

Investigating the Impact of the Trump Administration Global Gag Rule in Uganda and Ethiopia

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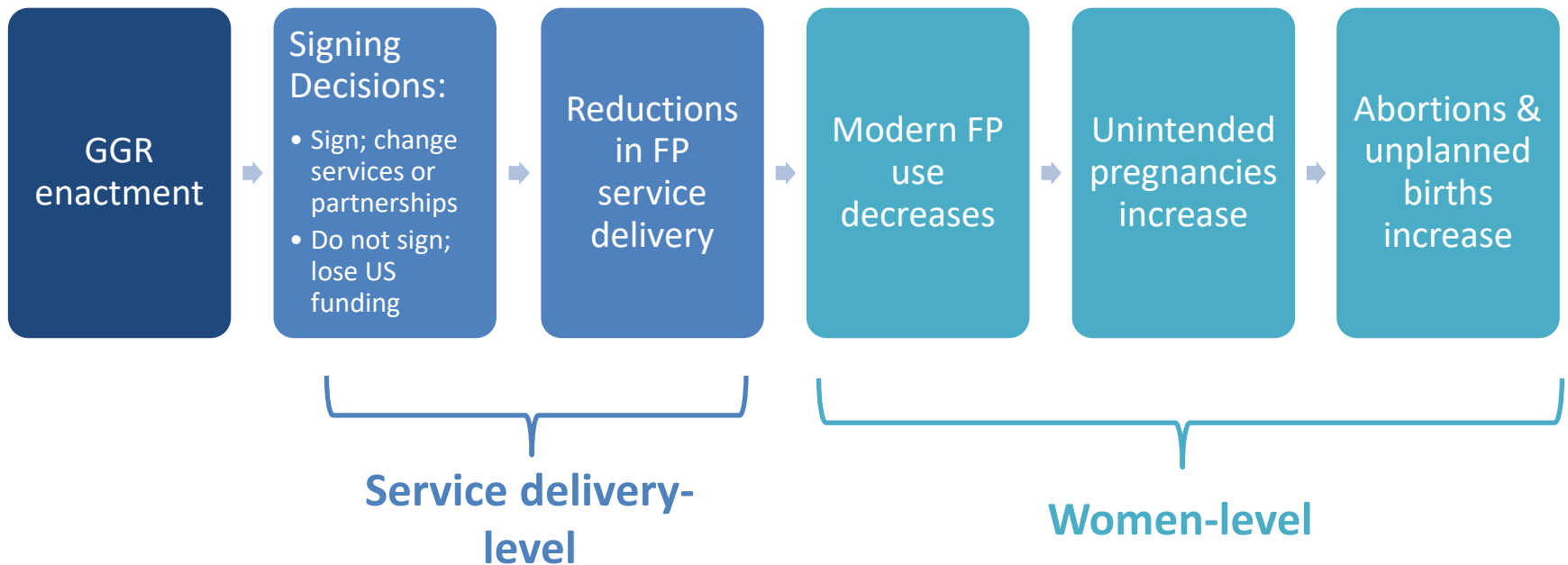
Trump Administration GGR Dramatically Expands the Scope of the Policy

	BUSH ADMINISTRATION (FY 2002-2009)	TRUMP ADMINISTRATION (FY 2002-2009)
PROGRAM AREAS AFFECTED	Family planning/ reproductive health	Family planning/reproductive health NEWLY AFFECTED: <i>Maternal and child health</i> <i>Nutrition</i> <i>HIV/AIDS</i> <i>Malaria</i> <i>Tuberculosis</i> <i>Infectious diseases</i> <i>Neglected tropical diseases</i> <i>Water, sanitation and hygiene*</i>
	~\$600 million USD	~\$7.4 billion USD

*Limited exemptions.

Sources: (1) Barot, Sneha. "U.S. Foreign Policy Attacks on SRHR: The Global Gag Rule and UNFPA." Internal Guttmacher Institute presentation, 2017. (2) Kaiser Family Foundation. The Mexico City Policy: An Explainer. Kaiser Family Foundation. <https://www.kff.org/global-health-policy/fact-sheet/mexico-city-policy-explainer/>. Published August 15, 2019. Accessed October 25, 2019.

