

Revolutionizing Reproductive Health Supply Chains: Funding & Strategy Insights

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From Allocation to Utilization: Lessons Learned from FP Budget Advocacy in Pakistan during Covid and Beyond

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How It All Began

2019 - The Pandemic Arrives...

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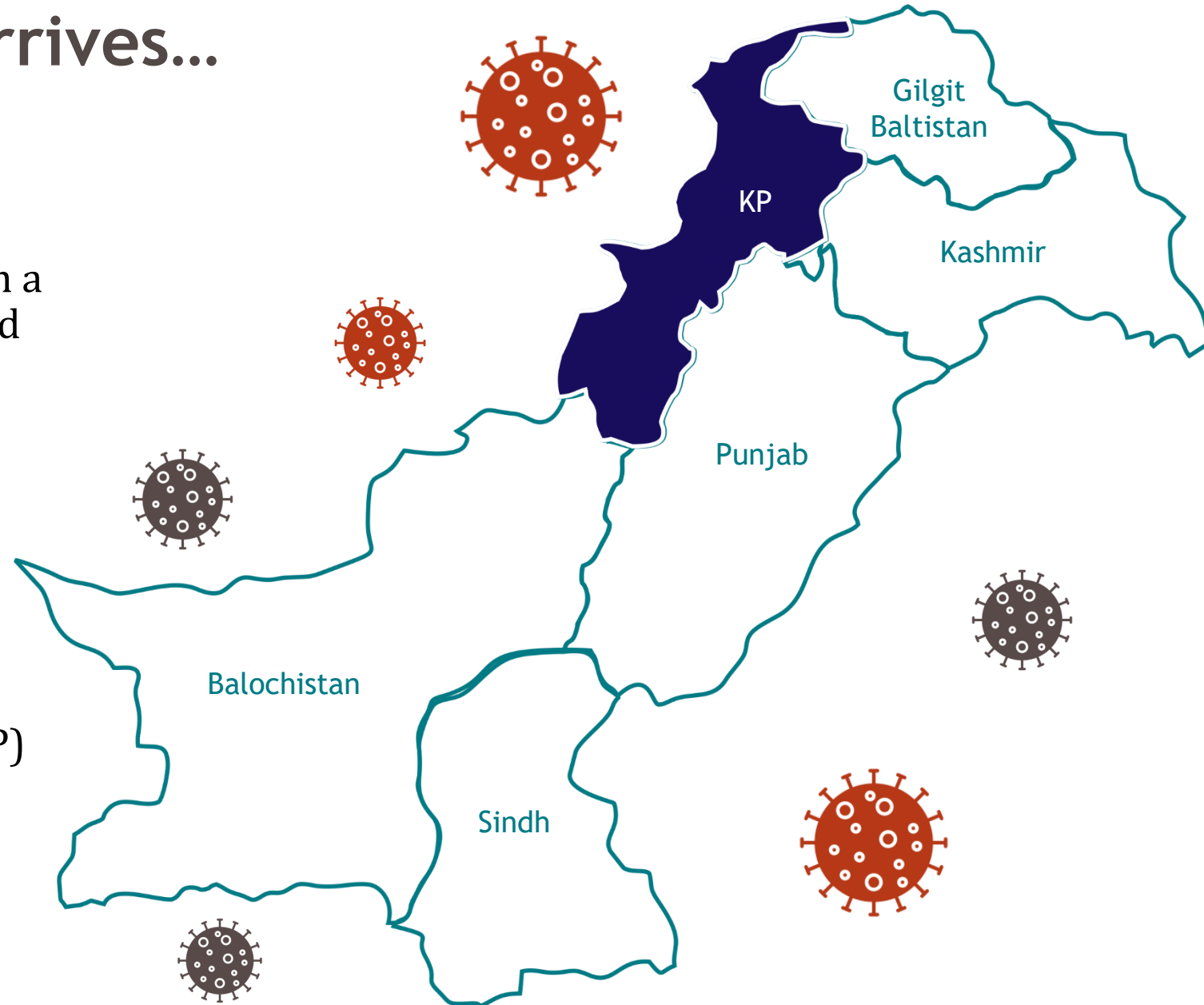
Pakistan – A Middle Income Country with a fragile health system, faced with an added burden of a pandemic

What Was Visible:

Government's Shifting Priorities – From 'Non-Essential Services to Emergency Resource Management'

The Result:

Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) cuts down Resource Allocation to Family Planning (FP) in FY2020-21



What Women Want Campaign

1.2 Million Women in 114 Countries

250,000 Women in Pakistan

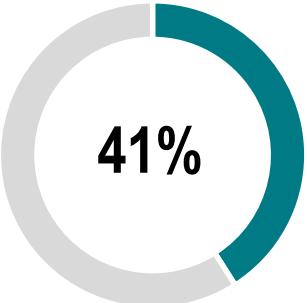
35,000 Women from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)



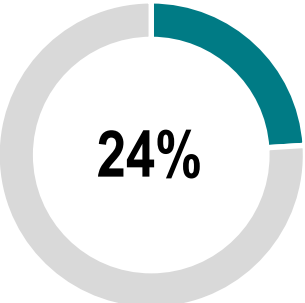
Q: "What is Your Top Request for Your Maternal & Reproductive Health Care?"



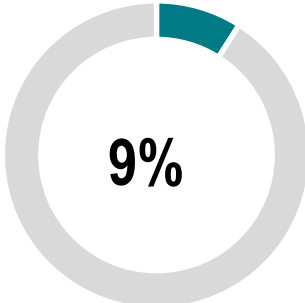
Family Planning as the Top 10 Demand in KP



