The Motion Tracker

POLICY BRIEF

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BUILDING A COMMON AGENDA: DRIVE TOWARDS ACHIEVING UGANDA'S EWEC GLOBAL STRATEGY COMMITMENTS

Introduction

Uganda has shown commitment to improving maternal and child health through making commitments at Every Woman Every Child (EWEC) movement

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 EWEC Global Strategy 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 EWEC Commitments FY 2018/19 (July-Dec 2018)

Finance

Fifteen (15) % of Government budget allocated to health annually (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK According to the National Budget Framework paper Pg.24, Uganda's total budget for FY 2018/19 was UGX 29.274 Trillion. Of this, UGX 1.636.1 Trillion was allocated to health, an equivalent of only 7.4%, which does not meet the 15% GoU allocation as set in the Abuja Declaration of 2001.
With support from Ministry of Health, UFPC, Fowode, UNHCO, White Ribbon Alliance and CSBAG.

Leadership and Governance

Implement gender-responsive policies (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK
MoGLSD in partnership with UNDP developed a responsive policy that is yet to be implemented.

2. Multi-sectoral partnerships strengthened (EWEC, 2016) ON TRACK

Multi-sectoral partnerships encouraged to leverage our limited resources. First-ever National presidential dialogue on quality of health services was held that attracted over 400 people from different sectors and organisations. With support from Path- ABH and UPAQHES, REACH, UNHCR

3. Development of Gender and Human rights policy guidelines in health (EWEC, 2016) ON TRACK

Gender and Human rights approach adapted in health policy development. Special sessions were held in 14 districts in Uganda. With support from UNFPA, JLOS

4. Implementation of National Sexuality Framework (EWEC 2016) NOT ACHIEVED

Consultations still ongoing with key actors. CEHURD conducted a stakeholder dialogue on the National Sexuality Education framework and it was attended by legislators, policy makers, and technical people from different line ministries, civil society organisations, lawyers among others. With support from MOES, MoH, RHU, RAHU, CEHURD, UYAFH, NTHIC, Mama's Club

Service Delivery

I. Incentive scheme for retention of health workers in hard-to-reach and underserved areas (EWEC,2016)

ON TRACK

MoH Health Service Commission developed an e-recruitment system in order to enhance efficiency and effectiveness, and subsequently responsiveness to the needs and expectations of its clients. In January, 2018, HSC advertised various positions in the underserved areas.

2. Universal Access To Llins By All Families (Ewec, 2016) ACHIEVED

Ministry of Health distributed free mosquito nets to over 38million people under the 'Chase Malaria' campaign that ended in March 2018. Preliminary results indicated over 95% coverage in all districts. With support from MOH-National Malaria Control Program (NMCP), Global Fund, DFID through UNICEF, USAID/PMI, Against Malaria Foundation and AIDS Support Organization, MAPD, Jhipego, Malaria Consortium, AAH-I, MTI, Malaria Consortium.

3. All hospitals offer comprehensive EmONC at 100% (EWEC, 2016) ON TRACK

The Annual Health Sector Performance Report FY 2017/18 indicated a total of 17,729 C/S were performed by 78% (142/186) of the reporting HCs. Different partners continue to support hospitals in order to provide comprehensive CEMONC services. With support from CUAMM/UNICEF, Abt Associates, IDI, MTI, UPMB and UCMB.

4. All HCIIIs offer Basic EmONC (EWEC, 2016) ON TRACK

Capacity building and procurement of basic supplies been provided to selected HC IIIs, in addition there has been provision of health services in selected Health facilities. With support from Abt Associates, Cuamm/UNICEF and EngenderHealth, MTI, AAH-I, MOH.

5. All HCIVs offer Comprehensive EmONC up to 50% (EWEC, 2011) ON TRACK

The Annual Health Sector Performance Report FY 2017/18 reported that 87 out of 186 (48%) HC IVs carried out C/S and offered blood transfusion during FY 2017/18 and are thus considered to have been providing CEmONC services With support from Cuamm, Abt Associates, MOH, Amref Health Africa.

6. Increased demand for FP services (EWEC, 2011) ON TRACK

There are ongoing demand generation activities using IPC and SBCC interventions by different implementing partners. With support from Abt Associates, RHU, MarieStopes, Path, CDFU, UCMB, UPMB, Wellshare International, Fowode, UPMA, Heps Uganda, Better Hag Uganda, UYAFH, UYAFPAH, RAHU, PSI, FHI360, Youth Alive Uganda, Pathfinder International, CHAU and EngenderHealth.

7. Trained health workers on EmONC available at all health centre IIIs, IVs and hospitals (EWEC 2011 and 2016) ON TRACK

Different partners have provided trainings through on-job trainings, mentorships and CMEs. With support from Cuamm/ UNICEF, USAID ASSIST, Abt Associates, USAID Voucher Plus Activity, BAMA, Plan International, EngenderHealth and Amref Health Africa.

8. Uganda National Ambulance Service Operationalized (EWEC, 2016) ON TRACK

Ministry of Health has operationalized the Uganda National Ambulance Services, however, it was re-aligned to Emergency Medical Services. Currently being piloted at KCCA headquarters which operates the Kampala Metropolitan area before roll-out to other parts of the country. With support from KCCA.

