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Accelerating Access to priority Sexual and Reproductive Health

# Reproductive Health Commodity Security in Uganda: policy and Program Implications

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**Political Leaders !**  
Shortages of Contraceptives  
**COST LIVES**

Research has proven, **Over 3,200 UGANDAN MOTHERS DIE Each Year** due to the shortage

**Increase Funding for  
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SUPPLIES**

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The advertisement features a photograph of a smiling family (a woman, a man, and a baby) on the left. On the right, there is a collection of various contraceptive pills and blister packs, some of which are spilled out of a container. The background is a light green and yellow gradient.

# Background

## ■ Uganda's RH indicators

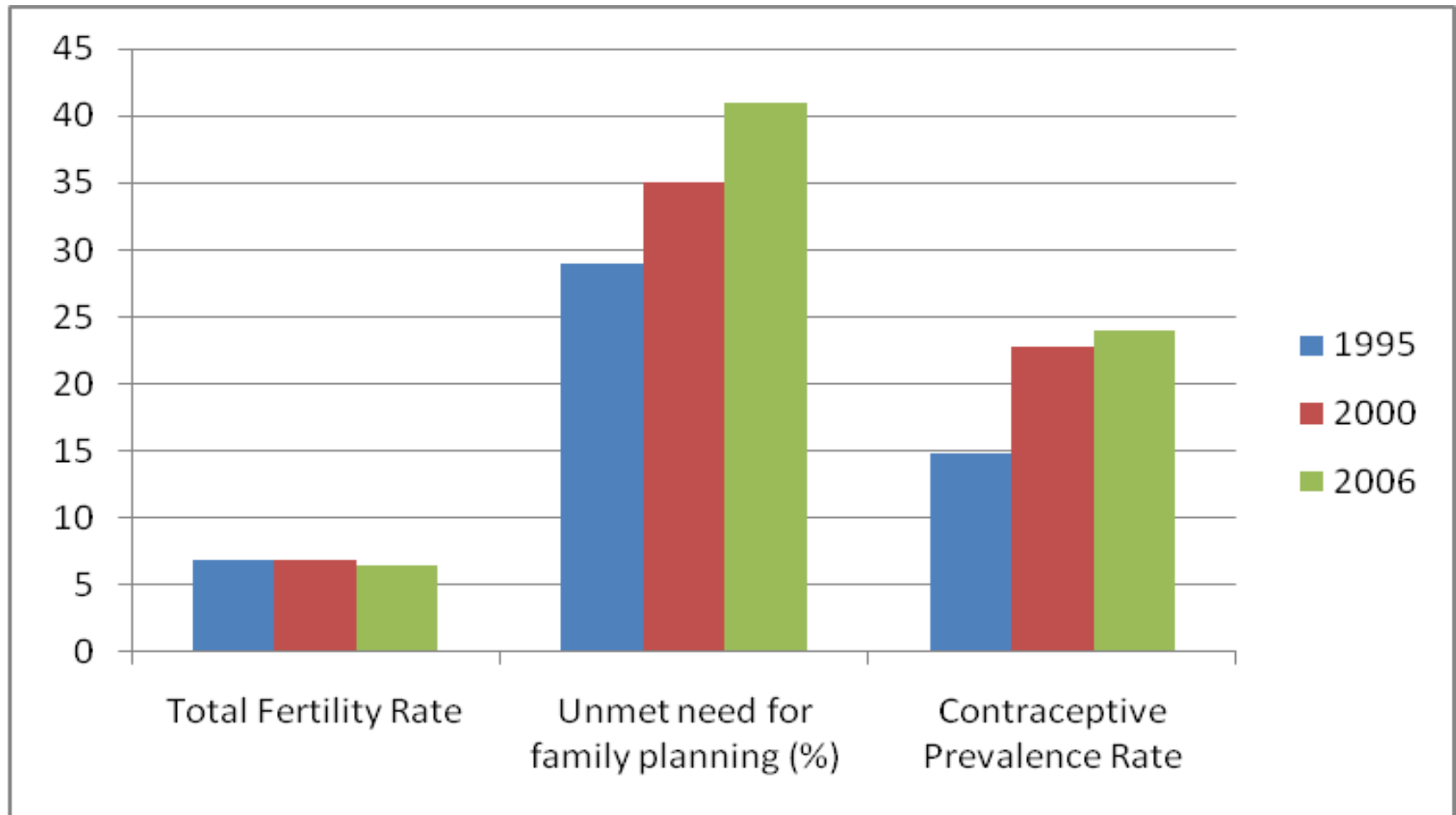
- ❖ Total fertility rate at 6.7 children
- ❖ Population growth rate 3.2%
- ❖ Unmet need for family planning 41%.
- ❖ CPR at 24%.
- ❖ 297,000 estimated abortions annually.
- ❖ Teenage pregnancy rate 25%.
- ❖ Maternal Mortality Rate: 435/100,000

