

# Setting an Advocacy Agenda for RH Supplies

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# What will happen June 20 in Addis Ababa

PAI will provide some 50 national experts on RH supplies issues with a forum to discuss progress made at the national level in the past 10 years, as well as current challenges to set a course of action for the future.



## **Objectives**

- Learn from country experience and expertise
- Provide evidence of progress made at country level
- Influence high-level meeting "Access for All" and beyond



# **Desired Outcomes**

- Country ownership
- Best practices and lessons learned to set course of action
- Actionable recommendations reflected in Call to Action
- Advocacy steps to give legs to Addis commitments

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#### The Process: Where we are

- Six focus countries: Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mexico, Tanzania, Nigeria
- Six country teams (decisionmakers, service providers, private sector, civil society)
- Survey and interviews with key in-country stakeholders



# Key themes from the research

- Increased government commitment to FP/RH
- Increased coordination at country level
- improved and new FP/RH policies
- Stronger, more visible advocacy by civil society
- Greater awareness of FP/RH at community level



## Key themes from the research

- Stock-outs and shortages persist
- Budget lines don't match actual expenditures
- RH supplies remain largely donor dependent
- Lack of method mix
- Lack of integration with HIV/AIDS, MNCH
- FP/RH needs to be a development priority

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## **Advocacy needs**

- Monitor budget allocations and expenditures
- District, zonal level advocacy for FP/RH
- Regional advocacy for FP/RH within Maputo, CARMMA, Abuja
- Youth access to FP/RH
- Strengthen community-based distribution
- Private sector as a full partner

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