9. All EmONC facilities have access to a functional Ambulance (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK

Implementing partners are supporting districts through the referral system. With support from Cuamm/UNICEF, IDI, MTI, Abt Associates, UCMB, UPMB, UMMB and Uganda Red Cross Society).

10. Roll-out Results Based Financing at EmONC Health facilities (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK

Ministry of Health evaluated more districts to be added on the RBF scheme. With support from Enabel, Abt Associates.

11. Number of SDPs providing FP services (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK

MuSPH carried a study that showed that there were 653 SDPs 90.5 of which were providing Family Planning services. Other partners with SDPs were, Wellshare International, PSI, Pathfinder International, WRA, EngenderHealth, Jhpiego.

12. All HCIIIs, IVs and hospitals offering LARCs (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK

Ministry of Health promotes FP method mix. With support from NMS, JMS, PSI and Pathfinder International.

13. Service providers trained on provision of LARCS and PMs by level of care (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK

Continuous refresher trainings of health workers is undertaken on comprehensive FP including LARCs. With support from Pathfinder and Jhpiego.

14. Implementation of community based IMNCI (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK

Community based IMNCI is important to preventing and treating causes of child deaths. With support from Pathfinder International, Malaria Consortium, Save The Children, WorldVision, Livinggoods, BRAC, HEPS Uganda and MTI.

15. Strengthen the routine immunization services with focus on low coverage districts (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK

Ministry of Health is focusing on health promotion and disease prevention hence the decision to strengthen routine immunization schedules. Other implementing partners supporting this activity are; Cuamm, Enabel, UPMB, UCMB, UMMB, MTI, AAH-I and Abt Associates.

16. Scale up of the introduction of new vaccines (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK

MOH- UNEPI has introduced new vaccine (Rotavirus) in the EPI schedule. They have also functionalized 5 new vaccine sentinel surveillance sites. With support from GoU, GAVI WHO, UNICEF, CHAI, AFNET, and MCSP

17. Supplementary immunization activities for routine vaccines conducted (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK

MoH-UNEPI carried out Supplementary Immunization Activities periodically to interrupt the transmission and spread of diseases such as Measles, Polio and Meningitis (MNT) in October. With support from Pathfinder, CUAMM, AAH, MTI, GAVI WHO, UNICEF, CHAI, AFNET, and MCSP.

18. Implementation of adolescent Health Strategy (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK

The National Health Policy for Adolescents, 2018 is yet to be presented to the Senior management at Ministry of Health for approval. With support from UYAHF, UYAFPAH, NTHIC, RAHU, RHU, Samasha, UFPC, Marie stopes, CEHURD, Naguru Teenage Center, SRHR Alliance, Mama's Club, Pace/ PSI, PPG, UCMB, Peer to Peer Uganda, EngenderHealth and Wellshare International.

- 19. All health facilities offering eMTCT services (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK
 - In 2017, more than 97% of HIV-positive pregnant women received antiretroviral drugs to reduce the risk of mother-to-child transmission. With support from CHAI, USAID Abt Associates, Pathfinder International, UPMA, MTI
- 20. All health facilities offering ANC 4+ contacts to 45% (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK

 WHO recommends 8 contacts in order to reduce perinatal mortality and improve women's experience of care. With support from Cuamm/Unicef, Abt Associates, UCMB, UPMB, UMMB MTI, Pathfinder and UCMB
- 21. All health facilities offering the first ANC contact before 4th month of pregnancy (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK WHO and Ministry of Health recommends to reduce perinatal mortality and improve women's experience of care. With support from UCMB, MTI, Abt Associates and Pathfinder International.
- 22. All HCs implementing Integrated Management of Newborn Illnesses (IMNCI) (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK WHO and Ministry of Health recommends implementation of IMCI and is implementing it in the public facilities.

 Other partners implementing are Malaria consortium, MTI, Pathfinder International, Plan International.
- 23. Develop a comprehensive multi-sectoral plan to tackle nutrition problems in the country (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK

The Multi-sectoral nutrition plan expired in 2016 and process to develop another is nearly complete. With support from OPM, MAAIF, MOLG, MOES, USAID, UNICEF, WFP and UK aid

ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL MEDICINES

- Availability of ORS and Zinc for prevention of diarrhea at all levels of care (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK Treatment of diarrhea is more effective with ORS and Zinc MOH. With support from Pathfinder International, MTI, UPMB and Cuamm.
- Availability of EmONC equipment, medicines and supplies at all Health Centre IIIs,
 IVs and hospitals (EWEC, 2016) ON TRACK
 Different partners supported selected health facilities with EmONC equipment and supplies. With support from

Abt Associates, VSO, WRA, Plan International and Acodev.

HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH

- I. Health workers in hard to reach/underserved areas trained on basic EmONC (EWEC 2011) ON TRACK Implementing partners are supporting the Ministry of Health in training health workers. With support from Cuamm/ UNICEF, VSO, ACODEV, CHAI, EGPAF, Amref Health Africa, UPMA and Care International.
- 2. Skilled health workers recruited and available in the hard to reach and underserved areas (EWEC 2016) ON TRACK

Ministry of health recommends skilled and qualified health workers in hard to reach areas.

They have recruited qualified health workers in these areas. With support from Abt Associates, RHU and UPMA.

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