

## Building a Common Agenda: Uganda Commitments Initiative

### Theme: Celebrating Success

The Government of Uganda made RH related commitments at Every Woman Every Child- EWEC (2011), London Family Planning Conference – FP 2020 (2012) and the UN Commission on Life Saving Commodities- UNCoLSC (2013). Samasha Medical Foundation working together with Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition (RHSC) developed a Commitments Compendium. The Compendium is a compilation of explicit and implicit statements from the Commitments made. Based on the Compendium, the commitments were deconstructed into implementable activities that can be monitored. The Commitment Compendium and deconstructed commitments were presented at a stakeholder meeting at Imperial Royale Hotel in April 2014 for validation and ownership. The Indicators developed from the deconstructed commitments led to the development of the Motion Tracker (<http://www.ugandarhpromises.org>). The Motion Tracker was presented at Imperial Royale Hotel in April 2015 for validation and was adapted as the most feasible and practical tool for monitoring progress made towards achievement of these Commitments.

The Motion Tracker was launched in September, 2015 with 27 organisations showcasing their contribution towards achievement of the RH-related GoU Commitments. Currently, the number of organisations contributing to the commitments has increased to 64 organisations<sup>1</sup>

In March 2016, Samasha in partnership with Plan International built capacity for local CSOs to track commitments and developed an advocacy plan using the Uganda Commitments Initiative

methodology and capacity building tools. The methodology and capacity building tools are a result of the experience and lessons learnt during the implementation of the Uganda Commitment Initiative.

#### Key Milestones of the Uganda Commitment Initiative

- Developed a Commitments Compendium
- Developed a tracking mechanism through the Motion Tracker ([www.ugandarhpromises.org](http://www.ugandarhpromises.org))
- Have held four stakeholder meetings
- Has increased partners reporting on their contribution to commitments from 23 in September 2015 to 64 in April 2016
- Has increased awareness of the different contributions made by partners to the commitments
- Developed a methodology, facilitator guides and Participant Manuals for replication in other countries ( Burkina Faso is in advanced stages of replicating the Uganda Commitment Initiative)
- Most recently, it was adapted as a FP 2020 resource tool for Uganda during the April FP 2020 Focal Points meeting held in Uganda.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to [www.ugandarhpromises.org](http://www.ugandarhpromises.org)

## PROGRESS MADE IN THE PERIOD (JANUARY - MARCH 2016)

### FINANCE

#### 1. \$5million allocated for Family Planning – (FP 2020) **ON TRACK**

The Government of Uganda (GoU) has allocated 8,074,893,374 (\$2,446,937 USD) for procurement, storage and distribution of reproductive health items (Medroxy Progesterone and Safe Maternal delivery kits) to NMS Vote 116. This falls short of the commitment of \$5 million USD as pledged by GoU leaving a funding gap of \$ 2,553,062 USD. This gap needs to be raised in the remaining months April – June 2016 if this commitment is to be achieved With support from MOH-RH, PPD ARO, AFP, DSW, RHU, CSBAG, NMS

#### 2. Additional \$5million mobilized from donors- (FP 2020) **ACHIEVED**

The donors mobilized approximately US \$ 11 million exceeding the expected US \$ 5 million commitment in the FY 2015/16. With Support from UNFPA, USAID and IPPF

#### 3. Annual review of country's needs conducted and funding gaps identified- (FP 2020) **ACHIEVED**

The annual gaps were determined using the annual Contraceptive Supply Plan (CSP) for FY 2015/16 and based on its figures, the funding gap for the FY 2015/16 for the public sector is US \$ 6.3million. With support from the MoH and UNFPA

#### 4. Funding gaps addressed by donors – (FP2020) **ACHIEVED**

The contributions mobilized by the development partners amount to \$ 11million USD of which UNFPA contributed \$ 3million USD for contraceptives; USAID contributed \$8million USD for contraceptives including condoms while IPPF expended \$0.008 USD worth of contraceptives. This addressed the

funding gaps of the related RH supplies which led to this achievement.

#### 5. RH sub account operational – (FP 2020) **ACHIEVED**

The RH sub account is incorporated in National Health Accounts. Preliminary findings for FY 2012/13 and 2013/14 have been shared internally. With Support from MOH

#### 6. Quarterly funds released from MoFPED – (FP 2020) **ACHIEVED**

Funds for the 3 Quarters of FY 2015/16 have been released from MoFPED.

#### 7. RH Supplies procured, stored and distributed – (FP 2020) **ACHIEVED**

National Medical Stores procures and warehouses FP and RH supplies and distributes to all public health facilities. UHMG under the Alternative Distribution channel warehouses and distributes FP commodities to 188 private-not-for-profit and private-for-profit facilities. With Support from MoH, NMS, UHMG, UNFPA, USAID, and IPPF

### POLICY

#### 1. Passing of the National Population Council Bill into Law – (FP 2020) **ACHIEVED**

The National Population Council (NPC) Bill was enacted into the National Policy Council Act 04 of 2014 and the NPC Board launched. With support from Population Secretariat

#### 2. Tax exemption for FP commodities – (FP2020) **ACHIEVED**

The tax act was amended to provide for the exemption of RH supplies through efforts of MoH Pharmacy Division

#### 3. Declassification of contraceptives including injectables- FP 2020 (**ON TRACK**)

Declassification of injectables ongoing being led by FHI 360. With Support from Path, NDA and PPD ARO

#### 4. Service delivery standards amended- UNCoLSC (ON TRACK)

MoH RH is reviewing the Uganda Clinical Guidelines and Essential Medicines list with a Human rights based approach.

