Strengthening Rwanda Health System Capacity to Deliver RMNCAH Services

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Health System Interventions to Improve RMNCAH* in Rwanda

- Support for **policy, strategies and national guidelines**
- Strengthened **data systems and use** of data
- **Targeted capacity building** to address provider skills through clinical training and mentorship
- Advocacy and **scale-up of high impact interventions** (costing)
- Invested in Rwandan **professional associations** to assume greater leadership in improving quality of care
- **Quality assurance approach** to strengthening health services for survivors of gender-based violence

*RMNCAH = reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health*
Low-Dose High-Frequency (LDHF) Mentorship

Using the LDHF approach, MCSP significantly increased the number of providers trained in lifesaving MNCH and FP interventions in supporting facilities.

(Cumulative number of providers trained, n=172 facilities)
Outcomes

- **DHIS 2 Dashboards** in all MCSP supported facilities
- Support for **post-partum family planning** (PPFP) in 10 districts, which is scaled up nationally
- MCSP requested to provide financial and technical support to deploy trainers/mentors beyond MCSP districts/coverage
- Skilled providers through **LDHF/Mentorship** Program
- Multi-faceted mentorship program includes **CHW mentorship**
- **Improved quality and access** to health services for GBV survivors
- **RMNCAH policy and National Strategies**
Example of an outcome trend following training on PPFP

Postpartum Uptake of FP (n=172 HFs)

- Q1 FY16: -
- Q2 FY16: 150
- Q3 FY16: 1,610
- Q4 FY16: 4,166
- Q1 FY17: 6,122
- Q2 FY17: 5,174
- Q3 FY17: 6,067
- Q4 FY17: 5,506
- Q1 FY18: 8,843

PPFP Acceptors
**ENC/HBB Dashboard Snapshot**

**Key items include:**
- Average Mentee Score
- Target > 80
- Facility readiness: Bag & mask
- Resuscitation outcomes
- Action plan

**Key questions to consider when reviewing this dashboard:**
1. Which health facilities need more strengthening of competencies?
2. In which health facilities are additional mentees and/or equipment needed?
3. What is the trend of successful resuscitation success rate and why (competence or equipment)?
4. What was the trend of successful resuscitation over the past 12 months?
5. What was the trend of asphyxia case fatality over the past 12 months?
6. What is the trend of neonatal deaths, asphyxia deaths and fresh stillbirths?
PPFP Dashboard Snapshot

Key items include:

- Number of providers trained on PPFP (Counselling and clinical)
- Stock out of FP commodities
- Counselling outcome (Discharged with a Method, Plan or Refuse/Decline)
- Action plan
Enabling Environment

• Strong political will from the highest level of Rwanda to sustain gains from MDGs and **accelerate progress towards SDGs**
• USAID committed to **aligning USG investments** in Rwanda with Government of Rwanda vision, strategy and priorities
• USAID actively engaged and guided MCSP in development of two national strategies for FP/ASRH & MNCH
• **Rwanda striving to become a middle-income country** and strategically analyzing health strategies within that context including investments in youth
• Mentorship as a key strategy to maintain and sustain skills for health workers (community & facility)
• Empowered and experienced professional associations
• Tools, indicators, and data systems to measure progress and evaluate effectiveness of strategies and approaches
• Culture of using data for decision-making
• Capacity for scale up of high impact interventions