

FACTSHEET NEW COMMITMENTS TO FP2020

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Three years ago the global family planning community gathered at the London Summit on Family Planning to spark a transformational movement. Now, this community—inspired by the vision of expanding access to voluntary family planning to 120 million more women and girls in the world's poorest countries by 2020—continues to strengthen its commitment to action.

New political, financial and service delivery commitments add to our movement's ability to support the rights of women and girls to decide freely and for themselves whether and when to have children. FP2020 commitments stand in full support of the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health.



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COUNTRIES

MADAGASCAR

The government of Madagascar commits to developing a favorable environment for family planning by revising key framework and legislative policies and enforcing laws related to family planning. It also commits to improving access to free family planning services for youth and increasing the family planning budget by at least 5 percent annually.

MADAGASCAR'S OBJECTIVE IS TO:

- Increase the contraceptive prevalence rate to 50 percent by 2020
- Reduce unmet need for family planning by half, to 9 percent, by 2020

THE GOVERNMENT COMMITS TO:

- Increase the budget allocated to family planning by at least 5 percent, including contraceptive purchasing and delivery
- Revise all framework and legislative documents to support an enabling environment for family planning

- Improve access to free family planning services for youth, including adolescents, and utilize a youth-friendly approach
- Enforce all family planning and marriage-related laws
- Institutionalize the annual national campaign for family planning
- Strengthen public-private partnership and multisectoral engagement, in collaboration with all ministries
- Strengthen community mobilization and distribution by prioritizing inaccessible areas
- Ensure contraceptive security, including products for emergency contraception, to beneficiaries
- Strengthen technical platforms for health training in family planning, particularly for long-acting and permanent methods, by emphasizing post-abortion/postpartum family planning

MALI

The government of Mali commits to raising the budget for purchasing contraceptives, engaging in high-level advocacy on family planning and establishing stronger linkages with the private sector to help implement its family planning action plan.

MALI'S OBJECTIVE IS TO:

- Increase the rate of contraceptive use in Mali, moving from 9.9 percent in 2012 to 15 percent by 2018

THE GOVERNMENT COMMITS TO:

- Ensure availability and accessibility of contraceptives across the country
- Disseminate the reproductive health law developed in 2002
- Advocate in support of family planning at various government levels as well as with religious and community leaders

- Strengthen partnerships with stakeholders from the private sector, public corporations and professional organizations to improve the implementation of the National Family Planning Action Plan
- Improve transparency and accountability relating to business mechanisms
- Raise the share of the budget allocated to purchasing contraceptives by 5 percent annually
- Mobilize state resources and diversify the sources of financing for reproductive health and family planning activities
- Strengthen monitoring, at the ministerial level, of the implementation of the National Family Planning Action Plan
- Improve continuity of contraceptive use by training health workers to provide long-acting reversible and permanent contraceptive methods
- Build communication methods aimed at changing behaviors around family planning and raise awareness among adolescents and young people and men

NEPAL

The Nepalese government commits to enabling equitable access to voluntary family planning services based on informed choice for all individuals and couples, in particular, those within vulnerable and marginalized populations. The government also pledges to revitalize and reposition family planning within its national policy framework to foster sustainable socio-economic development.

THE GOVERNMENT COMMITS 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
- Raise and invest the financial resources required to meet policy and programmatic commitments
- Reposition family planning to foster sustainable social and economic development
- Ensure implementation of the Costed Implementation Plan on FP (2015-2020) within the Nepal Health Sector Program III (2015-2020)
- Identify barriers to accessing family planning services for individuals and couples belonging to specific populations, including adolescents and youth, individuals living in rural areas, migrants and other vulnerable or marginalized groups, and formulate policies and strategies to address these issues
- Improve the regulatory framework to promote public-private partnerships and expand service delivery points to increase access to quality family planning information and services

SOMALIA

The government of Somalia commits to strengthening community-based family planning services, improving reproductive health commodity security and engaging policy and decision makers to advocate for more resources for family planning.

SOMALIA'S OBJECTIVE IS TO:

- Increase mCPR among women of reproductive age from 2.6 percent to 10 percent by 2016

THE GOVERNMENT COMMITS TO:

- Strengthen reproductive health commodity security by developing and implementing a strategy and action plan
- Establish a coordinated supply chain mechanism to ensure continuous availability of high-quality contraceptives and other essential reproductive and maternal health commodities
- Increase institutional and workforce capacity in supply chain management and ensure the reproductive health supply chain is integrated with the emerging national health sector commodity supply chain
- Expand community-based family planning by strengthening linkages between health facilities and the community, integrating community reproductive health outreach interventions, improving the quality of services provided by community health workers, enhancing community-based distribution of family planning and strengthening referral systems
- Increase advocacy about family planning among communities, adolescents and young people, men and religious leaders
- Strengthen coordination, commitment and collaboration between the public and private sectors to improve reproductive health services, training, supplies, equipment and commodities
- Develop a regulatory framework to enhance collaboration between the public and private sectors
- Address barriers to accessing reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health services—with a particular focus on the most vulnerable populations—by implementing the Campaign on Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa and the Acceleration Plan on Mother and Child Health
- Engage policy and decision makers from the parliament and other ministries, such as the ministry of finance, to advocate for more resources for family planning interventions

ORGANIZATIONS

BAYER HEALTHCARE

Bayer HealthCare commits to expand its successful youth-centric health programs over the coming five years under the umbrella of the World Contraception Day initiative.