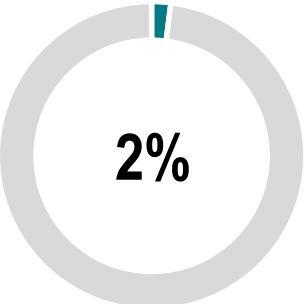
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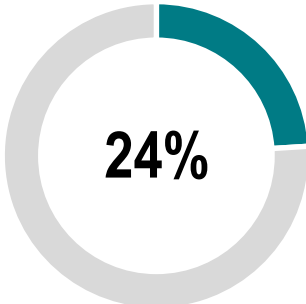
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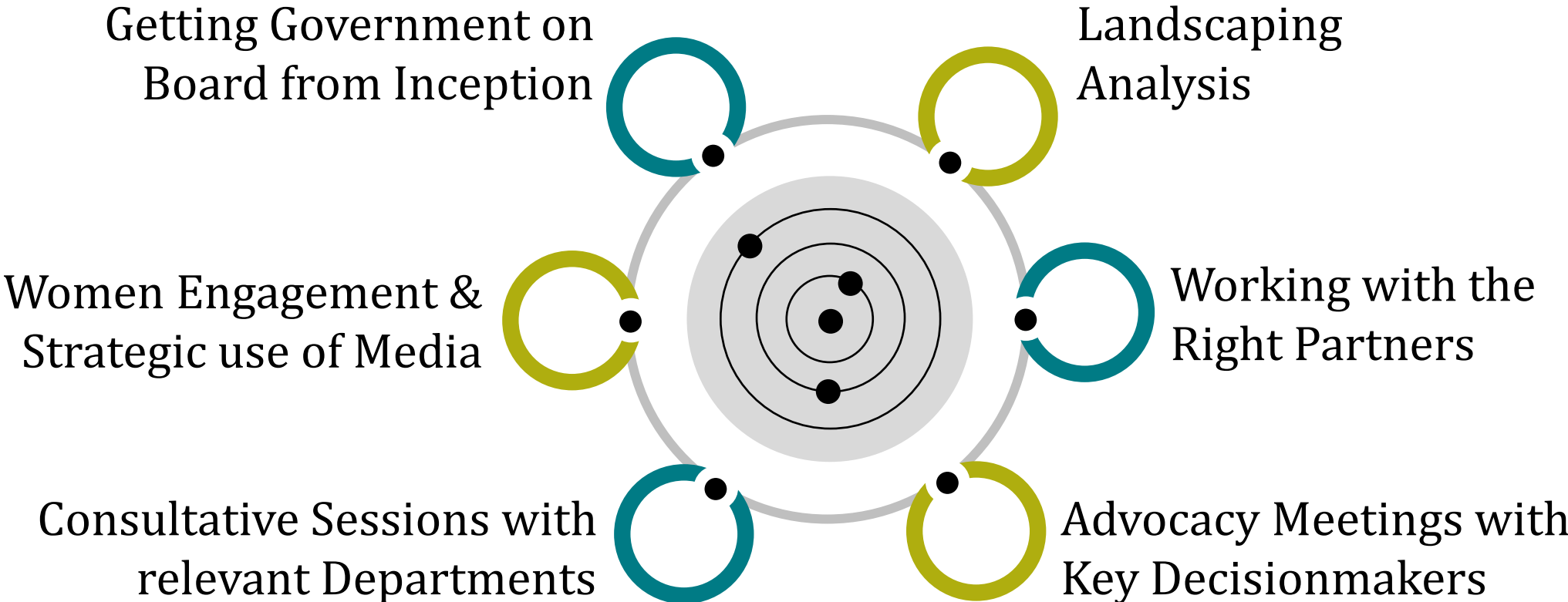
Others

The Venture Starts

January – July 2021

Maximizing Budgetary Allocations for FP

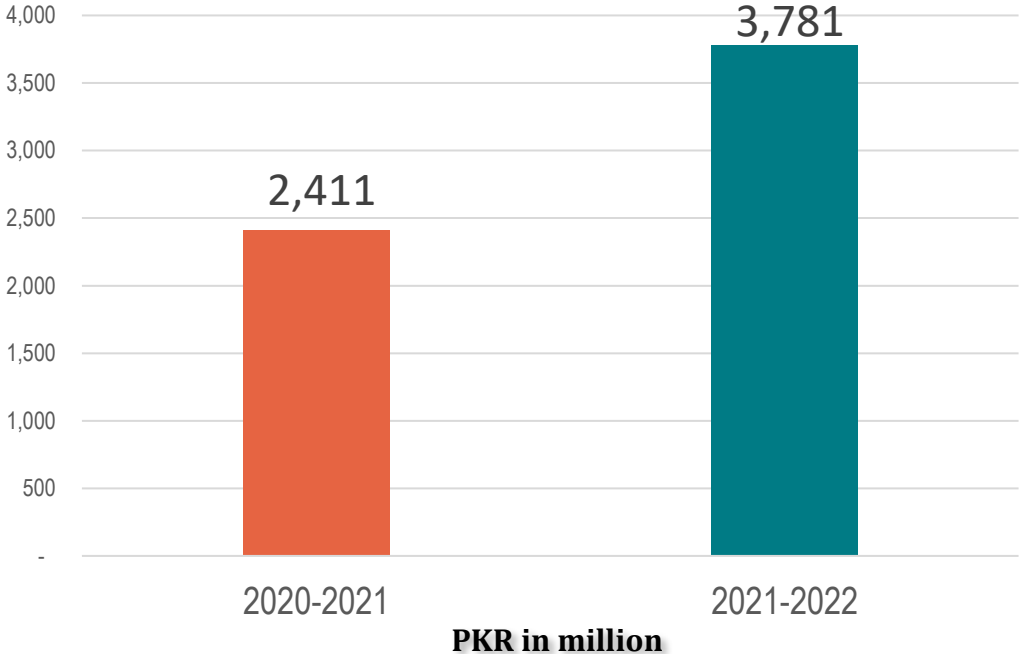
Our Timeline & Strategy



Timeline:



Our Success

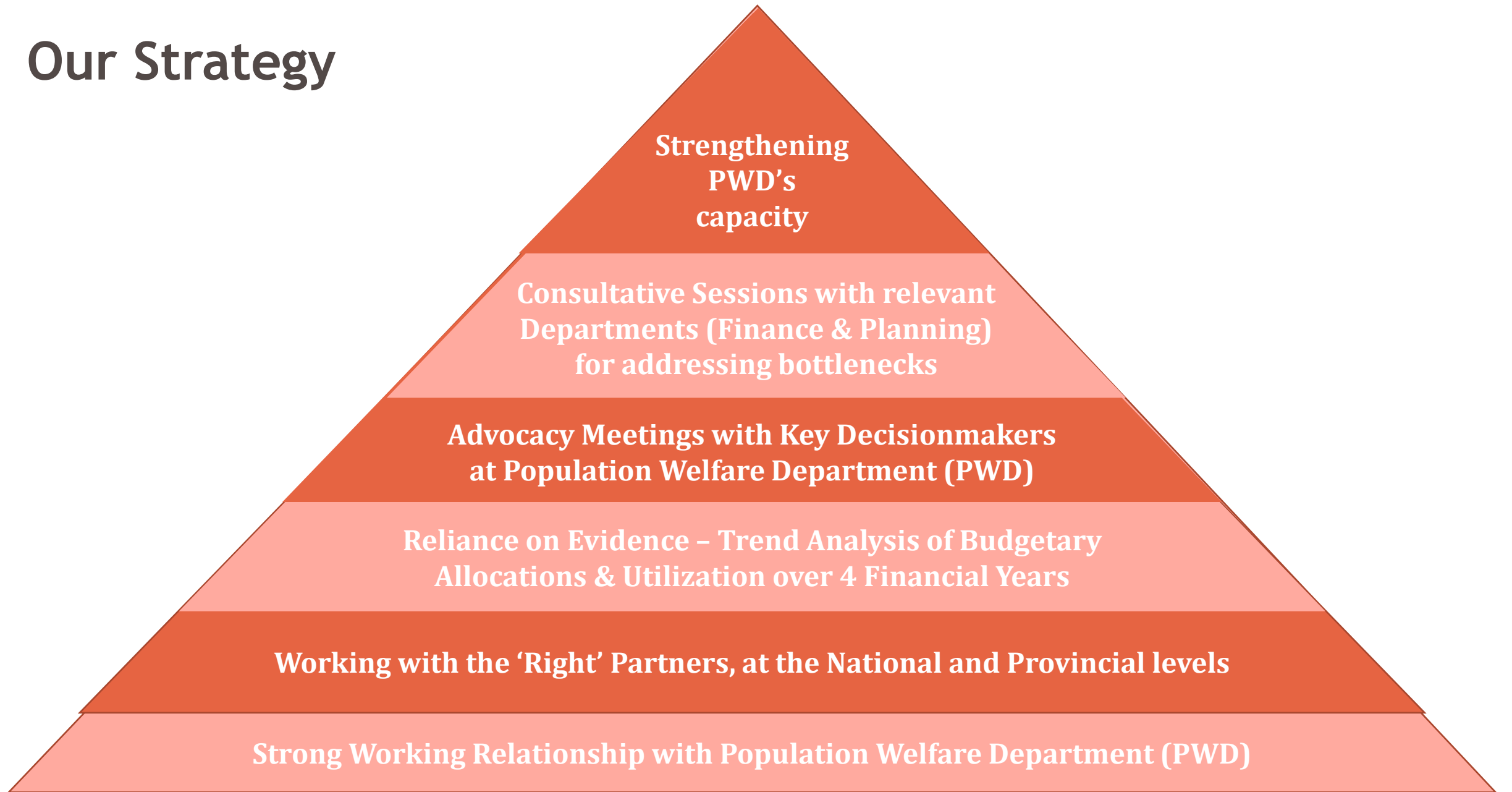


56.8% increase in overall budget for Family Planning Programming in KP

September 2021 – July 2022

Maximizing Budgetary Utilization for FP

Our Strategy



Our Success

- ❖ Importance of Maximizing Resource Utilization highlighted at the highest decision-making forums in the province, such as KP FP2030 Working Group and KP Development Partners' Group;
- ❖ Strengthening of PWD's Capacity in Increasing Budgetary Spending in the long term;
- ❖ An Unprecedented Increase in Utilization from last FY2020-21:
 - **145%** for Development Programs
 - **224%** for Procurement of FP Commodities



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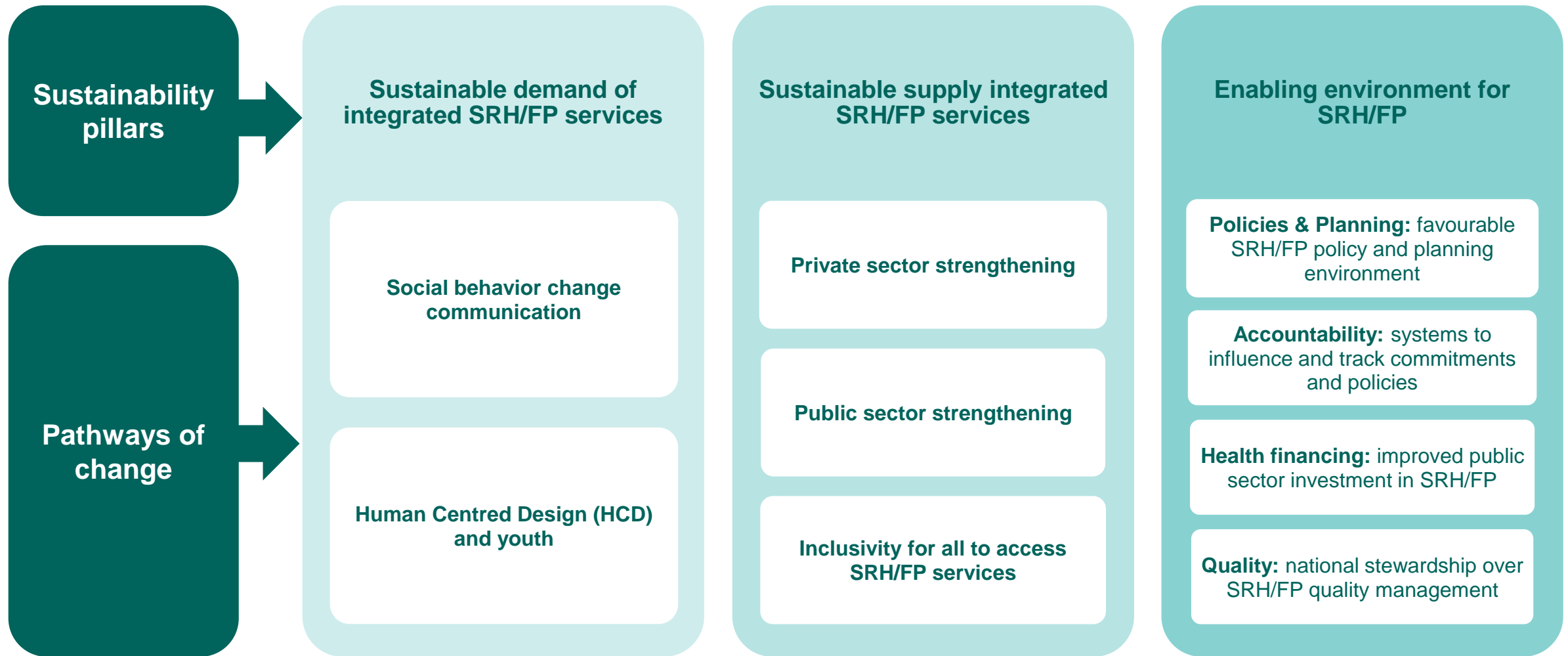
Engaging, Informing & Adapting: Lessons Learned from Multi-Country Integrated Family Planning Programme on Strengthening Commodity Security in Selected Countries