# Reproductive Health Commodity Supplies (RHCS) situation

## Road Map priority indicators

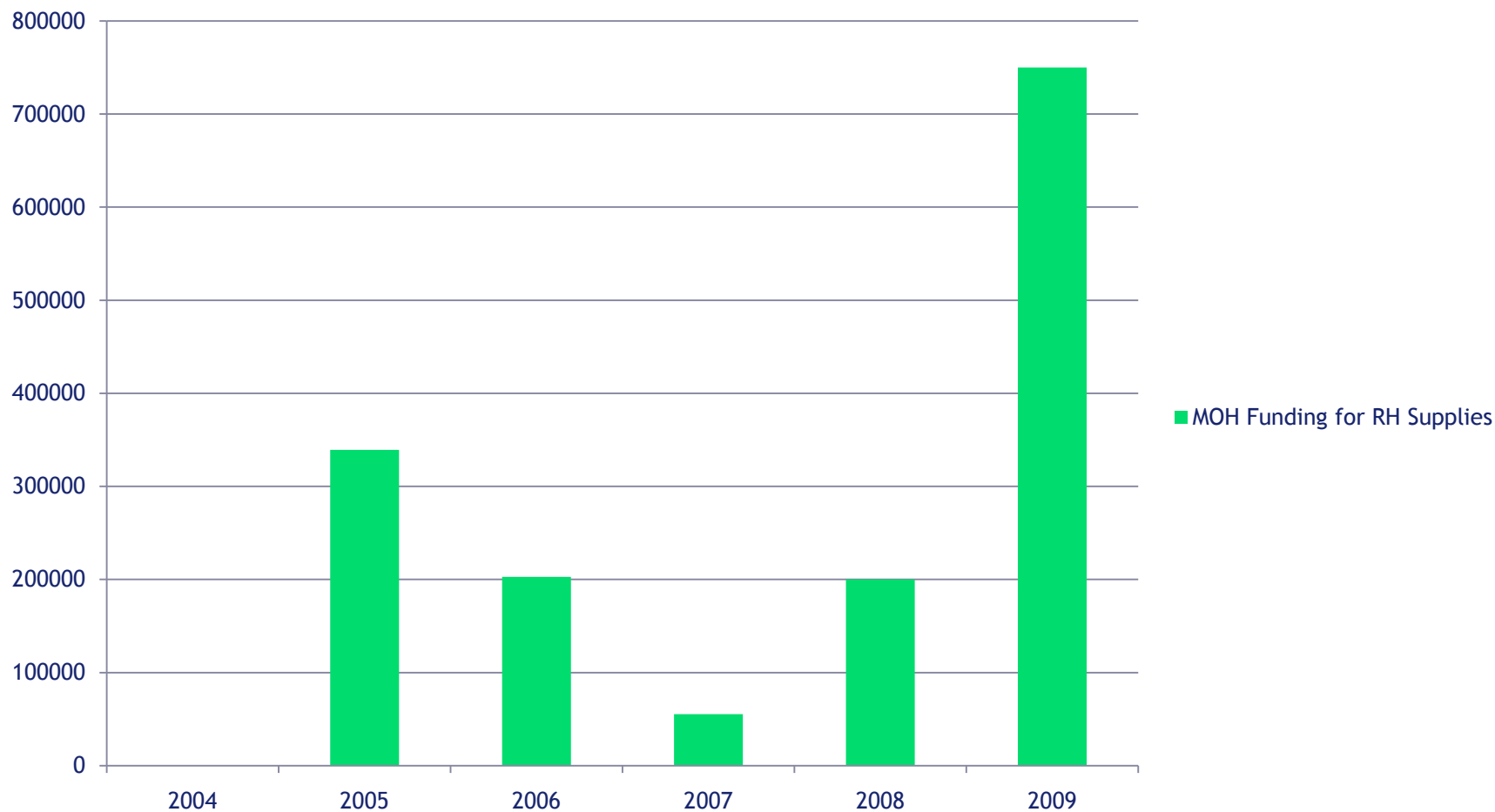
Indicator	Baseline and Target		
	2005	2010	2015
<b>Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR)</b>	<b>23.7%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Unmet need for family planning</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>% increase in Couple Years of Protection</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>70%</b>

