

# FAMILY PLANNING 2020

## COUNTRY ACTION: OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, AND PRIORITIES



### LIBERIA

This document reflects the country context, opportunities, challenges, and priorities developed by FP2020 focal points for Liberia in collaboration with the FP2020 Secretariat and other partners during the Anglophone Africa Focal Point Workshop in Kampala, Uganda in April 2016. FP2020's focal point representatives are from the government and two donor organizations, usually UNFPA and USAID, and serve as the key representatives of FP2020 in-country. They coordinate with each other, the government, partners and other stakeholders, and the FP2020 Secretariat to drive progress on the country's family planning goals. These opportunities, challenges, and priorities serve as the foundation of the shared agenda of action across the next 12- to 18-month horizon.

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#### OPPORTUNITIES

- The youthful population of Liberia: 51% of the population is below 21 years targeting this population now, will result in health and development benefits for the population in the future
- Strong donor and partner commitment to support FP activities particularly procurement of commodities
- New community health workforce to support community based distribution of family planning commodities now being introduced into the counties with an integrated community based curriculum development for the new cadres of providers referred to as community health assistance (CHAs)
- Updated family planning strategy to include adolescent friendly services, Private sector engagement as well as series for marginalized populations
- Inclusion of family planning in major national documents, such as the Road Map and Accelerated Action Plan for maternal mortality reduction (AAP)

#### CHALLENGES

- Limited coverage of community based family planning services
- Inadequately trained FP service providers that contributes to low access to long term and permanent methods
- Frequent stock out of FP commodities
- Limited storage capacity for FP commodities at national and sub-national levels
- No budgetary allocation for FP activities in the existing MoH national budget
- Donor reliance on Family Planning Commodity Procurement with little or no GOL commitment to procurement of commodities
- Limited involvement of women in decision making about sexual and reproductive health
- Limited community engagement in FP promotion and service delivery
- Limited male involvement in family planning counseling and promotion
- Inadequate provision of youth friendly health services
- Limited private sector engagement and involvement in the delivery of FP services
- National Health Information Management System does not collect and report disaggregated data on FP uptake, information on use of FP by adolescents not available at national level

## PRIORITIES

- Strengthen coordination among partners and stakeholders at national and sub-national levels
- Enhance MOH M&E officer's capacities through training and mentoring to track the 17 core indicators in meeting FP2020 goals.
- Scale up integrated adolescent friendly health services, including family planning services in Lofa, Grand Cape Mount, and Gbarpolu counties
- Scale up access and utilization of FP services by rolling out contraceptive day events in all 15 counties
- Expand family planning service delivery through the private sector, including FBOs, CBOs, NGOs and implementing partners.
- Expand the distribution of FP commodities to include all counties and districts through county and district level community health workforce structures
- Finalize the updated 5-year FP strategy and ensure that major interventions are costed
- Advocacy to MoH senior management for the inclusion of a budget line for the procurement of 5% to 10% of the national quantification needs