

FAMILY PLANNING 2020 COMMITMENT

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The Government of Ghana updated its commitment at the [Family Planning Summit in London, UK](#) on July 11, 2017:

COMMITMENT OVERVIEW

The Government of Ghana commits to including Family Planning (FP) services and supplies in the national health insurance benefits package during the next scheme review period, which will make them free of charge at all public-sector facilities, and private sector facilities subscribed to the scheme. Ghana is also committed to increasing the government's contribution to buying FP commodities. The government currently procures directly about one quarter of all FP commodities and commits to increase this percentage to one third by 2020. With regards to programming and service delivery, the government is committed to increasing the number of women using modern contraception from 1.46 million (2015) to 1.93 million in 2020 through increasing access and availability of services at all levels, capacity building, improving contraceptive method mix, and increased demand for services. Lastly, the government is committed to supporting Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) interventions to increase percentage sexually active unmarried adolescent using contraceptives from current levels of 31.5% to 35.0% by 2020.

Anticipated Impact

1. Improved access to FP services by ensuring about 1.9million women and girls using a modern contraceptive method
2. Reduced teenage pregnancy and child marriage

COMMITMENT 1: Revisit the national health insurance benefits package to include the clinical methods of FP services and supplies.

Anticipated impact

1. Improved access to the poor and adolescents who are exempted from paying premium for national Health insurance.

Proposed actions

1. Ensuring the inclusion of Clinical FP methods in the NHIS actuarial analysis (ongoing) Brief new Minister and Administration and agree on modalities of implementation to ensure the incorporation of Clinical FP methods in the NHIS benefit package by September 2017 -

COMMITMENT 2: Increase the government financial contribution to the procurement of FP commodities. The government currently directly purchases about one quarter of all commodities; percentage will increase to one third commodities from 2018.

Anticipated Impact

Central and regional level stock outs reduced to zero due to continuous commodity availability.

Proposed actions (for PFSA)

1. Increase in allocated budget lines for the procurement of reproductive health commodities from the Ministry of Health

COMMITMENT 3: Increase mCPR among currently married women or women in union from 22% to 29% by 2020 through improved access to FP in Peri urban and rural areas.

Anticipated impact

1. Increased mCPR

Proposed Actions:

1. Support the introduction of Sayana Press through facility and by self-injection by September 2018
2. Initiate the establishment process of a local Social Marketing Organization by the end of November 2017
3. Develop and disseminate family planning specific social behavior change communication under the Good Life, Live it Well Brand through the Ghana Health Service Health Promotion Department by the end of June 2017
4. Implement eLMIS to ensure accurate reporting in the Early Warning System nationwide by the end of 2020
5. Review RMNCH scorecards at ICC/CS meetings and sending FP stock status report feedback to regional leaders through quarterly ICC/CS meetings
6. Facilitate training of at least 2000 Auxiliary Nurses (comprised of Community Health and Enrolled Nurses) by December 2017
7. Support the task shifting of community health nurses to provide IUD services through the midwifery assistant program by December 2017

COMMITMENT 4: Enhance adolescent access to Sexual Reproductive Health information and services, especially improving access to and uptake of family planning services to improve the mCPR among sexually active married and unmarried adolescents from 16.7% and 31.5% to 20% and 35% respectively by 2020.

Anticipated impact

1. Reduced adolescent pregnancy in peri-urban, rural, and at-risk communities.

Proposed Actions:

1. Advocate for Cabinet approval of revised ASRH Policy
2. Ensure that Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) is integrated in the next GES Curriculum Review to provide CSE within the school setting
3. Ensure providers are providing adolescent-friendly services for sexually active young people in all adolescent friendly corners throughout Ghana
4. Ensure government support in the implementation of the new revised Adolescent Health Service Policy and Strategy 2016-2020
5. Enhance the coverage and scale of recently integrated adolescent health register under the DHIMS to cover 50% of adolescent health corners providing SRH services by December 2017
6. Scale up the users of a mobile application for service providers from 4,050 to 10,000 by 2020
7. Recruit 20% of older adolescents (15 – 19 years) mobile phone users unto the YMK mobile application

The following text summarizes the commitment made by Ms. Tina Mensah on behalf of the government of Ghana at the London Summit on Family Planning on July 11, 2012.

Ghana is committed to making family planning free in the public sector and supporting the private sector to provide services. Services will be available for sexually active young people through youth promoters and adolescent friendly services. Improved counseling and customer care will be prioritized.

Contraceptive choices are being expanded to include a wider range of long acting and permanent methods along with including task shifting options and improvement of post-partum and post-abortion family planning services. The government has put in place a

comprehensive multi-sectorial program to increase demand for family planning as a priority intervention in the MDG 5 Acceleration Framework, including advocacy and communications to improve male involvement, such as the "Real Man" campaign.

POLICY & POLITICAL COMMITMENTS

In 2011, Ghana's Ministry of Health and its National Population Council have put in place an MDG 5 Acceleration Framework, also known as the MAF Plan. The country commits to revising its national health insurance benefits package to include FP services and supplies, which will make them free of charge everywhere.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Ghana is committed to increasing the government contribution to buying FP commodities. The government currently directly purchases about one quarter of all commodities; percentage will increase after 2015. Ghana commits an additional US\$3 million annually for the MAF Plan for 2012-2015.

PROGRAM & SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITMENTS

MDG 5 Acceleration Framework, also known as the MAF Plan, includes the following strategies:

- Use community-based nurses to deliver FP services in rural areas.
- Eliminate user fees for FP services in all public health facilities.
- Increase demand for FP, including advocacy and communications to improve male involvement.
- Improve workforce training and options for task shifting.
- Improve counseling and customer care.
- Improve post-partum and post-abortion care.
- Offer expanded contraceptive choices including a wider range of long acting and permanent methods.
- Provide adolescent-friendly services for sexually active young people.