

2016 FP2020 ANNUAL COMMITMENT UPDATE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE



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In July 2016, Advance Family Planning 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

Advance Family Planning (AFP) is a global initiative comprising 20 partner organizations working to increase the financial investments and political commitment needed to ensure access to quality, voluntary family planning (FP) through evidence-based advocacy.

- Advocacy in nine AFP focus countries and Opportunity Fund grantees has led to more than 200 advocacy wins (2009-16). From November 2015 to June 2016 alone, partway through AFP's seventh operational year, this includes 57 advocacy wins comprising 22 budget allocations created and/or increased for family planning, 24 policy improvements in expanding contraceptive access and choice, and 11 advances in raising the visibility of family planning.
- From 2014-2015, national FP budget allocations increased by 22% and subnational allocations by 112%. Allocations in 2016 are continuing to increase: from 2015 to June 2016, district and village budgets have increased by 71% and 460%, respectively.
- In total, more than 280 jurisdictions have made discrete decisions to advance family planning as a result of advocacy led or supported by AFP.

Examples of progress in achieving political commitments made at the London Summit on Family Planning include:

- **Burkina Faso Parliament Prioritizes Integrating Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Education Into Student Curricula:** In February 2016, Prime Minister Thiéba recommended integrating SRH modules into curricula for students ages 10-24 in policy statement to Members of Parliament. A majority of the country's 125 Parliamentarians vote to prioritize it on the Prime Minister's agenda. [Read more.](#)
- **Democratic Republic of the Congo Constitutional Court Rules in Favor of Proposed Law:** On February 12, 2016, the DRC's Constitutional Court declared that reproductive health is fundamental to the principles of health. This critical decision allows the National Assembly to review the proposed reproductive health law to ensure family planning access for all women in the DRC. AFP local partner Tulane International brought together stakeholders to develop a nonpartisan analysis of the law to present to the Constitutional Court. Stakeholders included civil society, former Parliamentarians, lawyers, religious leaders, donors, family planning national and international organizations, and representatives from Ministries of Health and Gender. [Read more.](#)
- **Government of Senegal Authorizes First Prescription of the Pill by Community Health Workers:** On June 12, 2015 the Ministry of Health and Social Action authorized the first prescription of the pill by community health workers (relais communautaires) serving in 10 out of the 14 regions in Senegal. The community health intervention areas in the regions are operated by Action and Development and Association Sénégalaise pour le Bien Etre Familial (ASBEF). AcDev's advocacy, with the support of the Opportunity Fund, led to the authorization. The Opportunity Fund is managed by PAI with AFP funding. [Read more.](#)
- **India's Jehanabad District Offers Weekly Quality Sterilization Services:** On August 7, 2015, Dr. Dileep Kumar, Civil Surgeon and Member Secretary of Jehanabad District Health Society in Bihar, India sent a directive to all local health centers and hospitals to observe "Fixed Day Static Services." The Jehanabad population now

has access to quality female sterilization services every Thursday throughout the year, in addition to the spacing methods regularly offered at health centers. The Jehanabad initiative is a direct result of the advocacy efforts by AFP partner Population Foundation of India and Gramin Evam Nagar Vikas Parishad's. [Read more.](#)

