
COMMITMENT OVERVIEW

Nepal is committed to maintaining and sustaining the efforts already initiated including through the implementation of the FP2020 commitments made in March 2015, one month before the devastating earthquake. As such, Nepal reiterates that it will continue to increase government budget in Family Planning by 7% each year up to 2020.

Nepal is committed to "leaving no one behind" and "reaching the unreached" to accelerate the progress of increasing the number of additional users of family planning by an estimated 1 million by 2020, provided the proportion of demand satisfied increases to 71% by then. With a special focus on meeting the family planning need of adolescents and youth, Nepal will strive to increase the method mix with suitable FP methods of their choices.

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

- An estimated 1 million additional users by 2020
- Proportion of health facilities with no stock-outs increased from 70% to 95% by 2020

COMMITMENT 1

1.1. Continue raising financial resources and promoting local-level budgetary allocations for FP that meets on-going policy and programmatic commitments
1.2. Continue raising the annual government allocation for FP by 7% each year up to 2020. Furthermore, Nepal will engage with external development partners including donors to raise additional commitments

Anticipated impact

- Increased budgetary allocation for family planning

Proposed actions

- Continuous advocacy and coordination with officials from Ministry of Finance and other influential agencies like National Planning Commission, Ministry of Health and Office of the Prime Minister, along with state/province and local government bodies
- Ministry of Health will liaise and coordinate with external development partners, civil society organizations and private sector to mobilize and raise additional resources
COMMITMENT 2

2.1. Identify barriers to accessing FP services among individuals and couples belonging to special groups including adolescents and youth and formulate policies and strategies to address them
2.2. Strengthen and gradually scale up Adolescent Friendly Services to cater for the needs of adolescents in all HFs
2.3. Improve regulatory framework to promote public-private partnership and expand health service delivery points to increase access to quality FP information and services

Anticipated impact

- Reduced unmet need among the adolescent and youth

Proposed actions

- Carry out demand generation activities to increase the uptake of FP methods among special groups with high unmet needs especially adolescents and youth
- Capacity building of HWs to provide adolescent friendly services; sustaining and establishing adolescent friendly information corners in HFs with appropriate IEC materials and relevant accessories
- Scale up Adolescent friendly services by training HWs
- Policy and strategy will be developed towards increasing access and utilization of quality FP information and services for adolescents and youth
- The Ministry of Health is finalizing a partnership policy which will support the work of private and social sectors
- Federal and provincial ministries will develop framework and guidelines towards effectively engaging private and non-governmental sectors

COMMITMENT 3

3.1. Strengthen enabling environment for family planning, including advocacy to mobilize resources from non-health sectors
3.2. Strengthen capacity of health institutions and service providers to expand FP service delivery networks, to respond to the needs of marginalized, rural residents, migrants, adolescents with special focus during the time of emergencies/humanitarian settings
3.3. Increase availability of a broader range of modern contraceptives and improve method mix at different levels of the health care delivery system
3.4. Increase health care seeking behavior among populations with high unmet need for modern contraception by raising awareness on the importance of FP through various communication methods and media focusing on special groups like ethnic minorities, marginalized and disadvantaged groups
3.5. Strengthen evidence based/informed learnings for effective programme implementation through research and innovations
3.6. Approve the Reproductive Health bill (RH bill)

Anticipated impact

- n/a
Proposed actions

- Country level programmes are designed to meet the above Programmatic Commitments by the government and supporting partners with reference to the FP-CIP
- For advocacy on FP, FP-CIP will be rolled out to the provinces and provincial government will be encouraged to prepare provincial FP-CIP
- Every year on the 18th of September, “National Family Planning Day” is celebrated throughout the country to raise awareness on the importance of FP
- Research, pilots and innovative programmatic interventions are being carried out to strengthen the broader evidence base for FP. Efforts are carried out to expand one rod implanon and adding new modern methods like Sayana Press® and fertility awareness based methods like Standard Days Method with Cycle Beads to increase the method choice
- Capacity building on the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Reproductive health; pre-positioning of RH kits in selected hospitals
- Carryout demand generation activities to increase the uptake of FP methods among special groups with high unmet needs such as Muslim and other ethnic minorities, poor and women from remote locations

COMMITMENT 4

4.1. Introduce eLMIS at the district and gradually to the HFs level by end of 2019
4.2. Effective procurement functions in place for timely procurement of commodities
4.3. Proportion of HFs with “no stock out of FP commodities” increased from 70% to 95% by the end of 2020

Anticipated impact

- Reduced stock outs of the drugs and commodities with the effective implementation of eLMIS

Proposed actions

- Pilot eLMIS in the first phase by the end of 2017
- Scale up eLMIS in the second phase 2018/2019
- Capacity building of Health Workforce in implementing eLMIS. Training to HWs on eLMIS will be provided jointly by LMD, USAID, UNFPA and other relevant organizations supporting Supply Chain Management
- FP Commodities are procured and distributed on time to reduce the shortfall
- DFID TA support in enhancing timely procurement of commodities
The following text is the commitment made by the Government of Nepal in 2015.

**POLICY & POLITICAL COMMITMENTS**

Nepal pledges to reposition family planning to foster sustainable social and economic development and to execute the Costed Implementation Plan on FP (2015-2020) within the Nepal Health Sector Program III (2015-2020). Nepal commits to identify barriers to accessing family planning services faced by individuals and couples, including adolescents and youth, those living in rural areas, migrants and other vulnerable or marginalized groups. The government also pledges to formulate policies and strategies to address these barriers. Furthermore, Nepal commits to improving the regulatory framework to promote public-private partnerships.

**FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

The government of Nepal commits to raise and invest the financial resources required to meet its policy and programmatic commitments. In particular, it pledges to increase funding for family planning programs by at least 7 percent annually from 2015 to 2020 and engage with external development partners to raise additional resources. In addition, Nepal pledges to strengthen the enabling environment for family planning by engaging in advocacy to mobilize resources from non-health sectors.

**PROGRAM & SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITMENTS**

The government of Nepal pledges to broaden the range of modern contraceptives available and improve method mix at different levels of the health care system. Nepal commits to engage in a range of communications and media activities to raise awareness of family planning among populations with a high unmet need for modern contraception, focusing particularly on adolescents and young people. Nepal will expand service delivery points to increase access to quality family planning information and services and facilitate family planning by strengthening delivery networks. The government pledges to support mobilizing resources from other, non-health sectors. Nepal commits to strengthening the evidence base for effective program implementation through research and innovation.