# FP Indicators

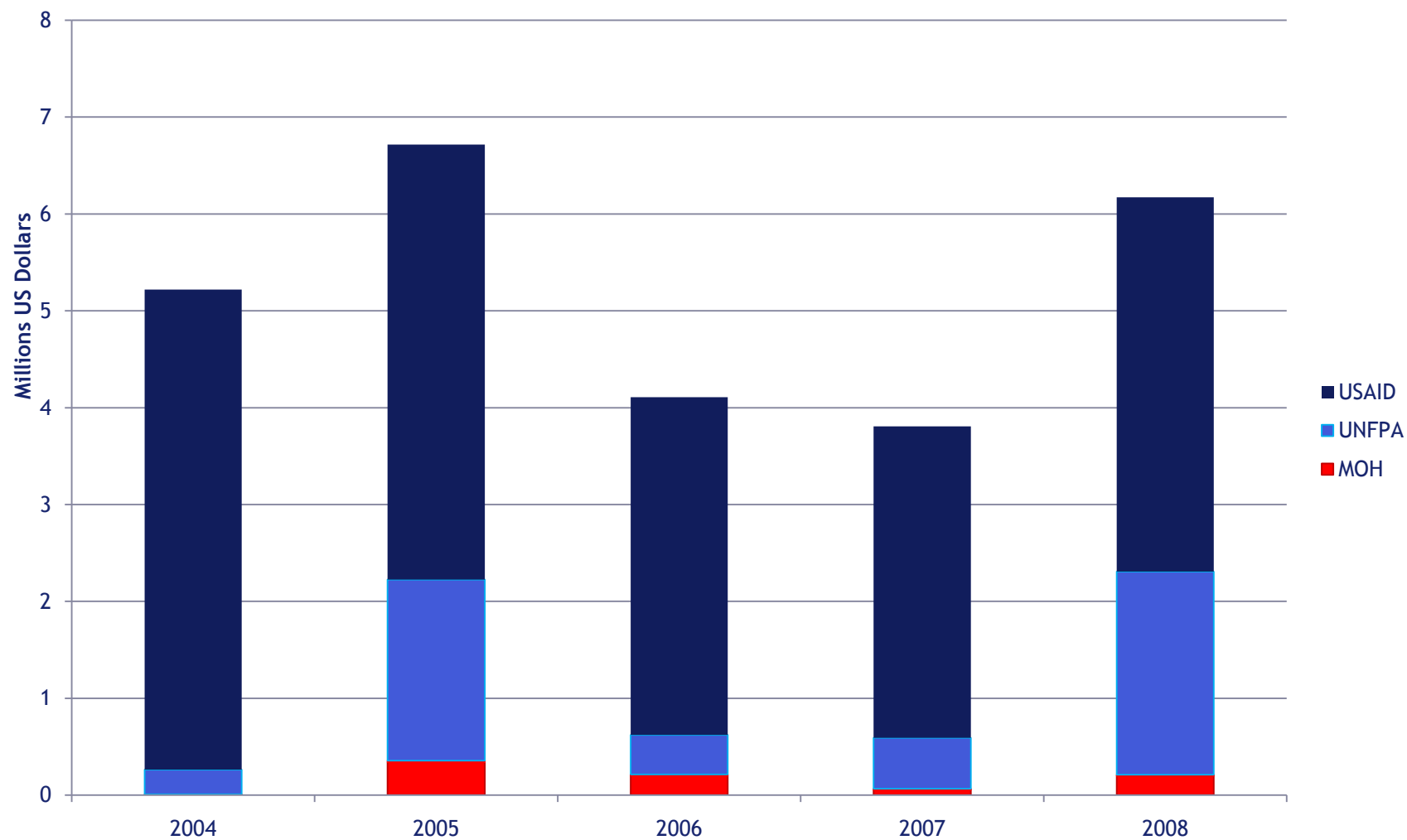


# RH Supplies Funding in Uganda

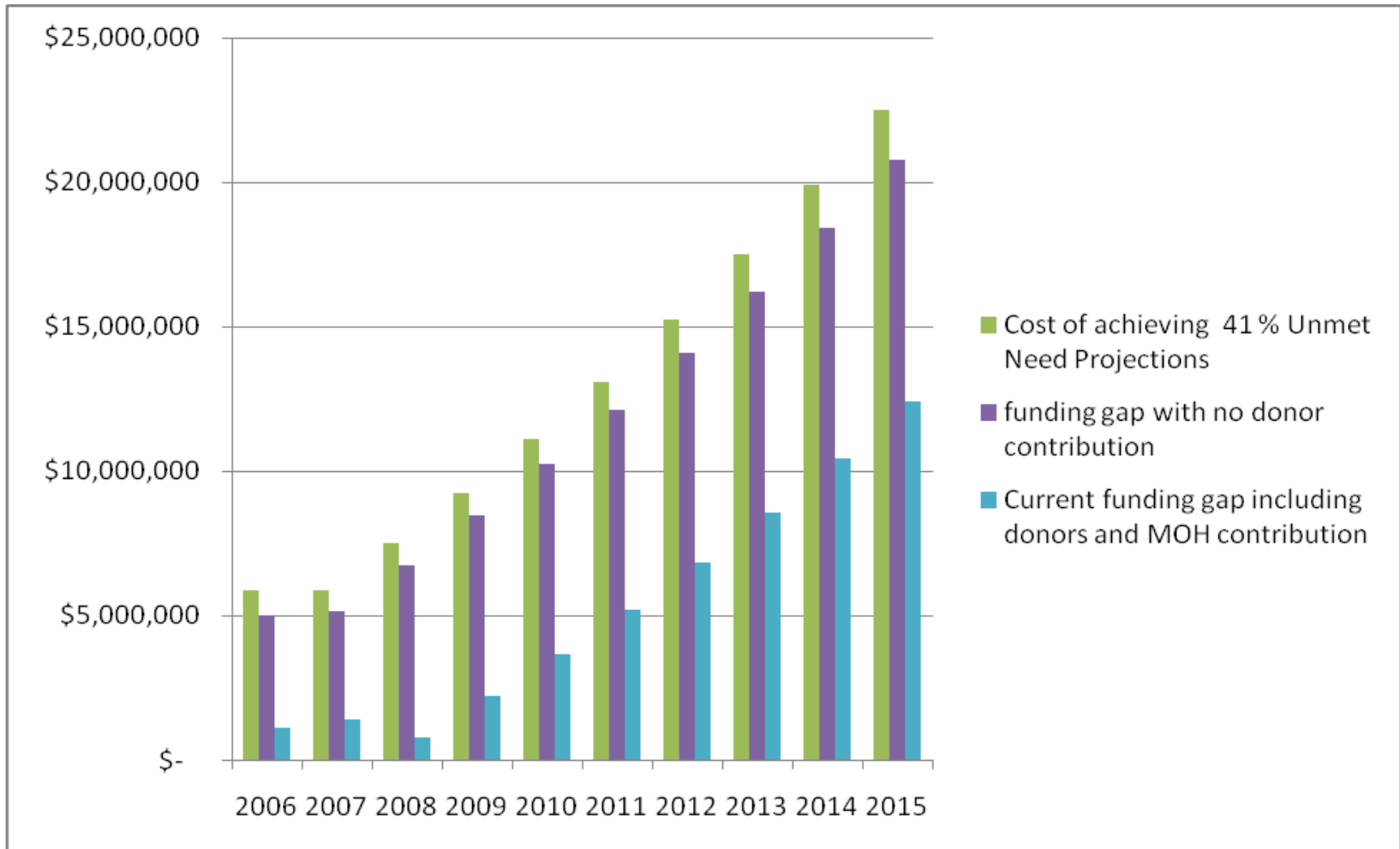
## MOH Funding for RH Supplies in USD



# Heavy donor dependence



# Cost of meeting the unmet need for Family Planning



# RH supplies advocacy efforts in Uganda

## Introduction:

□ Civil society led network - Reproductive Health Supplies Advocacy Network (RHSAN).

- Civil society,
- RH division,
- MOH,
- Parliamentarians network,
- Media groups



# New Coalition for stronger advocacy

- Uganda Family Planning Coalition (UFPC) was formed in 2010.
- Key players in Family planning came together to ensure that NGO get supplies.
- Advocated for inclusion of FP in the global fund proposal.
- Secured supplies for NGOs from USAID.
  
- Advanced Family Planning
  - PPD
  - HCP
  - RHU

# Key activities

- Jointly developed advocacy strategy and messages
- Active engagement , lobbying and debate in Parliament by Network of Women Ministers on RHCS funding
