

2016 FP2020 ANNUAL COMMITMENT UPDATE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE



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In July 2016, Population Action International (PAI) shared an update on progress in achieving its Family Planning 2020 commitment in the 2015-2016 timeframe (commitment included for reference below).

POLICY & POLITICAL UPDATES

- Over the past year, PAI has disbursed \$1.3 million in funds to support 32 partner organizations in 20 countries to engage their policymakers to advance rights-based family planning for women and girls. As part of these partnerships, PAI has provided 19 formal strategy sessions with ongoing coaching to grantee partners to advance reproductive rights in their own countries.
- PAI remains committed to undertaking policy-relevant research to support evidence-based advocacy. In the last year, PAI has produced three significant research materials for family planning advocacy and accountability purposes.
 - Towards a Common Framework for Measuring Government Spending on Family Planning (July 2016): In March, 2016 PAI convened partners from Kenya, Uganda, Malawi, Tanzania, and Zambia to develop a common language that can be used to track budgets for family planning in a way that is comparable across countries. The report from this meeting documents this common language in a set of indicators, and identifies how they can be used to take advantage of regional and national-level advocacy opportunities.
 - The Road Ahead for Young People and Family Planning (updated June 2016): In this report, we examine how young people's needs and rights are addressed in family planning Costed Implementation Plans (CIPs). We find that while most of the CIPs focus on youth, continued advocacy is needed to ensure the costed youth-related activities put forth in the CIPs are funded and implemented. Furthermore, efforts are needed to ensure that CIPs prioritize interventions for youth that have proven most effective.
 - Raising the Bar: Recommendations to Strengthen the GFF Minimum Standards to Country Platforms to Enhance Participation, Transparency, and Accountability (October 2015). This report presents recommendations to strengthen CSO participation in country platforms, the country-level decision-making bodies of the Global Financing Facility. Our recommendations became the basis for CSO discussions in a November meeting of CSOs working on the GFF. The final recommendations were submitted by the two CSO representatives to the GFF Investors Group for consideration. They are currently being integrated as part of the GFF Secretariat's guidance to countries.
- PAI also provide research support to partner organizations. The first phase of PAI's QUEST project (described in the program and service delivery section below) is providing innovative analysis to inform a broader understanding of the gaps, opportunities, and challenges affecting quality and rights at national and sub-national levels across the five focal geographies. In the next phase, PAI will work with partners to utilize this policy-relevant research to strengthen in-country advocacy aimed at improving quality and rights in the selected geographies, specifically within service delivery settings, health systems, broader regulatory and legal systems, and policy systems in family planning and reproductive health.
- With support from PAI over the past year, 12 partners in 9 countries have made significant advocacy achievements to help governments fulfill their commitments to meet the demand for contraception:
 - Benin: The mayor of the rural commune of Adjarra allocates roughly \$1,500 in the 2016 budget of the city council for the promotion of FP in the commune and commits to increasing this budget line in 2017 (Partner: Espoir De La Famille).
 - Burkina Faso: The municipality of Dori includes FP in its five-year development plan (2015-2020) (Partner: Union des Religieux et Coutumiers du Burkina pour la promotion de la Santé et le Développement).

- Kenya: Busia and Homa Bay Counties approve multi-year costed FP/RH strategies. Kitui County allocates funds for FP for the first time—US \$162,000—in its 2015/16 budget (Partners: Centre for the Study of Adolescence; Kisumu Medical Education Trust; Kyeni Foundation).
- Malawi: Ministry of Health fully spends MWK 60 million (US \$141,210) budgeted for contraceptives in 2014/15 with an additional MWK 37 million (US \$87,079) worth of contraceptives delivered. Malawi government increases its budget allocation for contraceptives by 17 percent for 2015/16, totaling MWK 70 million. (US \$164,745) (Partner: Jesus Cares Ministries).
- Mali: Allocation of funds for the purchasing of contraceptives in the budgets of the Conseil de Cercle de Bougoundi and 10 communes (Partner: Marie Stopes International – Mali).
- Senegal: Ministry of Health and Social Action authorizes the first prescription of the pill by community health workers serving in 10 of the 14 regions (Partner: Action Et Developpement).
- Togo: The Community-Based Intervention National Policy is revised and approved to allow provision of injectables at the community level. (Partner: L'Association Togolaise pour le Bien Etre).
- Uganda: Senior religious leaders and district health offices in Karamoja region commit and reaffirm their support for FP as part of the Church of Uganda ecumenical council. Also in Uganda: religious leaders in Kyenjojo district representing Christian and Muslim institutions commit to supporting FP. (Partners: Province of Church of Uganda-Health Department; Western Uganda FBO Network).
- Zambia: Formal approval of a family planning (FP) task-sharing policy allowing community health workers' provision of injectables (Partner: Planned Parenthood Association of Zambia).
- PAI has also linked country advocates to four global and two regional reproductive health initiatives. At the global level, PAI is part of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition; FP2020, Agenda 2030 and the Global Financing Facility. PAI is also engaged in two important regional initiatives: ForoLAC and the Ouagadougou Partnership.
- PAI also convened the Primary Health Care Global Strategy Group, a diverse group of civil society advocates and partners that come together to ensure a focus on equity, accessibility and quality of primary health care, including family planning.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

