

# RWANDA progress report on implementation of the EARHN Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021 and

Action plans for 2019/2020

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### **Presentation Outline**

- Introduction
- Background
- Selected Population and RH indicators
- Progress on implementation of the EARHN Strategic Plan 2017 2021
- Action plans for 2019/2020

### Introduction

- To achieve SDG 3 by 2030 & UHC
- Current policies vertical & expired or expiring
- Builds on national examples of good practices:
  - Integration of some RMNCAH interventions already in place e.g. Isange One Stop Centre, HIV/ANC, FP/PNC, TB/HIV, HIV/STIs nutrition/Vaccination, FP/HIV, Health Week,...
- Responds to global & regional agenda to...(EAC RMNCAH)

### Introduction

# **Economic benefits from integration**

- Integrated approaches
  - are cost-effective & have greater impact
  - reduce duplication of activities, save time & resources



### **Background- Health profile needs and priorities**



### Reproductive health

- FP uptake stagnating use of modern methods only increased from 45% in 2010 to 48% in 2014/2015
- With the current fertility rate, population will be16.3 million people by 2032



#### **Maternal health**

Health system failures main reason for maternal deaths (61%)



#### **Newborn health**

90% neonatal deaths occur within first 7 days of life



### **Child health**

38% children under 5 years suffer from stunting

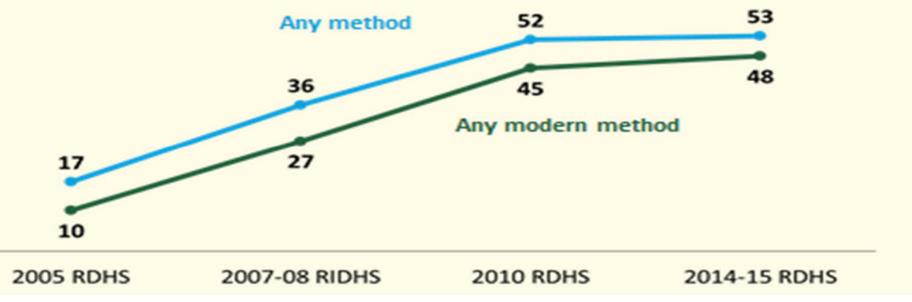


#### **Adolescent health**

Low levels knowledge SRH, use of contraception & increasing adolescent pregnancy (7.3%)

### Trends in Use of Contraception

Percent of currently married women age 15-49



### **Background- Challenges**

- Human resources for health(HRH)
- Access to health care UHC (Universal Health Coverage)
- Health seeking behaviour
- Sustainability

### **RMNCAH Policy 2018**

#### **Vision**

To achieve the highest attainable standard of health across the life course for all women, male & female children and adolescents in Rwanda.

#### **Mission**

To ensure that all women, male & female children & adolescents in Rwanda have universal access to quality integrated RMNCAH services in an equitable, efficient & sustainable manner.

4. Governance framework - Organization &

management



1. Strengther Leadership land governance collaboration &

coordination

- Implement & monitor a sustainable package of essential RMNCAH interventions/commodities
- 3. Build capacity of training institutions, managers & health care providers in integrated RMNCAH care
- 4. Strengthen health systems & research towards universal coverage of RMNCAH
- 5. Intensify health promotion to increase community knowledge & skills on RMNCAH interventions & promote health seeking behaviour
- 6. Strengthen governance systems & accountability of

systems & accountability integrated RMNCAH

upport activities

Example

of Joint

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collaborative

- Multisectoral leadership & coordination.
- Collaboration with Sectors & Development Partners
- Capacity development quality improvement & integrated pre-RMNCAH curriculum.
- Human resources & institutional support.
- Supplies, commodities & logistics support.
- Technical assistance for district planning & monitoring.
- Improved M&E.
- OR & information sharing systems.
- Resource mobilisation

Highest attainable standard of health across the life course for all women, male and female children and adolescents

Outcom es Outputs

Promote, prevent and treat

MoH & partners Essential package of RMNCAH at hospital, health centre & community level

MoH/MIGEPROF & partners Social mobilisation

**MINECOFIN & partners** Resource mobilisation

**MINALOC** District leadership & social protection

**MoH/MINALOC** Logistics, including transport

MoH/MINEDUC Pre-service RMNCAH curricula & HPV

**MINEDUC** Comprehensive Sexuality Education, School Clubs, School feeding

**MIGEPROF** Orphans & vulnerable groups, responsible parenting, ECD services & ending child marriage

MIGEPROF/MoH/MINIJUST Sexual and gender based violence, male

Monitoring & information sharing

### FP/ASRH STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2024

#### **VISION**

All Rwandans achieve their highest attainable standard for sexual reproductive health across the life course, understanding their options for family planning prepregnancy, post-abortion or postpartum so as to manage their fertility aspirations and have equitable access to the services they need, close to where they live.

#### **OVERARCHING GOAL**

Every Rwandan citizen of reproductive age fully exercise their sexual reproductive health and have access to the services of their choice, improving sexual and reproductive health and enabling an overall increase in contraceptive prevalence by 2024.