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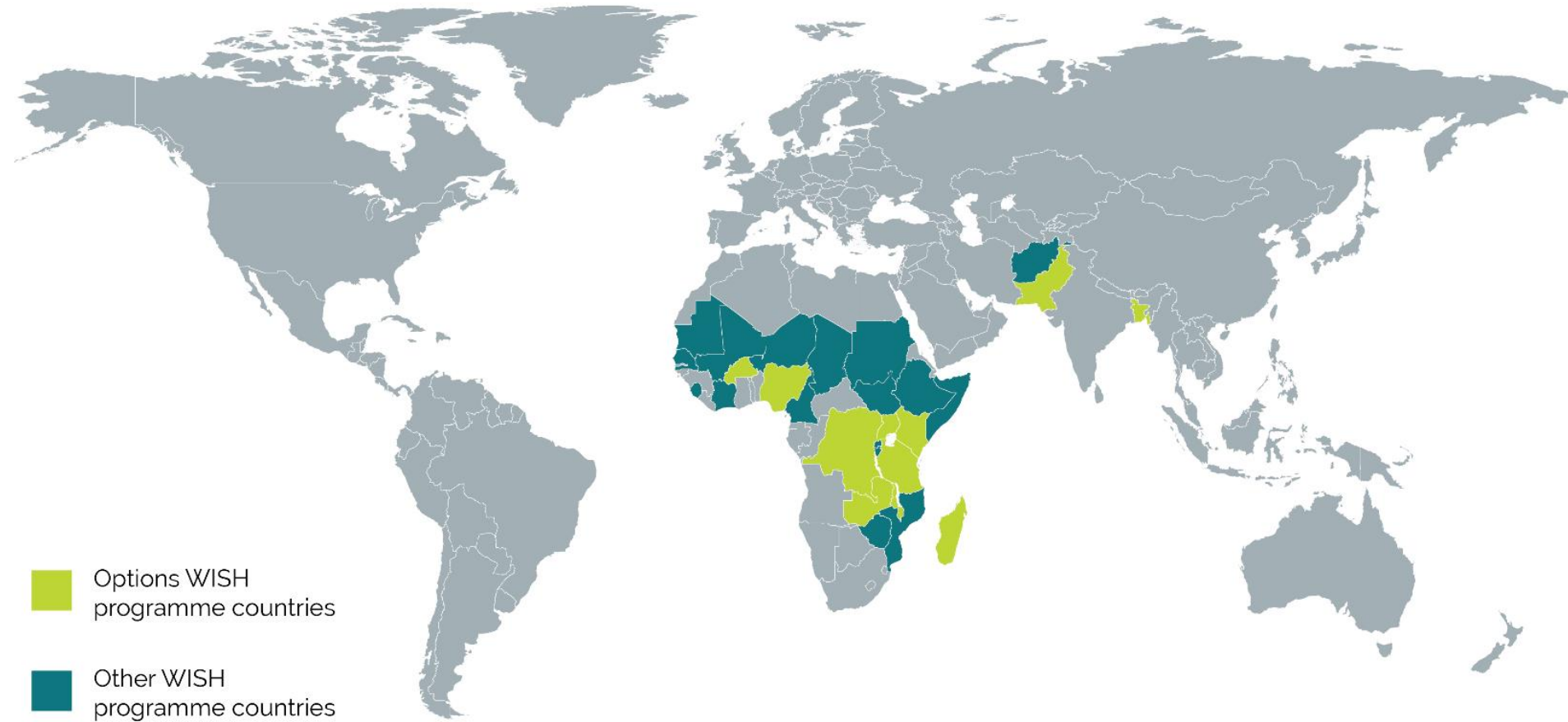
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Women's Integrated Sexual Health (WISH) programme



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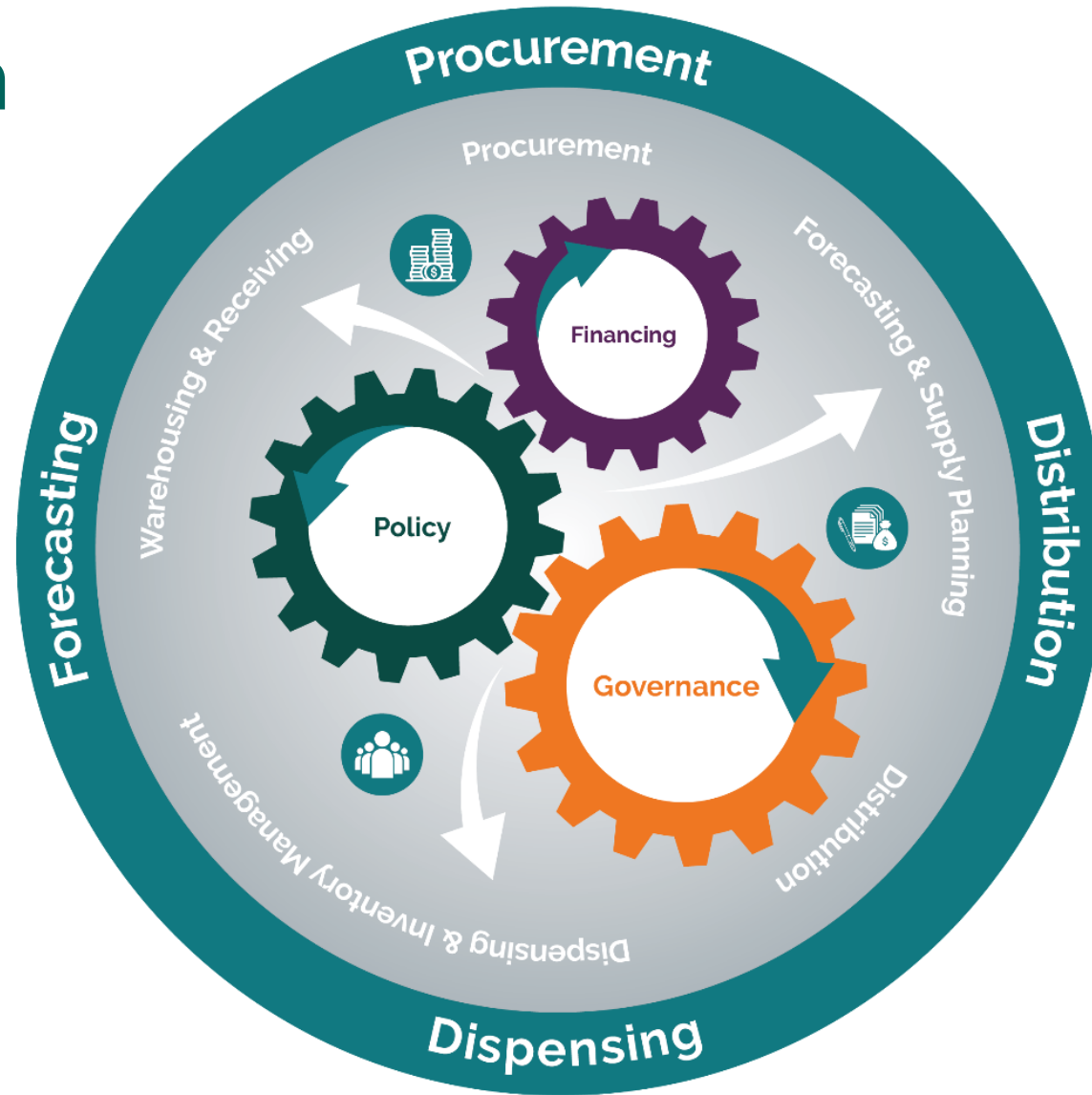
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OUR APPROACH

