# 2016 FP2020 ANNUAL COMMITMENT UPDATE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE



## PATHFINDER INTERNATIONAL

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In July 2016, Pathfinder International shared the following update on progress toward achieving its Family Planning 2020 commitment during the 2015-2016 time period (commitment included below for reference).

## **POLICY & POLITICAL UPDATES**

Pathfinder International has engaged in the following activities to advocate for the removal of policy and regulatory barriers which limit access to family planning.

- Pathfinder and its Evidence to Action (E2A) project has led the development of the Global Consensus Statement for expanding contraceptive choice for adolescents and youth to include long-acting and reversible contraception, along with three co-sponsoring organizations. The statement has received endorsements from over 45 organizations, including major global donors and stakeholders, and hundreds of individuals. The launch of the Global Consensus Statement was celebrated at a press conference and an event during the International Conference on Family Planning, which was organized and executed by Pathfinder, and included statements from high level speakers within the field of contraception. The Consensus Statement can be accessed on the FP2020 website. It has been translated into Myanmar language and disseminated during a recent high-level policy forum for FP targeting the new Minister of Health of Myanmar. This event was conducted with FP2020 RRM funding.
- With many of its advocacy coalition partners, Pathfinder Nigeria was able to advocate for the inclusion of emergency contraceptive pills into the Essential Drugs List in Nigeria, and push for a separate mention of female condoms as a separate method from male. This follows the good news of new task-shifting policies that now allow Community Health Extension Workers to deliver injectables and implants. Pathfinder is one of the partners ensuring that these new policies are translated into training of health staff and to the expansion of these services where the needs are greatest.

## FINANCIAL UPDATES

- Pathfinder has increased its funding in contraception programming by 40 percent from last fiscal year to this fiscal year ending in June 2016. As of July 2016, Pathfinder is just beginning a family planning project in a new country, Côte d'Ivoire.
- Pathfinder has expanded efforts in Francophone West Africa to increase access to contraception to youth and young first-time parents. In Niger, Pathfinder's IMPACT project that began in 2014 has supported the government in reaching 109,555 new FP users as of February 2016 in the targeted urban and rural districts in Zinder and Dosso regions, 40% of whom are youth and adolescents under 24 years old. Pathfinder's work is addressing each of the Nigerien national plan priorities (increasing demand, improving access, improving quality, and assuring coordination, management, and ongoing monitoring) to provide a comprehensive RH care tailored to young people's needs.

## **PROGRAM & SERVICE DELIVERY UPDATES**

In the last fiscal year, which extended from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (short the last quarter results since they are still compiling), Pathfinder have recorded 8,094,445 visits by youth to health facilities supported by Pathfinder's technical assistance. 23,995 have received services and 5,083 have attended educational programs on youth SRH.

We have two new projects in Niger focusing on youth SRHR. One of the Niger projects focuses on reaching married adolescents and receives funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, while the other project focuses on first-time parents and receives funding from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation.

- In addition, Pathfinder has co-authored USAID's High Impact Practice Enhancement brief on mainstreaming adolescent-friendly contraceptive services; co-hosted a series of AYSRH technical exchanges in collaboration with the Youth Health and Rights Coalition; and continued its leadership role in the Youth Health and Rights Coalition, Youth-Friendly Postabortion Care Taskforce, and the Implementing Best Practices Consortium Taskforce on AYSRH. In April 2016, Pathfinder and its E2A project partnered with the World Health Organization to convene a meeting on lessons learned from scaling-up youth friendly services.
  - Pathfinder's Tuungane project continues to strive for its goal of ending poverty, hunger, and gender inequality, while ensuring some of the hardest-to-reach communities in Western Tanzania around Lake Tanganyika have the ability to improve their health and manage their natural resources for long-term survival. Some of the project results from the past year include:
    - 14 solar suitcases installed in village health facilities, providing power and light for night births
    - 13,000+ deliveries in health facilities in 2015—a nearly 700% increase in one year
    - 10,500+ new family planning users—a 30x increase
    - 9,900+ individuals dewormed

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- 1,100+ latrines established, increasing the number of homes with a latrine from 77% to 85%
- Zero cases of cholera reported in target villages (2012-14); previously, families experienced annual outbreaks.
- 331 model households established, serving as local learning sites for healthy behaviors, like family planning, latrine use, and sustainable farming
- 65 Tuungane Community Conservation Banks established, through which a total of TZS 646,470,000+ (approximately USD \$295,000+) has been mobilized
- 1,200+ fishers and other stakeholders joined Tuungane Beach Management Units, protecting shorelines and breeding sites and sharing sustainable fishing practices
- 13 villages verified as fisheries breeding sites by Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute
- 180 farmers trained on climate smart agricultural practices
- 96 trained volunteer forest scouts regularly patrol chimpanzee habitat to prevent illegal deforestation and poaching

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The following text is the commitment made by the Pathfinder International at the 2012 London Summit on Family Planning. To review the commitment online, please visit: <u>http://www.familyplanning2020.org/pathfinder-international</u>.

Pathfinder International's works to ensure that people everywhere have the right and opportunity to live a healthy sexual and reproductive life.

In 2015, Pathfinder International renewed its FP2020 commitment with a pledge to expand sexual and reproductive health services to 25 million youth in developing countries by 2020. Pathfinder's original FP2020 commitment was to raise US\$3 million to augment and expand its existing family planning programs. By the end of 2014 Pathfinder had already exceeded this pledge, increasing its financial support for family planning to US\$172 million, expanding to two additional countries (Bangladesh and Haiti), and launching a new program focused on the family planning needs of young married couples in francophone West Africa.

#### **POLICY & POLITICAL COMMITMENTS**

Pathfinder will also advocate for the removal of policy and regulatory barriers which limit access to family planning.

#### FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Pathfinder commits to increasing financial support for family planning programs in Pathfinder's existing program countries and at least two new countries. Pathfinder will raise an additional US \$3 million by 2014 to augment its already robust family planning-related programs. One third of this commitment will be used to reach young people in underserved regions, such as in West Africa.

#### **PROGRAM & SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITMENTS**

Pathfinder will initiate new work with communities to prevent early marriage in two countries in Francophone West Africa and work with partners to deliver family planning as a package of comprehensive reproductive health care, livelihood and environmental conservation activities in remote areas of Western Tanzania.