- PAI provides strategic leadership within the U.S. advocacy community to influence U.S. government funding and policies for international family planning. PAI's advocacy around appropriations contributed to a combined bilateral and multilateral U.S. funding level for international family planning and reproductive health in Fiscal Year 2016 of \$607.5 million. A key part of PAI's advocacy was ensuring that cuts to UNFPA (largely driven by a conservative Congress) were minimized, as well as preventing the reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule, a harmful U.S. policy "rider" that, when in effect, prohibits funding to foreign organizations that provide abortion services, counselling, and referral with their private funds. This work is currently underway for the Fiscal Year 2017 budget season. We are working to achieve a total bilateral and multilateral international family planning and reproductive health funding level of \$622.5 million, an increase of \$15 million above the current Fiscal Year 2016 enacted level and a \$2.5 million increase above the President's budget request.
- PAI also participates in a number of coalitions that seek to influence U.S. programs and policies to expand women and girls access and rights. For example, PAI contributed to shaping the U.S. Global Strategy to Empower Adolescent Girls to address several of the challenges to girls' realizing their sexual and reproductive health and rights including child, early and forced marriage; female genital mutilation; gender-based violence; early pregnancy; HIV; and an overall lack of information and access to sexual and reproductive health services. We're currently working with agencies within the U.S. government to make sure the strategy is implemented.

PROGRAM & SERVICE DELIVERY UPDATES

- In 2015, PAI launched QUEST: Quality Upheld, Every Service, Every Time. This initiative examines national and global trends relating to quality and rights, and strengthens the abilities of local advocates to make the case for quality and rights to be a national priority. Through QUEST, PAI is supporting local partners in five countries to document the critical role played by larger systemic issues like gender inequity, social and religious norms, and political ideologies in fulfilling the rights of women and girls to access quality reproductive health services, information and supplies:
- In the Democratic Republic of Congo, PAI is working with partner Si Jeunesse Savait to document the health system-wide gaps in information and services that inhibit access for women and girls, and bring much needed

attention to the sexual and reproductive health needs of individuals in post-conflict and politically unstable settings.

- In Ethiopia, PAI is partnering with the Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Associations, to assess quality of reproductive health in the country, particularly focusing on funding for commodities and trainings on LARCs, with special attention on Oromia region.
- In India, PAI is working with the Center for Catalyzing Change with a focus on Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, to assess the quality of reproductive health services by examining how broader issues of health spending on Human Resources training and gender equity influence quality of reproductive health services.
- In Myanmar, PAI is working with Partners for Policy and Research, to examine the role of the health system, governance, and women's rights in this newly democratizing geography.
- In Pakistan, PAI is working with Heartfile to assess the quality of reproductive health services and understand how the process of devolution is impacting the overall health system governance and more specifically the implementation of policies on Health Human Resources at the provincial level.

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The following text is the commitment made by Population Action International (PAI) at the 2012 London Summit on Family Planning. To review the commitment online, please visit: <http://www.familyplanning2020.org/pai>.

Population Action International (PAI) advocates for women and families to have access to contraception in order to improve their health, reduce poverty and protect their environment.

POLICY & POLITICAL COMMITMENTS

PAI will support policy engagement and capacity transfer among Southern civil society organizations; conduct policy-relevant research to support evidence-based advocacy; and promote accountability at the global, regional and national levels to meet the demand for contraception.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

PAI commits to mobilizing financial resources and creating the policy environment necessary to expand access.

PROGRAM & SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITMENTS

PAI commits to advocating for expanded access to voluntary, high-quality family planning and reproductive health services and supplies.