Our approach

- Other WISH Partners supports - High Impact Practices (HIP)
 - Increase data visibility and use for continuous improvement
 - Speed up product flow through the supply chain
 - Build and support a competent, professional supply chain workforce
 - Capitalize on private sector supply chain capacity, where appropriate
- Options interventions strengthen enabling environment to achieve HIP

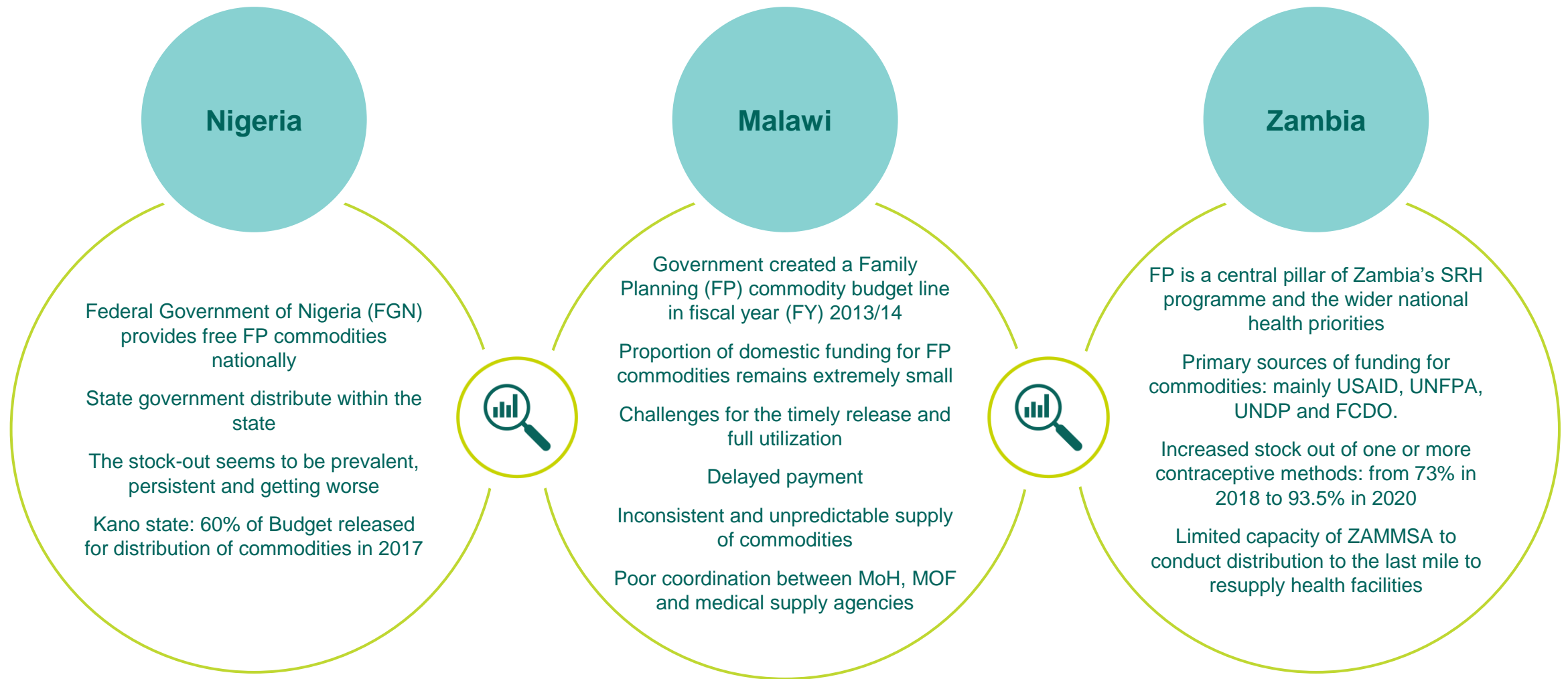
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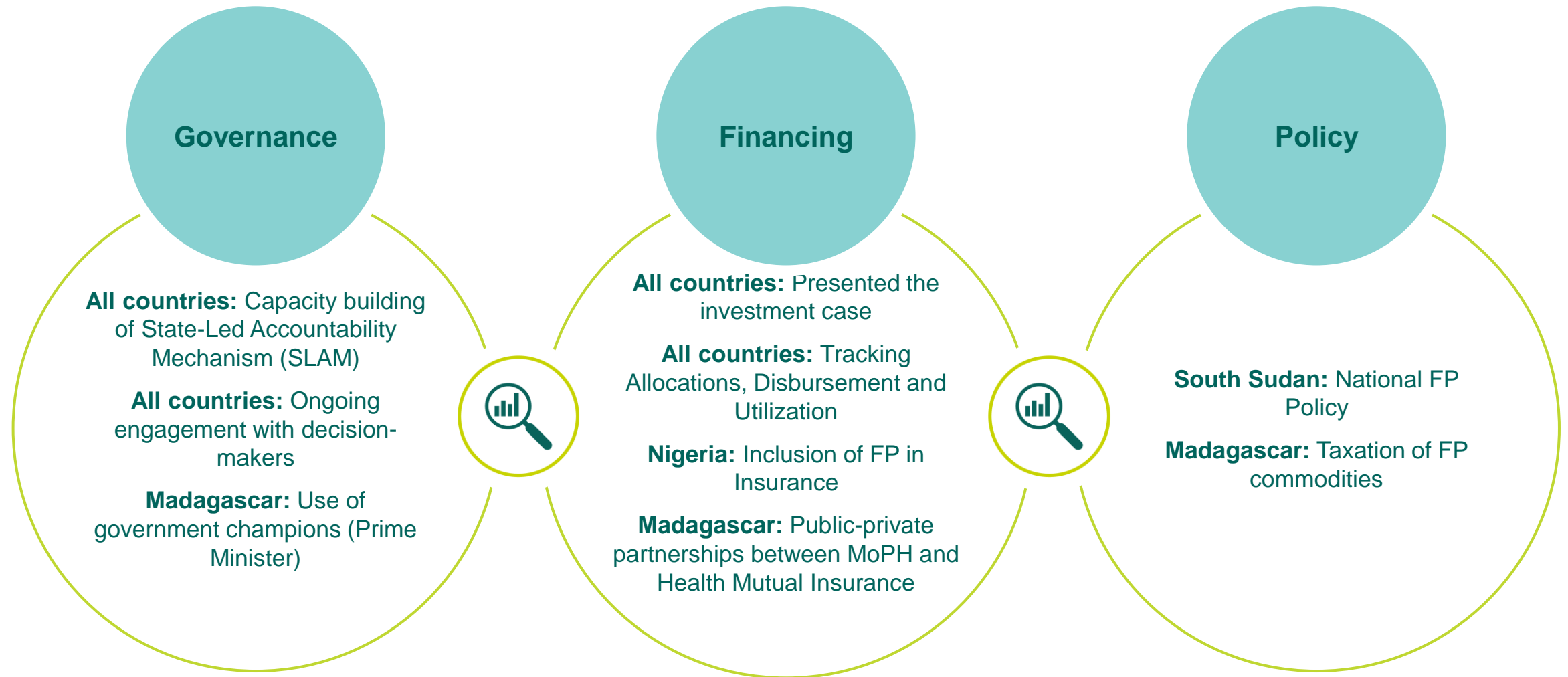
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OUR INTERVENTIONS