- Conducted constituency and district level mobilisation and monitoring
- Mass media campaign and tours
- Regular strategic partner meetings

# Results

- Well coordinated advocacy efforts
- Debate and active engagement on family planning and RHCS funding has reached centres of power
- Approval to have VHTs to provide Depo
- Gained government's commitment for RH supplies
- Joined the Global RH Supplies Coalition

# Opportunities

- Growing support within parliament and MOH to prioritize RHCS.
- Conducive policy environment:  
Roadmap, RHCS Strategic Plan, and planned review of the Public procurement and Disposal Authority etc
- Joining of the Global RH Supplies Coalition.

## Policy advocacy issues

- Need for adequate political Support for FP
- Continued improvement of supply chain mechanisms by NMS
- Effective tracking of fund disbursement and utilization of budgetary allocations to RHCS
- Consistent access to affordable RHCS by all service providers including private sector
- Heavy dependence on donor support
- Low expenditure on allocated budget

## Next steps

- Continued strengthening and expansion of RHCS advocacy networks
- Close partnership with interest groups in parliament ( NAWMP etc). Bring on board New MPs of 9<sup>th</sup> parliament
  - Target Government to fund two thirds of total family planning budget
  - Monitor the funding mechanism for effectiveness (MoF direct disbursement to NMS)

## Next steps

- Advocate for effective RHCS supply including alternative mechanisms to ensure consistent supply
- Task shifting policy to allow clinical officers to permanent methods
- Review of supply chain mechanisms to address emerging challenges of push system and improved management capacity

# Next steps

Advocate for :

- adherence to Contraceptive Procurement

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# THE NEED FOR FP SERVICES IS REAL...





Meeting the FP needs is urgent especially among underserved groups like IDPs

Thank you

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