MSH, Path, FHI 360, NMS, UHMG, UNFPA, PSM (Chemonics), Path, CHAI.

2. **Distribute DMPA-SQ through both public and private sector channels and scale up new innovative methods like self-injection with DMPA-SQ (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK**

MOH partnered with several organisations like USAID, Path, Wellshare International, APC (JSI/FHI360/USAID), MSH UNFPA, PSM, CHAI and other FP/RHCS group members MSH-UHSC, NMS, DKT International and CDFU for the national scale up of Subcutaneous DMPA acetate (DMPA SC) that can be used at facility, community levels including self-injection.

3. **Review the national procurement plan every 6 months (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK**

MOH issued circular to NMS regarding DMPSC quantities to be distributed for each district.

4. **Strengthen the quantification committee (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK**

MOH and partners are preparing for a three year national quantification and supply planning activity. The self-Injection advocacy group met for the first time to confirm its terms and reference and discuss development of the Uganda self-Injection advocacy strategy for Uganda. The team will meet monthly or more frequently as needed.

5. **Include costs of warehousing and distribution of FP commodities through the Alternative Distribution System in the MOH annual budget (Renewed FP2020) NOT ACHIEVED**

FY 2018/19, there was no money allocated for costs of warehousing and distribution of FP commodities through the distribution channel, however, there are ongoing advocacy efforts to include the costs in FY 2019/2020

6. **Create regional hubs for partners to pick products NOT ACHIEVED (Renewed FP2020) NOT ACHIEVED**

No Information for this quarter

7. **Fast track the development of an on-line ordering system (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK**

MSH trained health workers in selected facilities the use of comprehensive LMIS system (Rx solutions) which is currently being used by some. However there is need for it to be popularized. NMS currently uses MACS Warehouse Management System (WMS).

8. **Health workers in HC IIs and IIIs trained on quantification and ordering (FP 2020) ON TRACK**

CHAI confirmed receipt of funding to close the scale-up training gap. During their budget development, implementation modalities and work plans.

9. **More organizations contributing to Alternative Distribution Strategy for FP and RH commodities (FP2020) ON TRACK**

Joint Medical Stores is being used as the Alternate distribution ware house for the PNFPs. Due to consistent and deliberate sensitization, more PNFPs and private sector health facilities are receiving commodities through this channel

10. Implementation of Pull system at HC IIs and IIIs (FP2020) ON TRACK

MSH-Uganda Health Supply Chain (UHSC) project disseminated a pilot study of the order based (pull) EMHS supply system at HCIIIs and IIs in selected districts.

Human Resources For Health

1. Strengthening and scale up bonding scheme for midwives in the hard to reach areas (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

CUAMM is carrying out bonded schemes for midwives in their catchment of Karamoja. UNFPA also supported training of midwives in target districts.

2. Improve working conditions at health facility level (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

Different partners like WRA, Achest, Amref, Intrahealth, ACODEV, ACHEST and BAMA advocated for supportive working conditions and remuneration of health workers.

3. Recruit, deploy and retain critical cadres (e.g. Midwives) in hard to reach areas (FP2020) ON TRACK

MOH Human Resource Department ensures that there are qualified health workers in hard to reach areas. Other IPs supporting this are RHU, UNFPA, UNMC, ACORD, CUAMM, Intrahealth, MSIU, MTI, AAH-I.

4. Refresher training on SRH/FP/HIV/AIDS/GBV services (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

USAID/Uganda Voucher Plus Activity, UNICEF, MoH, MTI, EngenderHealth, Jhpiego, CHAI, CARE International, Pathfinder International, IDI, Engenderhealth, SRHR Alliance, Tusitukirewamu, RHU, Rural Ambitions Program, UHMG, Raising Voices, Action Aid provided refresher training and mentorship for Health Workers in the different locations.

5. Provide risk allowances, housing facilities, rural electrification (Renewed FP2020) ON TRACK

The Government of Uganda through the rural transformation project that is implemented by MEMD has extended power to rural and hard to reach health facilities.

6. Expanding the cadres of skilled workforce to provide quality FP services and methods, including Long Acting and reversible and permanent contraceptives (FP2020) ON TRACK

DMPA-SC self-Injection training video has been developed in English and three local languages and available on youtube or by request from Path and JSI.

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