#### 5. Policy on task sharing in place- (UNCoLSC) ON TRACK

Marie Stopes Uganda undertook operations research and is undertaking review of legal policies. With support from the Task sharing advisory committee led by MoH.

#### 6. Research conducted and findings disseminated –(UNCoLSC) ON TRACK

A number of Surveys have been carried out like PMA2015/ Uganda R-3, GPRHC Facility Assessment and disseminated to stakeholders. DFID, UNICEF, Path, RHU, and MUPSH are undertaking operational research in FP and RH services while MoH Pharmacy, Wellshare International and FHI 360 have concluded formative assessments in the quarter.

#### 7. CME Guidelines updated and health workers mentored on use of ACS, CHX, MgSO4, Uterotonics -UNCoLSC (ON TRACK)

MSU conducts ongoing CME for the private sector including MSU clinics, Pharmacists and drug shops.

#### 8. Current Pre-service training curriculum updated- (UNCoLSC) NOT ACHIEVED

No progress information recorded

## SERVICE DELIVERY

#### 1. Health Workers in hard to reach areas – EWEC (ON TRACK)

MoH, development partners and CSOs are contributing to the deployment and skilling of health workers in hard to reach areas. With support from Malaria Consortium, Save the Children and Cuamm

#### 2. Skilled health Workers recruited –EWEC (ON TRACK)

The Ministry of Health has recruited 120 enrolled midwives under the RMNCH Trust fund in selected districts. With support from Cuamm, BTC, USAID ASSIST, UPMB, MSH, AOGU, UPMA, URC, and Amref

#### 3. All Hospitals offer Comprehensive EmONC – EWEC (ON TRACK)

MoH( RH Division) with support from UNFPA and World Bank procured and supplied Health Facilities with EmONC equipment and trained health workers in basic EMONC. With support from URC, AOGU, Cuamm, FBOs

#### 4. All HCs offer Basic EmONC –EWEC (ON TRACK)

Different partners have procured and supplied facilities with basic EmONC equipment, and trained health workers. With support from MoH, Cuamm, MUSPH, RHU, PHP, Mildmay Uganda, Pace, PPG, AOGU, WRA, MTI, Samaritan Purse, and CEHURD

#### 5. Increase comprehensive EmONC services in Health Centres to 50% - (ON TRACK)

The Annual Health Sector Performance report FY 2014/15 indicates that the percentage of functional HC IVs providing Comprehensive EmONC is 45%. With Support from Save the Children, Cuamm

#### 6. Increased demand for FP services –EWEC (ON TRACK)

There are Ongoing demand generation activities using IPC and SBCC interventions by different implementing partners. With support from MSU, PACE, Path, Uganda Red Cross, Plan Uganda, PPG, Save the Children, Wellshare International, UPMB, FHI360, Pathfinder, Youth Alive Initiative, Heps Uganda, NTIHC, SRHR Alliance, RAHU, RHU, UNHCO, UVP, CDFU, UHMG, Youth Plus, STF, Amref, Better HAG Uganda, EGPAF, Uganda Village Project, Brac Uganda, Acodev Uganda.

**7. RH Voucher for public and private sector that includes EC, ACS for management of premature labour –EWEC (ON TRACK)**

The RH Voucher system is being implemented in selected districts by MSIU, MSU, Pace, Abt Associates, and Save the Children with support from WB, Dutch Government, USAID, DFID and Transaid/MSD

## SUPPLY CHAIN

**1. Qualified health workers in HC IIs/IIIs – FP 2020 (ON TRACK)**

MoH Pharmacy Division is building capacity of health workers on estimation, quantification and ordering across the country. With support from UNFPA, Intrahealth Capacity Building Program, MSH, UHMG

**2. Improve Post-Shipment testing and Alternative Distribution system –FP 2020 (ON TRACK)**

UHMG is currently managing inventory of 188 PNFP and Private Providers under the Alternative Distribution system. MSH is implementing Systems Strengthening and Health commodities (SSHC) while MSU uses social marketing approach

**3. Existence of the Pull System at HC IIs/IIIs – FP 2020 (NOT ACHIEVED)**

HC IIs and IIIs continue to receive supplies through the Essential Medicines and Health Supplies Kit System determined at the district level.

## TECHNOLOGY

**1. Increased demand for Female Condoms, Emergency Contraceptives AND Implants – UNCoLSC (ON TRACK)**

Text-to-Change, CDFU, Reach A Hand Uganda, Peripheral Vision International (PVI) and UNFPA Innovations are using mobile innovations to advance demand for FP.

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