

FAMILY PLANNING 2020

COUNTRY ACTION: OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, AND PRIORITIES



UGANDA

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OPPORTUNITIES

- GFF investment case, which includes family planning (FP) and adolescent health, is an opportunity for the government to avail resources by the government since the World Bank is giving \$110 million as loan and USD \$40 million from government resources
- Revision of the national level communication and advocacy strategy for FP includes reaching out to new legislators coming on board building on the discussions on demographic dividend
- Scaling up of innovation, such as in mobile technology, Sayana Press, task sharing, present opportunity to not only increase FP information, access, and utilization for the general population, but also for young people
- Have FP costed implementation plan for 2015-2020 period
- National road map for adolescent is under development and the adolescent health survey is ongoing;
- The development of the community health extension workers' (CHEWs) strategy is an opportunity to improve access to FP
- Domesticating SGDs targets included in the NDP II is an opportunity

CHALLENGES

- The staff entering data under DHIS2 are not clear on what exactly to capture hence may cause more challenges
- Current discussion on moving reproductive health to child health may negate all efforts to address RH for adolescents
- Cultural norms around the youths affect SRH services including FP at community level
- Integration of FP with other SRH and adolescent health services may be a challenge
- Human resources are over strained with weak community health system
- Mobile technology may not reach all the adolescents because of limited access to mobile phones
- Resistance to change by either partners or young people despite the many interventions being implemented in the country
- To ensure that graduates of health training institutions implement according to the skills gained while at school
- HIV/SRH/FP integration presents a challenge of focusing adequately on the HIV positive women

PRIORITIES

1. Advocating for FP in GFF engagement
2. Sensitize new leadership in parliament on imperative of FP
3. Raise profile of AYSRH by keeping in it RH division and by adequately reflecting it in the GFF