SAVING THE LIVES OF WOMEN, GIRLS AND NEWBORN BABIES

NEW SUPPLIES COMPACT WILL GUIDE THE WAY FORWARD

Across East and Southern Africa, more than 49 million women who want to plan their families cannot get access to modern family planning.

830 women and adolescent girls die needlessly every day because of complications in pregnancy and childbirth.

PROJECTIONS FOR THE UNFPA SUPPLIES PROGRAMME SHOW THAT OUR NEW APPROACH CAN:

- Cut unintended pregnancies by 32%
- Prevent an additional 32% unsafe abortions
- Lower maternal and child deaths by 33%
- These investments will save more than 31% in direct health-care costs
- To achieve this, the region would need to spend $1.5 billion

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR UNFPA SUPPLIES PROGRAMME FROM 2023

Changes have been made to the implementation and financing of the Supplies Programme, in consultation with all stakeholders. The following Guiding Principles have been agreed:

1. Human rights-based family planning – Family planning programmes include systematic and explicit attention to human rights principles, including a focus on those with the greatest need.
2. Country-driven, government-led processes – Planning, implementation and oversight of the programme is country-driven, government-led and validated.
3. Clear and measurable goals – The programme provides and monitors its country-level performance against clear, measurable, time-limited goals that are aligned with broader reproductive health community goals.
4. Strengthening health systems – Programme activities foster capacity building within government to improve performance, quality and accountability at all levels.
5. Shift to sustainable financing – Programme financing must incentivize domestic, private and public resources to become financially sustainable.
6. Effective use of programme resources – Programme resources are targeted towards activities that ensure strong value for money, equity and cost-effective, quality-assured products.
7. Accountable use and assurance of programme resources – The programme provides assurances and demonstrates accountability through transparent processes and participatory decision-making.
8. Multi-sector and partner coordination – The programme leverages the convening power of its UN host as a neutral broker to foster partnerships and integration across sectors.
9. Responsive to urgent needs – The programme is nimble and flexible in responding to needs and priorities, while considering integration into regular programme needs.

1 Country-specific expenditure: Angola $55m, Burundi $15.5m, Comoros $1.1m, DRC $89m, Eritrea $4.6m, Ethiopia $245m, Kenya $226m, Lesotho $14m, Madagascar $89m, Malawi $77m, Mozambique $105m, Rwanda $38m, South Sudan $6.4m, Tanzania $185m, Uganda $114m, Zambia $65m, Zimbabwe $167m.
FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES TO FINANCING MODEL

Under the new operational model, partner governments will need to make a minimum domestic financing contribution towards the cost of commodities provided by UNFPA Supplies.

This means we are moving from a model of product donation to product subsidization. We need your support to strengthen domestic capacity and financing for the procurement of quality-assured reproductive health commodities, including contraceptives.

STEPS THAT PROGRAMME MANAGERS CAN TAKE

Implement the Supplies Compact

A central aspect of the Supplies Programme is the Compact signed with each country. This document outlines the roles and responsibilities of all participating parties in the programme.

As a programme manager, your responsibility will be to see that your country partners have signed the Compact. This forms the basis of our relationship going forward and is essential to the continued success of the programme.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Phase III of the UNFPA Supplies Programme (2021-2030) is about strengthening partnerships, and improving transparency and accountability.

Programme managers are essential to the success of this programme and are required to:

• Understand and communicate the changes to the Supplies Programme to all counterparts.
• Ensure the correct completion and signing of the UNFPA Supplies Compact.
• Shepherd and assist all your counterparts to fulfill their commitments in the Supplies Compact.

CALL TO ACTION

• Rally support from government entities, the private sector and other partners for the distribution of family planning and maternal health supplies.
• Engage with your government partners to ensure they understand and sign the Supplies Compact.

MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES

Depending on your country’s classification, your government will need to contribute a minimum initial portion of the programme’s cost, plus an annual escalation. Contributions required are as follows (see country groupings on map below):

**Group 1 & 2 countries:**
A minimum of 1% towards the cost of commodities provided by the UNFPA Supplies Partnership in 2023, rising by at least 1 percentage point every year.

**Group 3 countries:**
A minimum of 5% towards the cost of commodities provided by the UNFPA Supplies Partnership in 2023, rising by at least 1 percentage point every year.

**Group 4 countries:**
A minimum of 10% towards the cost of commodities provided by the UNFPA Supplies Partnership in 2023, rising by at least 5 percentage points every year.

**Carry-over Group countries:**
A minimum of 10% towards the cost of commodities provided by the UNFPA Supplies Partnership every year, rising by either 5 or 10 percentage points each year depending on their economic context.

COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN PHASE III OF THE UNFPA SUPPLIES PROGRAMME:

- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Rwanda
- Burundi
- Tanzania
- Comoros
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Madagascar
- Zimbabwe
- South Sudan
- Uganda
- DR Congo
- Angola
- Zambia
- Lesotho

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