

POLICY BRIEF

Motion Tracker: FP 2020 Commitments

Theme: Tracking Progress in Zambia

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Summary

The Zambian Government made commitments to; Every Woman Every Child- EWEC (2011), London Family Planning Conference – FP 2020 (2012) and the UN Commission on Life Saving Commodities- UNCoLSC (2013) to enhance RH. Centre for Reproductive Health and Education with financial and technical assistance from Samasha Medical Foundation of Uganda is implementing The Motion Tracker in Zambia. This Project aims at supporting the government of Zambia meet the FP2020 commitments it made in July 2012 and later renewed in July 2017 at the Family Planning Summit in London respectively.

Key Milestones

- Conducted 4 stakeholder meetings
- Conducted MT data collection for 2 quarters
- Increased partners reporting on their contribution to the FP commitments from 6 between July and September to 12 between October and December 2017
- Increased awareness of varying contributions made by partners to the FP commitments
- Formulated two TWGs at District Level in Mazabuka and Monze

Data Collection

Interviews were conducted with twelve (12) organizations to document their contributions towards the achievement of National FP2020 Commitments from October to December 2017. Data was collected from primary and secondary sources. Primary data was collected using an administered Partner Questionnaire with a key informant. Secondary data was collected using desk review of various documents including project documents, sector reviews, newspaper articles, project dissemination meeting minutes.

Summary of Findings

The level of engagement and participation was based on the core areas of interest of the different partners that were categorized using the WHO health systems building blocks. The categories include Finance, Service delivery, Access to Essential Medicines, Leadership and Governance, Health Workforce and for emphasis separated policy from leadership and governance.

THEMATIC AREA 1: FINANCE

1. Budget line for FP created in MoH Budget (FP2020) (On Track)

Partners in SRH have worked to strengthen governance around FP in Zambia. leading to the formulation of FP Technical Working Groups at District level in Southern Province (Monze and Mazabuka). These TWGs were supported to ensure that family planning funds had a budget line in the year 2018 and allocated funds for CBD training in the usage of injectables for the first time. In addition, partners supported and facilitated 5-6 Districts during the annual planning meeting for the Copperbelt province to have a specific provincial budget line for SRH budget. This has seen 6 out of 10 districts budget for SRH in 2018 (**Partners: Centre for Reproductive Health and Education (CRHE), Marie Stopes Zambia FP TWG**).



2. Annual Resource FP tracking conducted (On track)

Gender trainings with a budget analysis component, FP resources and commodities tracking have been conducted (**Partners: Generation Alive, SAfAIDS, IPAS, Oxfam and DETTE component, MoH, Save the Children, Copper Rose Zambia, CRHE, Marie Stopes Zambia**).

3. 100% of FP funds allocated are spent per year (On track)

Follow-ups on budget allocation, disbursement and expenditure were conducted (**Partners; Generation Alive Oxfam, SAfAIDS, MoH, Action Aid Zambia, Save the Children, Centre for Reproductive Health and Education**).

4. Funding gaps for FP commodities reduced by 25% per year (On track)

Partners have played a role in making sure that the funding gap for FP commodities is reduced by 25% per year by engaging the government and other stakeholders through advocacy activities such as holding dialogues with government and other stakeholders (**Partners: FP TWG members-CSOs and Government Ministries**)

5. Donor Funding to FP programs (On track)

Processes to lobby for funding towards FP programs have been initiated, advocacy for integration of (FP-ART-HIV) and trainings in LARC for Health Care Providers have been conducted (**Partners: FP2020 movement (DFID-The Scale –Up for FP, SIDA-Sexual Reproductive Health and USAID Commodities, FP National and District FP Technical Working Groups, Amref Health Zambia, Marie Stopes Zambia, Centre for Reproductive Health and Education**)

THEMATIC AREA 2: LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

1. New leaders and Champions for Family Planning are identified at all levels (On track)

Maternal Health Action Zambia (MHAZ) is working at Community level with the Safe Motherhood Action Groups (SMAGs) traditional Leaders and artists in raising awareness on family planning uptake and new methods (**Partners: ALEGJIO, CHAZ, MOH and Save the children**).

IPAS Zambia identified new leaders and champions by collaborating with organisations like Zambia Medical Association, Midwives Association of Zambia, Community Based organisations and youth Organisations.

Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) conducted debates on lowering age of consent, identification of service providers (FP) and facilities, which has helped identify six nurses to offer FP services at their centres (**Partners: MoH, PACT**).