BAYER HEALTHCARE COMMITS TO:

- Support World Contraception Day, through financial and in-kind support worth over USD \$8,400,000 per year over the next five years; the “It’s Your Life – It’s Your Future” campaign’s activities culminate every year on September 26 with a wide range of events, press conferences and concerts in about 70 countries with the mission to improve awareness of all contraceptive methods to enable young people—regardless of whether they are male or female, married or unmarried and sexually active or not—to make informed choices on their sexual and reproductive health
- Support increased levels of contraceptive awareness and knowledge about sexual and reproductive health amongst adolescents and youth worldwide through the provision of medically accurate and unbiased sexuality education via national, regional and global programs
- Improve—in collaboration with other civil society organizations, NGOs, advocacy groups, and governments—the sexual and reproductive health of young people with the goal of ensuring that every pregnancy is wanted

THE INTERNATIONAL CONTRACEPTIVE ACCESS FOUNDATION

The International Contraceptive Access (ICA) Foundation—a public-private partnership between the Population Council and Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals—commits to donating contraceptive products to public health organizations, such as multilaterals, governments and NGOs in Family Planning 2020 (FP2020) focus countries.

THE ICA FOUNDATION COMMITS TO:

- Offer in donation up to 20,000 levonorgestrel releasing intrauterine systems (LNG IUS) per year from 2016 to 2020 to qualified service organizations in the 69 FP2020 focus countries—after approval by the Board of the project proposals
- LNG IUS is a contraceptive method containing a synthetic female hormone, levonorgestrel, which is released slowly into the uterus (womb), and is widely used in other contraceptive methods, such as implants and oral contraceptive pills. Over the first year of use, the pregnancy rate for LNG IUS users is less than 1 percent.
- Since 2003, the ICA Foundation has donated nearly 75,000 LNG IUS devices to organizations in 28 developing countries in an effort to serve the reproductive needs of women and families in resource-poor settings.

MANAGEMENT SCIENCES FOR HEALTH

Management Sciences for Health (MSH) pledges to collaborate with national, subnational and local leaders to support with the achievement of their FP2020 goals. MSH also commits to support with improving health systems and strengthening performance management.

MSH COMMITS TO:

- Improve health systems that support and sustain family planning programs because the success of family planning and reproductive health integrated programming is only as strong as the health system that supports it
- Support national, subnational and local leaders to advocate and plan for achieving FP2020 goals by working through MSH's global, regional and country projects
- Use and build upon its performance management approaches and frameworks, such as the Leadership Development Program, to help decisionmakers use real-time data to implement, track and propel results of high-impact practices in family planning
- Build leadership skills at all levels of the health system, including governing bodies, service providers and community health workers, to align support to FP2020 goals, including expanding MSH's YOUTHLEAD program to build the leadership skills of young family planning champions
- Foster dialogue between the family planning and reproductive health community and ministers of finance to establish accountability platforms
- Collaborate with FP2020 to develop and monitor costed implementation plans at all levels of government
- Strengthen supply chain systems for family planning commodities and help reduce stock outs by providing tools and technical assistance to ensure contraceptive security

MERCK (MSD)

Merck, known as MSD outside the United States and Canada, commits to extending access pricing for IMPLANON® and IMPLANON NXT®—its single-rod, long-acting, reversible contraceptive implants—in FP2020 focus countries for an additional five years through 2023. This builds on Merck's original announcement in May 2013 to reduce the cost of its implants by approximately 50 percent for six years, through 2018.

MERCK (MSD) COMMITS TO:

- Extending access pricing for IMPLANON® and IMPLANON NXT® in the 69 FP2020 focus countries for an additional five years, expanding its program through 2023

Since May 2013, the number of IMPLANON® and IMPLANON NXT® implants provided in targeted countries has doubled, bringing greater choice to millions of women in some of the world's poorest regions. Merck continues to work with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and other FP2020 partners in implementing the IMPLANON® Access Program.

PFIZER

Pfizer joined the FP2020 partnership with a commitment to sell Sayana® Press for US\$1/dose to qualified purchasers. Sayana® Press combines Depo-Provera with Uniject™, a completely self-contained one-dose injection system that eliminates the need for health workers to store medicines and syringes or measure out doses. The price agreement allows Sayana® Press to be offered to women in FP2020 countries at reduced or zero cost. Financial support is provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Children's Investment Fund Foundation, while in-country distribution is made possible by PATH, DFID, UNFPA, and USAID.

PFIZER COMMITS TO:

- Sell Sayana® Press for USD \$1/dose to qualified purchasers for the next two years, with the possibility of extension
- Being responsible for quality manufacturing of Sayana® Press, as well as obtaining registrations in key markets (Sayana® Press has been registered or has registration pending in over 10 of the 69 priority family planning markets. In addition, stakeholders have sought waivers to make Sayana® Press available in markets where there is no registration)

The consortium of public and private sector donors and aid organizations supporting this collaboration will assist with procurement and support country introductions and the delivery of Sayana® Press to health facilities.

At the country level, the organizations will also work with local governments to help ensure injectable contraceptive methods are included in reproductive health plans and budgets, coordinate health worker trainings, and raise awareness about the availability of Sayana® Press.