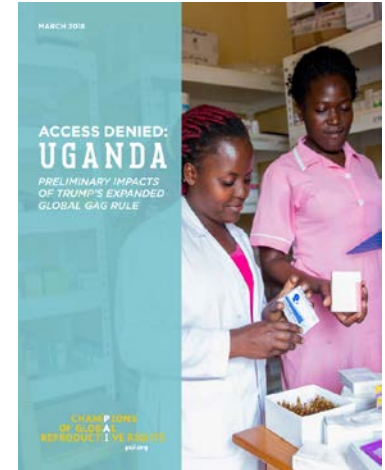
Studying in the impact of the GGR: Theory of change



Little rigorous research on GGR impact

- **Most available evidence on Trump Administration GGR is qualitative, descriptive**
 - Disrupted partnerships, confusion about implementation

- **Few quantitative studies examined impact of previous iterations of the GGR**
 - Reductions in modern contraceptive use
 - Increases in unintended pregnancy and abortion¹⁻³
 - Large variability in policy impact based on **country-specific contexts**



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Study Design

- **Quasi-experimental**

- Changes over time (pre-post GGR)
- Compared facilities and women that are more or less exposed to the GGR

- **Data**

- Multiple rounds of PMA surveys
- Exposure variable – interviews with key stakeholders

- **Classified geographic areas based on service changes**

- Decreased mobile outreach services, facility closures, program discontinuation, partnership discontinuation, staff reductions

Two international NGOs did not sign the GGR, lost U.S. funding

Service Deliver Outcomes

- **Reduction in CHWs (~3.4) engaged by more exposed facilities**
- **No impact on other outcomes**
 - Wrong measures?
 - Too soon?

Women's Outcomes

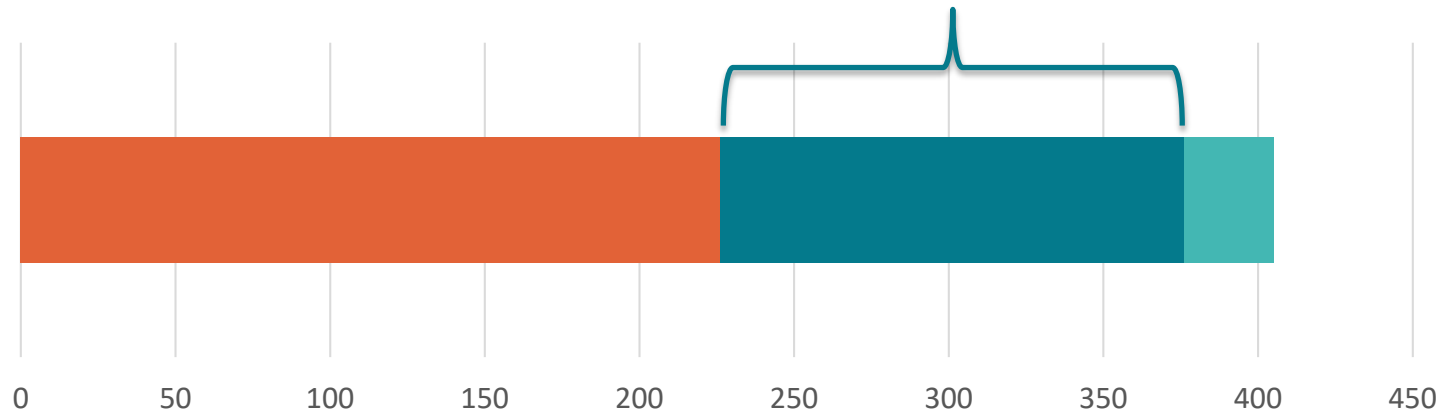
- **Preliminary results: disruption in recent gains**
 - Less exposed group continuing trends in +contraceptive use and -unplanned births
 - More exposed group leveled off
 - Measurement challenges with unintended pregnancy and abortion

Stop-gap funding

- **One international NGO received complete stop-gap funding for impacted programs and services from a European donor**

84% of “more” exposed facilities received stop-gap funding

Number of facilities



■ "Less exposed"

■ "More exposed" with stop-gap

■ "More exposed" without stop-gap

Mitigating the impact of the GGR

- **Organizational resiliency**
 - Shifting strategies to help absorb impacts that would be felt by women accessing FP services
- **Stop-gap funding**
 - Essential for slowing the erosion of services
 - **Stop-gap funding may be unsustainable given current COVID-19 pandemic and additional needs for donor funding**
- **Impact may increase in the long term; this is only an assessment of early impact**

For More Information

Adding It Up 2019:

Adding It Up: Investing in Sexual and Reproductive Health 2019

Abortion and unintended pregnancy:

Unintended pregnancy and abortion by income, region, and the legal status of abortion: estimates from a comprehensive model for 1990–2019

Global Gag Rule:

Investigating the Early Impact of the Trump Administration's Global Gag Rule on Sexual and Reproductive Health Service Delivery in Uganda

The Guttmacher-Lancet Commission:

Accelerate progress—sexual and reproductive health and rights for all: report of the Guttmacher–Lancet Commission

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