

# 2016 FP2020 ANNUAL COMMITMENT UPDATE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE



## POPULATION COUNCIL

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*In July 2016, Population Council shared the following update on progress toward achieving its Family Planning 2020 commitment during the 2015-2016 time period (commitment included below for reference).*

### **PROGRAM & SERVICE DELIVERY UPDATES**

- The Population Council has worked on developing contraceptive markets through both the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition and country-led implementation research, expanding the sources of family planning services (pharmacies, workplace, and community health workers) and testing the impact of innovative financing (vouchers, client subsidies) on service demand and use.
- During 2015-2016, the Council provided support for market research, registration, introduction, and/or technology development and transfer of a variety of vaginal rings for both contraception and infection prevention. The Council collaborated with WHO in including vaginal rings on the Essential Medicines List (EML) and are engaging with the Government of India, WomenCare Global, and WHO in preparing for the Pre-Qualification of the progesterone vaginal ring to enhance birth spacing for lactating women.
- The Council is working with QPharma (Sweden), Grünenthal (Germany and Chile), and Hindustan Lifecare Limited (HLL) in the development, registration, and/or manufacturing of vaginal rings and other selected long acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) to develop markets for these new products and address the needs of women who would like to delay or space births.
- In addition, the Council is working through the International Contraceptive Access (ICA) Foundation to ensure that the LNG IUS is made available to public sector entities in developing countries through donations (see other note on commitment from the ICA Foundation) to FP2020 partners such as MSI, PSI, IPPF, and developing country governments.

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*The following text is the commitment made by Population Council at the 2012 London Summit on Family Planning. To review the commitment online, please visit: <http://www.familyplanning2020.org/population-council>.*

The Population Council commits to increasing access to and availability of family planning and other reproductive health services in countries where people are unable to achieve their reproductive health goals.

## **PROGRAM & SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITMENTS**

The Population Council will promote reproductive rights to reduce inequalities in access to and use of reproductive health services related to wealth, age and gender; strengthen health systems so that contraception can be provided through a range of health services; develop and test the effectiveness, safety and acceptability of new reproductive health technologies designed to benefit women and men in developing countries; and engage pharmaceutical companies to license, register and/or manufacture technologies developed by the Population Council to expand choice in developing country markets.