POSTPARTUM FAMILY PLANNING COUNTRY INTERVIEW FINDINGS

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BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY

Research question

Study participants

- Key informants from 17 countries with high unmet need for PPFP from DHS data (from ACCESS–FP report)

Design

- Observational cross-sectional study
METHODOLOGY CONTINUED

Data collection
- Each informant interviewed by 3 people
- Collated response emailed back to interviewee

Data analysis
- Key phrases examined for analysis
- Reviewed by team of 3 people
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Most common definitions of PPFP were services offered either:

- 6 weeks postpartum
- Up to 12 months postpartum
POLICY, BUDGET, AND MONITORING SYSTEMS

 бю Interviewees mentioned a need for advocacy for PPFP
 бю None of the countries have specific PPFP budgets
 бю Funding for PPFP falls under general categories (ex. FP, maternal health)
 бю Monitoring and evaluation systems are non-existent
CONTRACEPTIVE METHODS

Countries with most methods available: Kenya, Ethiopia

Common problems include funding and problems with distribution

Commodities in some countries primarily from donor support

Availability of methods

- Yes: 31%
- No: 31%
- Depends: 23%
- No answer: 15%

Contraceptive methods provided to postpartum women

Percentage of respondents

Types of methods:
- LAM
- POP
- Injectable
- IUD
- Implants
- COC
- Permanent Methods
- Condoms
Community health workers are essential to address unmet need.

Services are antenatal and immediately after delivery.

Availability of service providers for postpartum family planning:

- Doctor: 50%
- Nurse: 80%
- Midwives: 90%
- Community Health Worker: 60%
- Birth attendant: 10%
- Counsellor: 20%
- Health officer: 30%

Types of service providers:
CONCLUSIONS

Future applications

- Full results presented at Dakar conference in Nov/Dec 2011

Take-away points

- Policy in these countries is often supportive towards family planning
- Funding for postpartum family planning is often an issue
- Monitoring and evaluation systems do not exist
- Other opportunities exist for delivering these services