Reproductive Health Commodity Security in Uganda: policy and Program Implications

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Increase Funding for
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SUPPLIES
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
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<td>Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR)</td>
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FP Indicators

- Total Fertility Rate
- Unmet need for family planning (%)
- Contraceptive Prevalence Rate

1995
2000
2006
RH Supplies Funding in Uganda

MOH Funding for RH Supplies in USD

- 2004: $0
- 2005: $300,000
- 2006: $200,000
- 2007: $50,000
- 2008: $200,000
- 2009: $700,000
Heavy donor dependence

![Graph showing donor dependence over years 2004 to 2008. The graph indicates a high level of dependence on donors, with significant financial contributions from USAID, UNFPA, and MOH.](image-url)
Cost of meeting the unmet need for Family Planning
RH supplies advocacy efforts in Uganda

Introduction:

- Civil society led network - Reproductive Heath 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 9th 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 Tables schedules
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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