Society for Family Health (SFH/PSI) trained Adolescents and Male champions to be FP Advocates to promote FP services in health facilities (**Partners: DAPP, Child Fund**)

USAID Discover Health only recruits qualified professionals, CBDs and FP providers under SRH/FP program, over 56 service providers countrywide supported MoH training, focusing on quantification for social marketing products like condoms and contraceptives

Centre for Reproductive Health and Education identified a total of 20 new leaders and champions in Monze and Mazabuka in Southern Province. **Treatment Advocacy and**



Literacy Campaign (TALC) identified 4 new leaders and champions for Family Planning in their catchment area. **Churches Health Association of Zambia (CHAZ)** trained 10 new leaders that were identified from the Church Mother Bodies and initial were meetings held.

SAfAIDS is working in Chiyaba Kingdom with the Chieftaincy herself, Member of Parliament for Mandevu Constituency and Area Health Committee in Chipata Health Zone on Family Planning.

2. New leaders and champions for Family Planning oriented on Family Planning demand generation and promotion of Family Planning modern methods (On track)

Stakeholders reported integration of statements in to broader Sexual Reproductive Health, broader SRH materials with FP component, training Religious Leaders at community level in Muchinga, conducting awareness campaigns, identifying and training nurses, mentors and orientation in the provision of Jadelle, Noristerat (**Partner: ALEGJIO, YWCA, Marie Stopes Zambia, MOH, SFH/PSI, Maternal Health Action Zambia, CRHE**)

3. Documented religious sermons/statements containing FP messages (On track)

Partners developed religious statements in broader SRH information materials, documented speeches and presentations on national television by Family planning champions (**Partner: IPAS Youth Women Christian Association (YWCA, MoH, PACT, Generation Alive, USAID DISCOVER HEALTH-JSI Inc.**)

4. Active FP Champions (On track)

Community leaders have helped champions with Family Planning information dissemination in eastern province, identified mentors and service providers as active FP champions (**Generation Alive, Young Women Christian Association (YMCA), Ministry of Health, PACT**).

Marie Stopes Zambia has 4 Traditional Leaders (Chief Malembeka of the Lamba people in Mpongwe, Chief Lesa, and Chief Shimukunami) as active champions and a number of peer educators and mobilisers have been trained.

Society for Family Health (SFH/PSI) identified 370 active FP champions in the SARAI–sexual reproductive health for all initiative project implementation areas. Treatment Advocacy and Literacy Campaign identified four (4) active champions for FP in Lusaka and the five health facilities they are working in.

Service Delivery (On Track)

1. Number of CHAs oriented on community based FP information and education

Amref trained a total of 40 CHAs and oriented them on community based FP information and education, conduevaluation of CHAs distribution of FP injectable and follow-ups. **Treatment Advocacy and Literacy Campaign** conducted 16 trainings for CHAs at five-health facilities in Lusaka and carried out sensitization activities.

2. CBD policy revised to include provision of information on Long-term and Permanent FP methods

Amref Health Zambia conducted a CBD Policy evaluation, culminated into CBDs distribution of FP commodities in Kitwe and Ndola. **Marie Stopes Zambia** engaged qualified nurses to provide LARC in the community. **Society for Family Health (SFH/PSI)** trained CBDs, the training manual includes all methods and CBD refers the client to a facility for LARC.



3. Number of CBDs oriented on long-term and permanent FP methods

Society for Family Health (SFH/PSI) has trained 855 CBDs. **Treatment Advocacy and Literacy Campaign** trained 20 CBD's in long-term methods.

4. Pre-service midwifery training curriculum revised to include insertion of IUD's and implants.

IPAS Zambia offered both technical and financial support to the General Nursing Council of Zambia to revise the curriculum for nurses and midwives.

12. In-Service Officers trained in long-term methods

Marie Stopes Zambia has trained a number of nurses in Copperbelt Province to provide LARC and work with Adolescents in Sexual Reproductive Health issues. **Society for Family Health (SFH/PSI)** trained health providers in LARC to ensure that they have active health providers who are always present i.e. part time and retired health workers. SFH also trained 2 health providers in each province who supervise and see how the facilities are performing.

THEMATIC AREA 3: ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL MEDICINES (on track)

1. Government to fund 50% of funding gap to FP budget by 2018

Government has allocated 1.3 million USD towards Family planning commodities.

THEMATIC AREA 4: SERVICE DELIVERY (COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION)

1. Orientation materials on FP for religious leaders developed

Breakfast meeting with religious leaders conducted to disseminate information on FP need, FP orientation materials and IECs with FP component developed (**Partners: Amref Health Zambia, Churches Health Association of Zambia Generation Alive, IPAS, CRHE, DETTE resources, PACT, PPAZ, DIVINE DIVA and MoH**)

2. Religious leaders oriented on FP demand generation and promotion

Generation Alive trained religious leaders in FP demand generation in eastern province (**Partners: CRHE, IPAS, DETTE resources**).

3. Local leaders oriented on FP demand generation and promotion

TALC identified 10 local leaders in Mandevu area in Lusaka oriented on FP demand generation

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