#### **MISSION**

All women, men, adolescent girls and boys in Rwanda have universal access to quality integrated FP/ASRH information and services in an equitable, efficient and sustainable manner.



| Strategic Focus 1   | Advocacy and Strategic Partnerships  |   |  |
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| Strategic Objective 1   | To increase awareness and support for RH among key policy and decision makers in the region.               |   |  |
| Strategic Intervention  | Achievement  | Challenges  | Recommendations  |
| Consultative meetings among MPS and Religious Leaders on SRH/FP | 2 Consultative meetings with<br>MPs, Religious Leaders, Police<br>Makers, Implementers & CSOs<br>on SRH/FP | SRH effective communication between parents and youth Budget to increase Youth corners and programs | Increase advocacy and keep engaging for sectors ownership  Use existing Youth platforms to communicate the right info on SRH/FP &  Access to SRH/FP services |
| Ministerial Order on Safe abortion                              | MO determining conditions to<br>be satisfied for a MD to perform<br>an abortion April 2019                 | Health facilities managed by churches  Beliefs & culture  | Extensive awareness  Training of HP  |
| Policy elaborated on SRH/FP                                     | RMNCAH Policy and FP/ASRH<br>Strategic Plan 2018   |   | Policy implementation  |
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| Strategic Focus 1                                | Advocacy and Strategic Partnerships  |   |   |
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| Strategic Objective 2                            | To strengthen strategic linkages with like-minded partners for RH advocacy and resource mobilization   |   |   |
| Strategic Intervention                           | Achievement  | Challenges  | Recommendations   |
| FP/ASRH TWG<br>composed by MoH, DPs<br>CSOs, IPs | Monthly meetings for planning, tracking and evaluating the progress  | Coordination of ASRH/FP interventions from central to community   | Bring more ASRH/FP IPs on board Strengthening the M&E and coordination    |
| Integrated Campaigns<br>on RMNCAH                | <ul><li>3 months- campaign conducted twice a year</li><li>3 month citizens campaign on ASRH/FP implemented by Youth adolescent</li></ul>                                       | 19% of currently married women have an unmet need for family planning:  11% for spacing 8% for limiting | Ongoing   |
| ASRH/FP friendly services                        | Built capacity of Girls and Teen mothers and they conduct IPC among their fellows and distribute condoms  Using Digital platform to disseminate ASRH/FP education and services | Reach out all young people countrywide Budget  Accessing all Youth Maintenance &                        | Continue reinforce ASRH friendly and safe services  Resource mobilization |

| Strategic Focus 2  | Coordination of South – South Learning  |                |   |
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| Strategic Objective 1  | To promote integration of RH in all member country policy frameworks and development strategies   |                |   |
| Strategic Intervention   | Achievement   | Challenges     | Recommendations   |
| Participation in regional and international meetings on SRH/FP | Rwanda participated in regional / international meetings: EARHN, AMREF & ICFP   | No budget line | Involvement of Implementing Partners Close partnership with CSOs                  |
| Organize and receive study tours on SRH/FP                     | -Hosting Tanzania, Liberia, UGANDA delegations -Establishment of an institution in charge of Study tours preparation &knowledge sharing |                | Empower the institution to provide a wide range of study tours in different areas |

| Strategic Focus 2  | Coordination of South – South Learning  |  |  |
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| Strategic Objective 2  | To offer a bench-marking platform aimed at improving the RH/FP commodity supply chain as well as strengthening the system |  |  |
| Strategic Intervention   | Achievement   | Challenges   | Recommendations  |
| Youth-friendly multi-<br>channel interventions to<br>reach adolescent<br>population            | Youth friendly corners/centers, ICT platforms, Peer education   | -Low use of contraceptive methods in adolescents -No government policy on RH for Youth -Financial barrier: The youth cannot even find money to pay the fees for FP services.                                       | Scale up Mobile 4<br>Reproductive<br>Health (M4RH)           |
| Behavior change interventions for the general population                                       | Campaigns to fight against rumors, myths and misconception on FP  | -Poor side-effects management makes many FP users stop using their FP method owing to intolerable or even minor side effects/health concerns -FP program is currently heavily depending on external funding (>50%) | Promote domestic<br>health financing for<br>SRH /FP          |
| Research into the effectiveness and quality of methods for increasing health seeking behaviors | -Services Delivery Points Survey supported by UNFPA and UR/SPH -Establishment of UGHE to promote research and             | Limited curricula on FP/RH in schools  | Introduce FP/SRH guidelines in high schools and universities |

| Strategic Focus 3   | Institutional Capacity Building  |  |   |
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| Strategic Objective 1   | To promote EARHN as an effective and sustainable Network   |  |   |
| <b>Strategic Intervention</b>                                 | Achievement  | Challenges                                       | Recommendations   |
| Rwanda to officially join EARHN Network                       | Hosting 8 <sup>th</sup> coordination<br>meeting 2018 at Nobleza<br>Hotel                                   | Limited coverage on PPD agenda at national level | To advocate and participate in EARHN agenda   |
| Involvement of CSOs in implementation of EARHN strategic plan | CSOs representatives invited<br>by MoH to participate in<br>EARHN activities/meetings:<br>HDI, HDP and SFH | No budget set aside for the Network              | Encourage<br>government<br>participation and<br>CSOs to move<br>forward EARHN<br>agenda |

### Action plans for 2019/2020

### **Under Strategic Focus 1: Advocacy and Strategic Partnerships**

- 1. Conduct 30 consultative meetings with Local Authorities on FP/SRH
- 2. Conduct trainings for health care providers from 45 hospitals on FP, PAC and safe abortion
- 3. Mobilization of community and health workers for Post partum FP
- 4. Public-Private Partnership for FP/ASRH

### **Under Strategic Focus 2: Coordination and South-South Learning**

- 1. Participation in regional meetings on SRH/FP
- 2. Organize and receive study tours on SRH/FP
- 3. Explore opportunities to promote regional and global partnership: EAC, AU, FP2020

### **Under Strategic Focus 3: Institutional Capacity Building**

- 1. Create awareness on PPD and EARHN among key Ministries (MoH, Minecofin,...)
- 2. Working on chairship of EARHN & membership for PPD for coming years
- 3.

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