



South Sudan progress report on implementation of the EARHN Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021 and

Action plans for 2019/2020

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- Action plans for 2019/2020

Introduction

- Though the Peace Agreement of September 2018 continues to hold with the some progress in implementation of the Agreement, the Situation in South Sudan continues to be Humanitarian,
- 4 million displaced; 1.9 million internally,
- 85% estimated to be women and children,
- Over 300,000 of the IDPs are hosted within UN Compounds (Protection of Civilian Sites)
- 1.8million estimated to be women in reproductive age requiring lifesaving RMCAH and GBV services,
- Access to life saving services continue to deteriorate.

Back-ground: South Sudan RH Context & Situation



National:
300/1000



National:
45%



National:
23.9%



National:
7.5



National
Estimates:
789/100,000
LB

- Skilled birth attendance: 14.7%;
- Infant mortality rate: 102 per 1,000LB
- Under 5 mortality rate: 135/ 1,000LB
- Institutional delivery: 11%;
- GBV prevalence - 65%;
- Early child marriage - 45%;
- RH services coverage poor;
- Weak health system;
- Inadequate midwives;
- Deeply rooted socio-cultural beliefs, values and harmful practices
- Deteriorating access to life saving services

Progress

Strategic Focus 1	Advocacy and Strategic Partnerships		
Strategic Objective 1	To increase awareness and support for RH among key policy and decision makers in the region.		
Strategic Intervention	Achievement	Challenges	Recommendations
Engage policy and decision makers including parliamentarians to promote SRHR/FP	A functional South Sudan Parliamentary Network for Population and development was formed with the support from MOH, UNFPA and other partners	Inadequate resources for scale-up & SSPNPD at the sub-national levels	Solicit technical & financial supports from the government & donors to accelerate the expansion of network
Partnerships with the media and parliamentarians on SRH	South Sudan Journalist union for SRH/FP established and BBC Media Action has been financed by GAC to promote media role on SRHR/FP and GBV.	Opposition from traditional, political and religious leaders	Need for continued sensitization of political and religious groups.

Strategic Focus 1

Advocacy and Strategic Partnerships – Cont.

Strategic Objective 2	To strengthen strategic linkages with like-minded partners for RH advocacy and resource mobilization		
Strategic Intervention	Achievement	Challenges	Recommendations
Scale up the high level advocacy workshops started at the national level to the sub-national levels	High level advocacy conducted in Torit, Wau and Western Lakes State-Rumbek.	There remains a deep seated socio-cultural beliefs and practices that hinder the promotion of SRH/FP in the Country	Develop advocacy tools and continue with the high level advocacy in the remaining states.
Advocate for increased government funding of SRH and family planning programmes	Dedicated budget line for SRH has been created in 2019 in the government budget 1% of the budget for health allocated to SRH Directorate	Government (MoF) does not often release allocated funds for MoH thus negatively impacting SRHR & family planning service provision	Conduct sustained advocacy targeting the Ministry of Finance and influential & key decision makers for release of allocated funds for health services.

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Strategic Focus 2	Coordination of South – South Learning		
Strategic Objective 1	To promote integration of RH in all member country policy frameworks and development strategies		
Strategic Intervention	Achievement	Challenges	Recommendations
Create a joint MoH/MoE & UNESCO/UNFPA technical working group to develop a CSE strategic framework for adolescence & youth	National CSE strategy for out of school youth developed, with peer education sessions conducted for out-of schools young people	Limited awareness on benefits of family planning amidst widespread socio-cultural barriers among religious and traditional leaders	Continue to engage and promote dialogues with the leaderships of these opposing groups.
Review and develop a costed RMNCAH policy and strategic plan for South Sudan.	A costed national RMNCAH policy and strategic plan developed for 2017-2022	Resources for the dissemination and implementation of the policy & strategic plan	Continue to advocate for resources from government and donors to effect the implementation of the plan

Strategic Focus 2

Coordination of South – South Learning

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
Support last mile distribution of reproductive health commodities to fulfill the unmet need of remote and underserved communities	The SRH/FP commodities has been incorporated into the country's essential drugs distribution mechanism	<p>Use of the push system for distribution</p> <p>Lack of information to all implementers at the service delivery point.</p>	<p>Operationalize the use of LMIS tools/guidelines in support of the pull system of distribution.</p> <p>Disseminate information about SRH/FP commodities at the county level</p>
Promote public-private partnerships to enhance service delivery through the private sector,	The government and partners are reaching out to private service providers to engage them in expanding SRHR/FP service nationwide	Inequitable distribution of health services with an urban bias and focus on easy-to-reach communities	Develop protocols and guidelines of involvement with the private sector

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Strategic Focus 3	Institutional Capacity Building		
Strategic Objective 1	To promote EARHN as an effective and sustainable Network		
Strategic Intervention	Achievement	Challenges	Recommendations
Working with Partners and SSPNPD.	Dialogue started.	Lack of political will and negative attitudes towards SRHR//FP activities	Engage the parliamentary network on population and development to influence change in attitudes among their peers.
Capacity building of professional associations	SRHR/FP included in the Syllabus of South Sudan Nurses and Midwifery association and the Society for OBGYN of South Sudan	Lack of qualified trainers on SRHR/FP in the country	Plan for TOT on SRHR/FP with supports from donors and local resources

Action Plans for 2019/2020

Under Strategic Focus 1: Advocacy and Strategic Partnerships

1. Advocate for strengthened coordination between the MOH, Donors, H6 partners, EARHN and Implementing Partners.
2. Advocating for one monitoring and Evaluation mechanism with key stakeholders
3. Increase the proposition of service delivery points by providing rights-based family planning counselling and methods to at least 25% at all levels

Action plans for 2019/2020

Under Strategic Focus 1: Advocacy and Strategic Partnerships

1. Advocate for increased budget allocation to MoH (from the current 1.9% of the National Budget), MoCYS and MoGCSW
2. Advocating for and securing national and state level funded budget lines for programmes aimed at improving availability of SRH/RH
3. Advocate for and support timely generation of data to inform planning and monitoring/evaluating of government programmes in particular SRH
4. Develop a national costed implementation plan for family planning

Under Strategic Focus 2: Coordination and South-South Learning

1. Coordination, Intersectoral and Technical working groups
2. Monitoring, Evaluation and Surveys, Evidence based Learning and programming.
3. Human Resources for Health Development and sharing Lessons.



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