Political Economy Analysis (PEA)



WISH program interventions 1/2



WISH program interventions 2/2



RESULTS

Results

Nigeria

Creation of a budget line for FP in Jigawa and Kano

Increased yearly allocation and release

Inclusion of FP in Jigawa insurance benefit package

Zambia

Disbursement and expenditure increased from 41% in the whole year of 2019 to 67% up to Q3 of 2020

National wide action plan developed

A budget scorecard developed (3 supply chain indicators)

Malawi

Increased FP commodity budget by 137% from MK200 million in FY2021/22 to MK475 million in FY2022/23

Shift procurement of commodities to UNFPA to ensure timeliness and cost-effectiveness

Functional FP commodity task force with more effective monitoring

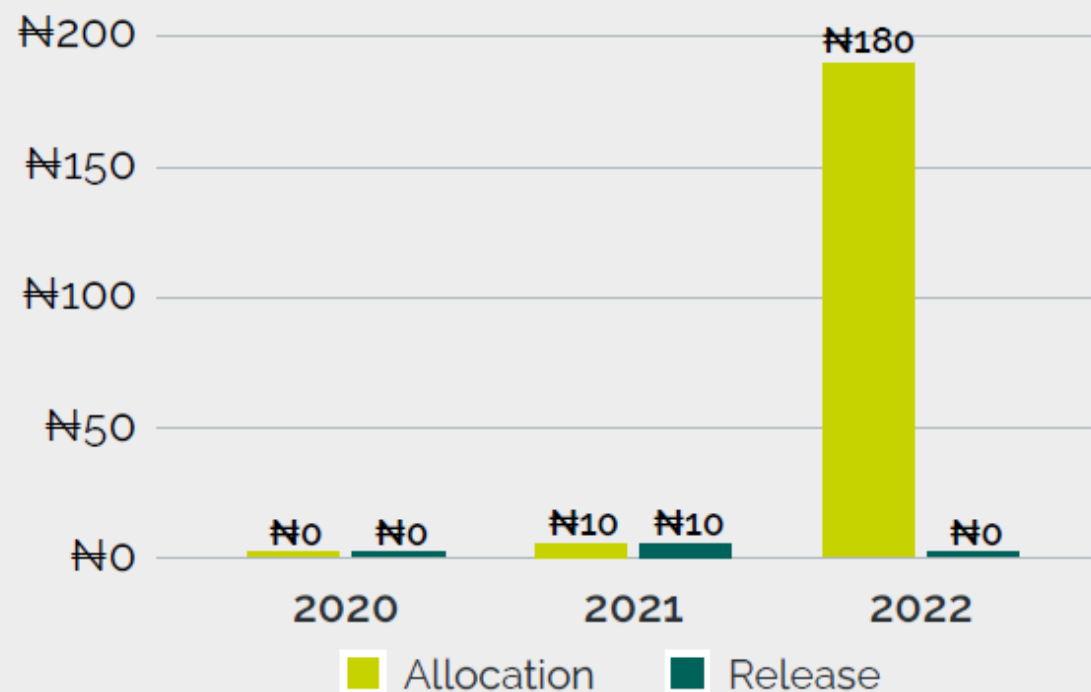
Madagascar

Zero-rated contraceptives in Madagascar averting approx. £75 000 MOPH was paying in Tax per year since 2020