- **Uttar Pradesh National Health Mission in India Adds 1,500 New Male Health Cadres to the Family Planning Workforce as Counselors for Non-Scalpel Vasectomy:** Mission Director for Uttar Pradesh State, Mr. Amit Kumar Ghosh, issued a directive to expand the roles of 1,500 male health officers in all 75 districts to include counseling for non-scalpel vasectomy. Block community program managers and health education and information officers will conduct community meetings to dispel the myths and misconceptions related to non-scalpel vasectomy (NSV) and prepare monthly plans for information, education, and behavior change communication to create a conducive environment for NSV. Advocacy from AFP's local partner PFI and the state's Technical Support Group for Family Planning led to the directive issued on September 3, 2015. [Read more.](#)
- **Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) Commits to Mandate SRH Service Provision at All Higher Learning Institutions:** In September 2015, the TCU, which oversees establishment and monitoring of the country's higher learning institutions (HLIs), committed to a nationwide policy change to mandate SRH service provision in all 52 of Tanzania's HLIs. AFP Tanzania facilitated a meeting with the TCU to present the impact of HLI-interventions and examine what the TCU could do to lead such efforts. Since 2014, AFP Tanzania has collaborated with 13 HLIs in the rural regions of Mwanza and Shinyanga to improve access to SRH information and services for over 18,000 students in the two regions. [Read more.](#)
- **Tanzanian Parliament Passes Policy to Fast-Track Life-Saving Health Commodities Including Contraceptives:** In June 2016, Tanzania's Parliament moved to endorse a special provision in the recently-passed Public Procurement Act (2016) that will fast-track life-saving health commodities, including contraceptives. Beginning this year, life-saving health commodities will receive priority throughout the procurement and distribution process. Family planning stakeholders advocated for the past two years to alleviate bottlenecks in the procurement process and help reduce contraceptive stock-outs in the country. Led by the Parliamentary Budget Committee, Members of Parliament drew links between the bottlenecks and unwanted pregnancies. The special provision is a result of advocacy by AFP local partner Health Promotion Tanzania (HDT). HDT advocated to the Tanzania Law Reform Commission (TLRC) to include the provision during a stakeholders' meeting in March 2016. HDT's case was a culmination of stakeholder consultations.

Examples of progress in achieving financial commitments made at the London Summit on Family Planning include:

- **Tanzania Surpasses Family Planning Budget Allocation, Spends TSHs 5 Billion in FY 2014-2015 From Its Own Resources:** Government of Tanzania's spending on family planning from its own sources surpassed the expected budget allocation this fiscal year (FY). The Health Minister announced at a June 2015 Parliament meeting that the government released a total of five billion Tanzanian shillings (approximately USD 2.2 million) in FY2014-15 – 2.5 times what was initially allocated. The original allocation was two billion Tanzanian shillings (Tsh). The expenditure went to procurement and distribution of family planning commodities and supplies. [Read more.](#)
- **DRC Government Allocates USD 3.5 Million for Contraceptives for 2016:** For the first time, the DRC National Assembly voted unanimously in favor of a budget request for the "purchase of contraceptives" to be included in the Ministry of Health's annual budget. The national commitment was approved during the September – December 2015 Parliamentary session, resulting in an allocation of USD 3.5 million. [Read more.](#)
- **Kenya's Makueni County Allocates USD 200,000 to Family Planning:** In April 2016, the Executive arm of Makueni County Government allocated USD 200,000 to its 2016/17 budget. This is the first time the county is allocating a specific budget for family planning. Advocacy efforts led by the County First Lady and AFP local partner Jhpiego Kenya resulted in this great milestone. Prior to the allocation, family planning programs in Makueni County were supported mainly by non-governmental organizations. The funds will help operationalize the county family planning costed plan, which is expected to be launched in July 2016. [Read more.](#)
- **Kenya Kitui County Allocates USD 161,500 to Family Planning:** Kitui County in Kenya allocated USD 161,529 for family planning in its 2015/16 budget. This is the first time the county has included a specific budget line for family planning. Advance Family Planning (AFP) partner Jhpiego Kenya and Kyeni Foundation, an Opportunity

Fund recipient, led the advocacy to allocate funding for family planning, working with the county's family planning technical working group. [Read more.](#)

