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AFP Goal and Objectives

GOAL

Revitalize the family planning/reproductive health (FP/RH) agenda in key developing countries to advance universal access to RH (MDG 5b) through increased funding, an improved policy environment, and increased visibility for FP

Objective 1

Mobilize and strengthen sustainable FP/RH advocacy with catalytic investments in three countries with potential for wider replication in other developing countries

Tier 1: Tanzania, Uganda, and Indonesia

Objective 2

Strengthen existing FP/RH advocacy investments in six foundation priority program countries by providing cutting edge and highly specialized technical assistance

Tier 2: India, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, and Senegal

Objective 3

Voices from the South:
Leverage voices of Global South champions regionally and globally to demand revitalization of FP/RH agenda to achieve MDG 5b and to create a platform for greater *South-to-South* cooperation

Why the Call for Revitalization of Family Planning in Uganda?

- Significant opportunities—with strong NGOs and promising political leadership
- Great need—7 in 10 women who want to avoid pregnancy either do not practice contraception or use an ineffective method.
- Access is limited—in rural areas and to all methods, especially long-term and permanent methods
- These issues, if not addressed, will dramatically impede Uganda's social and economic development

AFP Philosophy

- Raise global priority of family planning and reproductive health
- Donorship to Ownership
- Local control
 - Core working group
- Build on and complement existing programs
- Facilitation of local capacity building
- Voices from the South

AFP Defining Characteristics

- **Capacity Building and Sustainability**
 - Training in “Spitfire-like” advocacy
 - Evidence-based messaging
 - Advocacy tools, e.g., RAPID
 - African women’s network (Voices from the South)
 - Three sustainable advocacy programs

- **Multiplier**
 - Build on past work
 - Develop “quick wins”
 - Collaborate with RH organizations

Family planning Advocacy

- Long-recognized unmet need has transitioned into demand for family planning
- The number of those seeking services exceeds the ability of public and private sector to satisfy
- Unsatisfied demand is an unprecedented opportunity and challenge
- Now is the time to increase use of quality family planning services and realize the health and social and economic benefits of increased use

Family planning Advocacy

- The key challenge is obtaining the necessary funds and contraceptives to provide needed services
- Policy and regulatory environments are important
- Without an alternative source of contraceptives there is need to ensure NGO access to public managed contraceptives to avert disruption of services

Family Planning Advocacy

- Increasing resources and creating a favorable policy environment will require strong political support at the highest levels

On-going Advocacy Activities

- Increasing resource allocation to FP through the national budget framework at national and district level.
- Including funding for FP commodities in round 10 Global fund proposal.
- Changing national RH service provision guidelines to allow Community Health Workers(VHTs) to provide injectables/DPMA.
- Ensure NGO access of commodities through the National Medical Stores.

Thank you

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