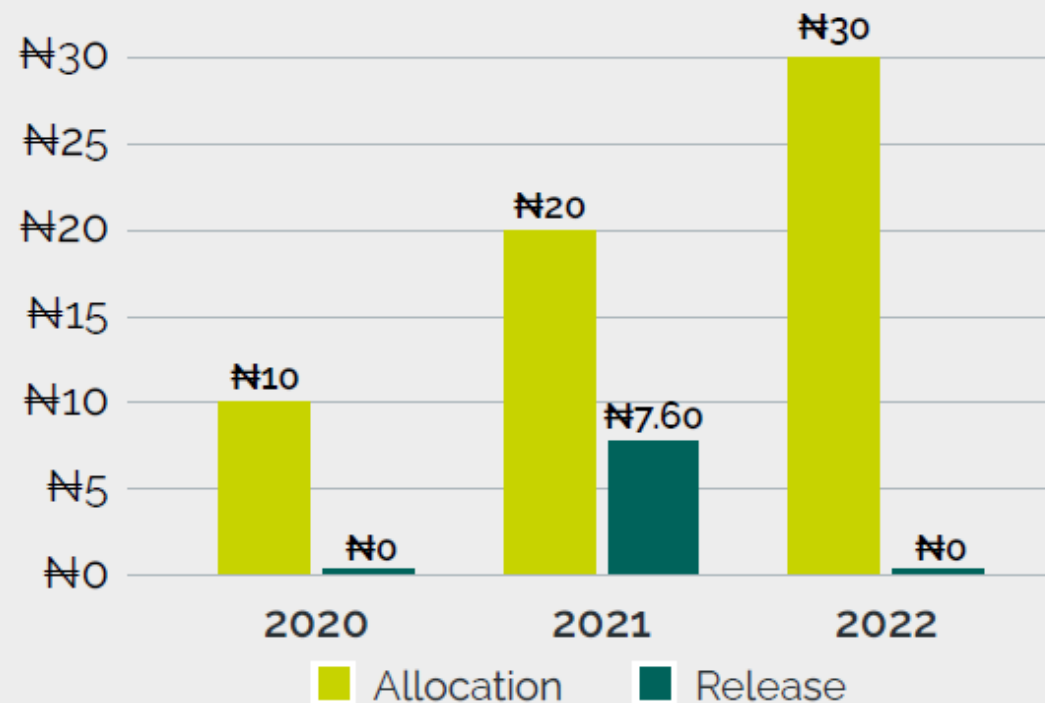
FP included in insurance benefit package to broaden access to SRH/FP. Estimated to open FP access for over 123 985 families (September 2023 estimates)

Increased budget allocation and release

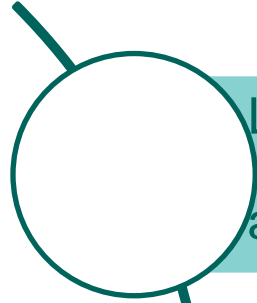
Allocation and release of funds for FP in Kano, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (millions)



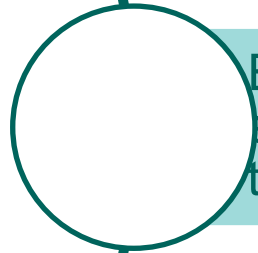
Allocation and release of funds for FP in Jigawa, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (millions)



Lessons



Lessons from Nigeria, Zambia, Malawi, Madagascar, and other countries, emphasize the importance of evidence generation, stakeholder engagement, targeted advocacy, and government accountability to strengthen the resilience of health supply chains



Even in countries with favorable policy environment for SRH/FP, constant engagement with key decision-makers and evidence-based advocacy is important to ensure an effective supply chain



Financing is a key enabler of the commodities supply chain and efforts need to focus on increased domestic resources to ensure sustainability

Thank you for listening



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Faced with Persistent Procurement Funding Gaps, the Global Family Planning Visibility and Analytics Network (VAN) Guides Responsive Action and Supports Resilience

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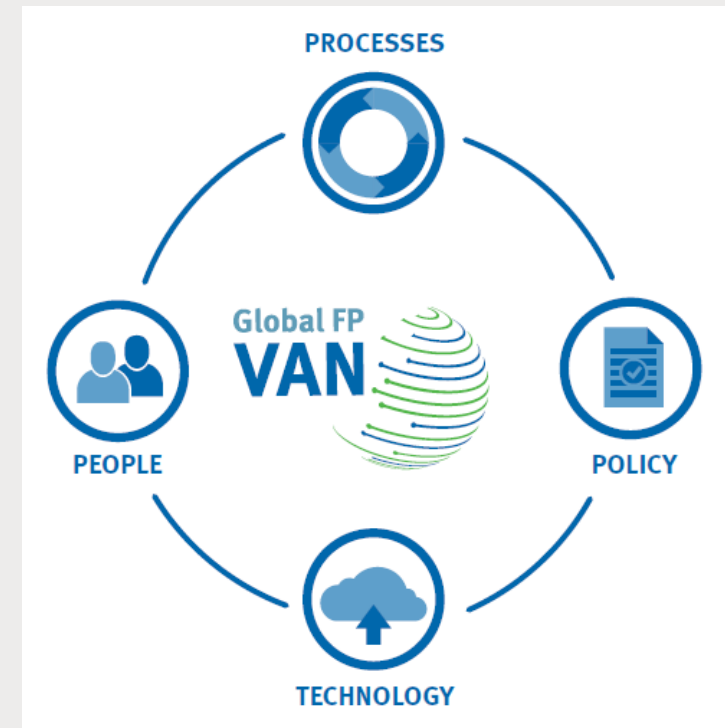
VAN Country Analyst

WHAT WE DO

VAN Goal

Better aggregate, share, and align country demand data with production, procurement, and funding to avoid stock imbalances and maximize use of limited resources to ensure continuous availability and choice of family planning products in developing countries.

- **Better** = technology
- **Aggregate** = process
- **Share** = policy
- **Align** = people



VAN offers a global-level commodity security Working Group | VAN Consensus Planning Group (CPG)

- 1) Execute against immediate country supply plan needs
 - Monitor orders, shipments and inventory against the supply plan (across USAID, UNFPA, SMOs, national procurements, etc.)
 - Discuss recommendations for action to global donors to resolve projected overstocks, shortages, or stockouts
 - Build scenarios
 - Support donors with prioritization of limited funding resources
 - Support allocation of supply-constrained products
- 2) Share longer-term plans with global partners
 - Share supply plans for better global forecasting and production planning with manufacturers and donors
 - Communicate annual funding gaps across all products for global action

2021 - Leveraging the VAN to Mitigate the Impact of Donor Funding Cuts[^]

April

- United Kingdom (UK) announced reduction in foreign aid budget
- **~85% cut to UK funding to UNFPA Supplies; rescinded 2021 funds already committed***

June-
August

- VAN Control Tower used data in the VAN and collaborated with UNFPA to estimate the procurement funding gap for 48 UNFPA Supplies Partnership countries.
- **Estimated \$91.8 million funding gap through March 2022**

Jul-Dec

- **USAID announces an additional \$17.5 million** for 10 countries informed by gaps identified by VAN
- **UNFPA mobilized \$8.8 million** from other sources, including \$3.8 million worth of products from Bayer; VAN analysis supported allocation/targeting of these resources

[^] <https://medium.com/its-about-supplies/how-greater-data-visibility-helped-the-reproductive-health-community-confront-the-challenges-of-f02bdb9324ba>