- **Nigeria's Kwara State Increases 2016 Family Planning Budget by 90 Percent:** Kwara state in Nigeria increased its family planning budget by 90%, from USD 10,500 (2.1 million Naira) in 2015 to USD 20,000 (4 million Naira) in 2016. The Kwara State House of Assembly approved the budget on April 7, 2016. This significant increase resulted from the Kwara state advocacy working group's strategic use of a costed implementation plan. In February 2016, Advocacy Core Group Nigeria (ACGN), with support from Pathfinder International, finalized the state costed implementation plan (CIP) for family planning. The Kwara CIP was based on the National Family Planning Blueprint that articulates each state's contribution to the national target of achieving a contraceptive prevalence rate of 36% by 2018. [Read more.](#)
- **Local Governments in Tanzania Continue to Increase Allocations for Family Planning:** Several local government authorities in the Lake Zone of Tanzania, which reports some of the lowest contraceptive prevalence rates in the country, honored their commitments to increase funds for family planning. The eight districts councils of the Kagera region allocated a total of US \$27,680 for family planning for 2016/2017. Biharamulo and Ngara district councils in Kagera have more than doubled their total allocation from US \$4,510 to US \$11,880. The increased allocations resulted from sustained advocacy, led by local AFP partner Health Promotion Tanzania (HDT).
- **Mayor of Golf Sud Commune in Senegal Allocates 2 Million CFA Francs Annually for Family Planning:** Mrs. Aissatou Sow Diawara, Mayor of Golf Sud commune in Senegal, allocated an annual amount of 2 million CFA francs (approximately USD 3,400) to family planning for the four health posts in her purview. This unique yearly allocation indicates the Mayor's commitment to family planning and an understanding that sustainable funding supports community development. The Mayor made the allocation on August 28, 2015, following advocacy by Ms. Mariama Sy Ndoye, a midwife. The 30-person audience included representatives from the Municipal Council, the District Health Team, and Réseau Siggil Jigeen, the facilitating organization and AFP local partner. Palladium provided technical assistance. [Read more.](#)
- **Revitalizing Village-Level Family Planning in Indonesia:** In January 2014, the Indonesian government issued a new law stating that village leaders have the authority to manage their own village budget, usually about USD 28,000 per village per year. Family planning advocates in Indonesia are using this change as an opportunity to finance new activities to improve access to family planning information, services, and supplies. In 2015, the first year the funds were available, more than 1,000 villages in seven districts allocated funds for family planning. Although village contributions often seem small, ranging from USD 75 to 500 per village, it is usually the first time village leaders are investing in family planning using their own funds. As of 2016, those investments are growing. For example, in January 2016, the Karawang District Head issued a decree instructing all village heads in Karawang to revitalize their family planning teams and allocate village funds. More than 160 villages in Karanganyar province increased their village budget allocations from IDR 1-5.5 million per village per year (USD 75 to 550) to IDR 1-32.37 million (USD 76 to 2,472) to support family planning programs at the village level by December 2016. [Read more.](#)
- **Engaging with the Global Financing Facility (GFF):** Immediately after the GFF was announced in September 2014, AFP partners in frontrunner countries—DRC, Kenya, Tanzania and (later) Uganda—began to engage with government partners and donors in the development of country investment cases. Working with the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition and the International Planned Parenthood Federation, AFP country-level advocates were able to inform the process, ensure that key policymakers and experts were involved in the GFF consultation, and make a strong case for FP's inclusion and funding.
- **Fostering Locally-Driven Advocacy for Family Planning:** Prior to the 2016 International Conference on Family Planning, AFP hosted a four-day workshop for 22 family planning advocates from 14 countries. The participants, primarily advocates from local civil society organizations, learned about and applied AFP's evidence-based, decision-maker centric advocacy approach to strengthen their local family planning efforts. A South-South learning event, the pre-conference workshop featured AFP partners from the DRC, Kenya, Tanzania, and Indonesia and their experiences of supporting policy, budget, and visibility advocacy wins.
- Participants received hands-on technical assistance and mentorship as they were led through an AFP SMART facilitation to develop Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-bound objectives and draft action plans specific to their contexts. They also traveled to Karanganyar district in central Java to observe first-hand

how advocacy can improve not only the political environment for family planning in local government but also quality of services delivered by local health staff. [Read more.](#)

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The following text is the commitment made by Advance Family Planning at the 2012 London Summit on Family Planning. To review the commitment online, please visit: <http://www.familyplanning2020.org/advance-family-planning>.

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POLICY & POLITICAL COMMITMENTS

With its many partners, Advance Family Planning will persuade policy-makers to honor their London Summit on Family Planning commitments and, in general, seek increased political commitment and funding from public and private sources for family planning at the global, regional, country and local levels.