FAMILY PLANNING 2020 COMMITMENT



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The following text summarizes the commitment made on behalf of the government of South Africa at the London Summit on Family Planning on July 11, 2012.

POLICY & POLITICAL COMMITMENTS

South Africa is prioritizing the need to strengthen family planning services while emphasizing dual protection. In 2012, the South African government revised its contraception and fertility policy to address the full range of issues relating to contraception within a human rights context. The new policy requires that the full range of FP methods be made available at public health facilities.

PROGRAM & SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITMENTS

South Africa will prioritize strengthening family planning services while emphasizing dual protection, and develop standard operating procedures for community health workers who are part of outreach teams, for nurses in clinics, and for midwives in maternity units, so that community health workers can promote family planning during home visits, and health professionals can use every encounter with a user of its services to promote family planning. South Africa will target teenagers in particular given the relatively high rates of teenage pregnancies. In addition, South Africa commits to implementing a school health program for girls focused on providing information on reproductive health rights.