* <https://www.unfpa.org/press/statement-uk-government-funding-cuts>

VAN CPG 2021 infographic: https://www.rhsupplies.org/uploads/tx_rhscpublications/CPG_-_2021_in_review.pdf

2022 - Operationalizing the VAN Procurement Funding Gap Analysis and Expanding Access to Results

1 PROCUREMENT FUNDING GAP ANALYSIS FOR 32 COUNTRIES

\$100M
funding gap identified



Supported UNFPA & USAID
mobilization/allocation of

\$15.8M

Provided recommendations on allocation of funding
to avert/mitigate stockouts

5.5M

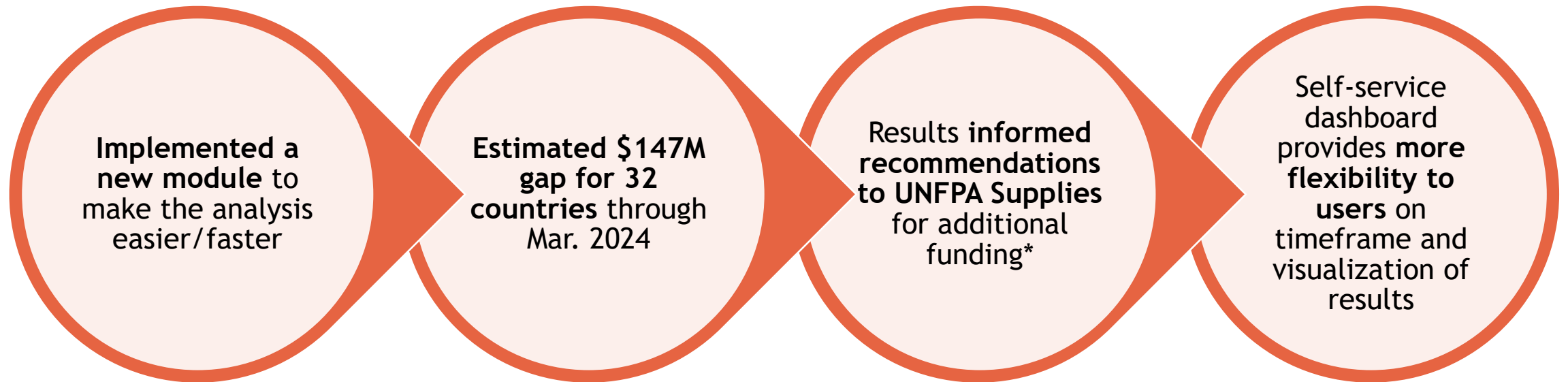
Overall estimated CYPs*

1.6M

Estimated pregnancies averted*

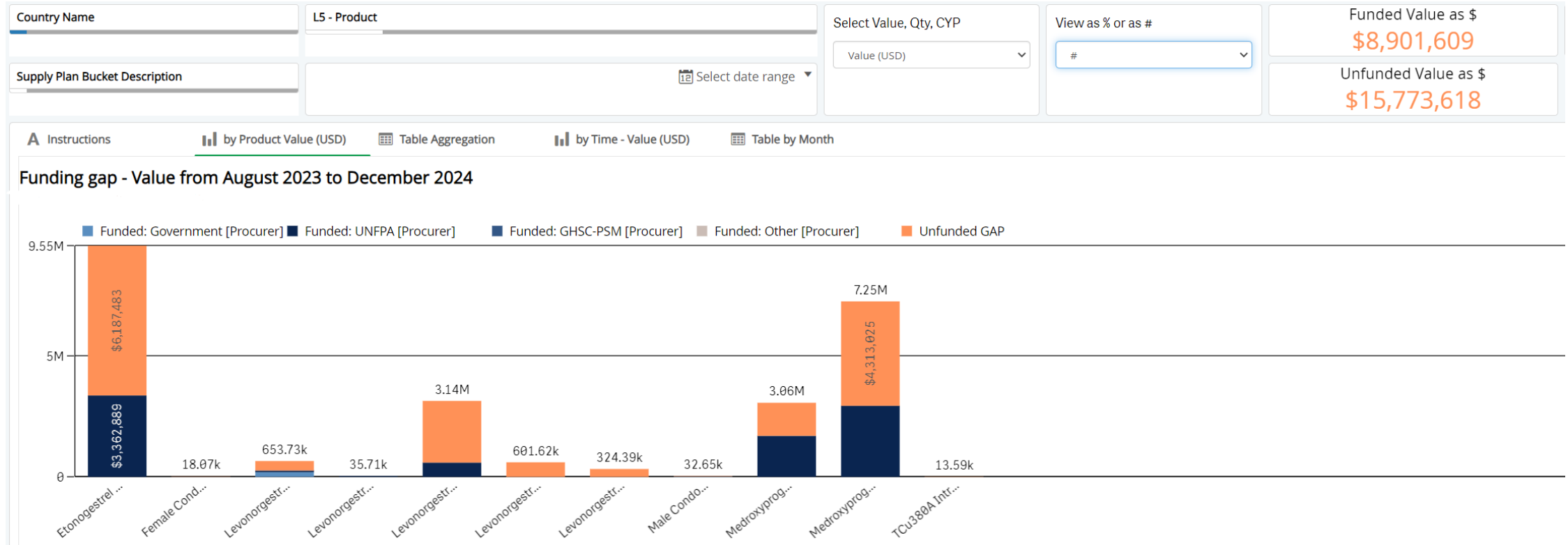
- To ensure the analysis could become a routine VAN analysis and be accessed by users via the VAN platform:
 - scope was shifted to only VAN Member countries; added % estimate for shipping costs
 - launched “self-service” dashboard for country, regional, and global users

2023 - Creating efficiencies for the VAN Procurement Funding Gap Analysis and Responding to User Needs



* Amount of funding allocated still to be determined as of Oct 3, 2023

2023 - Self-Service Dashboard Example



Examples of how the Analysis Results are Used

- Inform USAID and UNFPA resource mobilization efforts and allocation of available resources (within and between countries)
- Internal resource mobilization/allocation discussions within other key global donors (ex. BMGF) and global-level financing committees
- By the West African Health Organization (WAHO) and other regional coordination mechanisms:
 - WAHO's review of country requests for commodity funding
 - West Africa Regional Committee for Data Visibility which monitors contraceptive security in the region in collaboration with the VAN CPG
 - During a WAHO Regional Meeting with ECOWAS countries on funding for procurement of contraceptives (2022)

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Merci!

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