



Prioritizing of domestic funding over donor reliance for scale up of Family Planning

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Background:

Family planning is considered to be a principal element of Kenya's reproductive health agenda and a strategy towards economic stability. It is a strategy geared towards controlling growth of population where families are able to decide the number of children they want, allowing their advancement and development. Provision of FP commodities has been hugely reliant on donor funding, but with the decreased donor aid, the country experiences challenges in stocking and supply of commodities.

Objectives:

To increase allocation for family planning in the county health budgets by initiating FP- specific budget lines and building partnerships with the private sectors for commodity provision and security.

Methodologies:

Advocating for pool funding from various sectors both at national and county level

Establish a monitoring and evaluation system for invested FP funds; usage on commodities and programs

Results/ key findings:

The contraceptive prevalence rate among married women has increased from 54% in 2014 to more than 58% in 2018, exceeding the year 2020 target. This has led to upward revision of CPR to 66% by 2030

The Total Fertility Rate has reduced from 4.6 showed in 2008/9 survey to 3.85 in 2016, this has been attributed to use of contraceptives

Policy implications:

The various policies formulated and implemented by the government has seen provision of information on the different types of contraceptives also access to the commodities. The ASRH policy has seen establishment of youth friendly centers where youths can be attended to in confidentiality and with skilled personnel. Additionally, counties have allocated funds for family planning in their health budgets

Conclusion:

In order to mitigate unmet need for contraceptives, the government through the counties should allocate for FP commodities in recurrent budgets and clearly outline private sector FP financing

Recommendation:

To achieve the highest level of health for her population, Kenya needs to prioritize provision of high quality family planning. All stakeholders are also to participate actively in effort tracking and coordination of linkages.