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Optimizing the GFF Financing Architecture for Delivery of Reproductive Health Supplies in the Global South

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Introduction of the Health Ngo's Network (HENNET)

- The Health NGO Network (HENNET) was founded in 2005 to fill a long standing gap in coordination and networking among health related CSO's within the health sector in Kenya.
- HENNET's membership currently stands at 105 members across the 47 counties in Kenya.



Our Vision

- Our vision is a Healthy Kenyan Society





Our Mission

- Our mission is to stimulate linkages and strategic partnerships among health NGOs, government, development partners and private sector in order to enhance their responses towards health needs of Kenyans





Thematic areas of focus

- Coordination
- Engagement
- Advocacy
- Information Sharing



Project Overview

- The Innovation Fund is the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition's flagship initiative for inspiring and financing new activities that further the coalition's strategic goals and those of its working groups.
- HENNET was privileged to be a recipient of this grant to advocate for increased access to full range of affordable and quality RH commodities in Tanzania and Malawi.
- The project timeline is 12 months.



Project Overview

HENNET partnered with two organizations:

- *Health Promotion Tanzania (HDT)*
- *Health Rights and Education Program Malawi (HREP)*



Project Goal

- To contribute in closing the funding gap and to increase access to full range of affordable and quality RH commodities in low and middle income countries.
- This will be achieved through building a pool of civil society advocates who are able to advance RHS at the national and sub-national levels to ensure: **Availability, Quality, Equity and Choice**



Specific Project Objectives

- Map and act on effective RH supplies advocacy to address specific policy barriers and increase political visibility
- Mobilize and sustain effective advocacy to ensure inclusion of RH supplies in the GFF financing mechanism at national and sub-national levels.
- Document and diffuse advocacy best practices to broader GFF focus countries with a view of expanding RH supplies advocates and advocacy expertise and skills



Implementation

- Availability of RH supplies at country level by strengthening the national and subnational supply chains.
- Improving the quality of RH supplies at country level by actively contributing to policies, guidelines and/or strategic plans
- Supporting initiatives that promote RH equity and choice in planning and decision making by decision makers on RH supplies, through CSOs social accountability strategies and actions.



Policy Context

- Both Tanzania and Malawi have policies and guidelines to guide the attainment of RHCS.
- Malawi: Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Policy, Essential Medicines list guide and Health Sector Strategic Plan, Malawi Costed Implementation Plan for Family Planning 2016-2020, Malawi Drug Quantification Reports, 2016 - 2017 and Malawi Population Census Reports which has a wholesome package that includes RHCS.
- Tanzania: Public Procurement Act and its regulation, 2016, Annual procurement and supply plan, Supplies bodies governed by Government policy and law, Health Sector Strategic Plan IV (2016-2020)



Government Commitment and Contribution

- Both countries (Tanzania and Malawi) have explicit government commitment for RHCS as stated for FP2020 during the family planning summit in London in 2017

Malawi

- In 2018/19 financial year Malawi government allocated US \$208,852 from US \$ 116,125 in the financial year 2017/2018 for overall Family Planning Budget in the Ministry of Health.
- Government of Malawi Approved 2017-18 /2018 - 2019 Financial Statements, Budget Document No.3



Government Commitment and Contribution

Tanzania

- The Government bought 139 trucks to fast track supply.
- There has been expansion of central and zonal warehouses.



Financing For RH Commodities

- Government of Malawi committed to contribute about \$104,167.00 to FP 2020 towards RHCS
- Government of Tanzania committed to increase its financial allocation for family planning by raising the procurement budget from 30 billion in 2015/2016 to 256 billion in 2016/17 showing a highly commitment in RHCS.



Leveraging RHCS in the GFF Financing Mechanism

- The RHCS budget is incorporated in the RH budget and therefore, advocating for budget increase on RH will contribute to the increase the RHCS budget covering the procurement and supply component.
- Both Tanzania and Malawi intend to advance Advocacy and Budget Accountability within the GFF Financing Mechanism.



Landscape Assessment of CSOs Engaged in RHCS

- In Malawi there is an existing coalition on RMNCH. It is within this coalition that we are pitching RHCS advocacy. This is a 20 CSO member coalition and still growing.
- There is no coalition in Tanzania and therefore, we are pitching FP TWG to advance our advocacy agenda.
- We have also done a landscape assessment as a way of mobilizing voices for RHCS advocacy.



Lessons Learned from the Landscape Assessment of CSOs Engaged in RHCS

- Some of the lessons learned from the landscape assessment are:
- Malawi: Total family planning commodities budget need for financial year 2018/19 is at US \$7,633,333.00 but the Government of Malawi only provided \$113,888.00 leaving a huge financial gap.
- Tanzania: Engaging targeted CSO's in advocating for RHCS will ensure availability, equity, quality and choice.



Policy Asks

- The policy ask identified in Tanzania is “to influence the government for its approval to zero rate tax on essential medicines and contraceptives”.
- It is expected that this will largely fast track procurement process of medicines and contraceptives by saving time that is always wasted on application for exemption.



Policy Asks

- The policy ask identified in Malawi is “government should prioritize family planning commodity allocations in any future domestic health financing including the Global Financing Facility (The GFF).”
- It is expected to track the Malawi Family Planning budget allocations at national and subnational in meeting with the CIP projections.



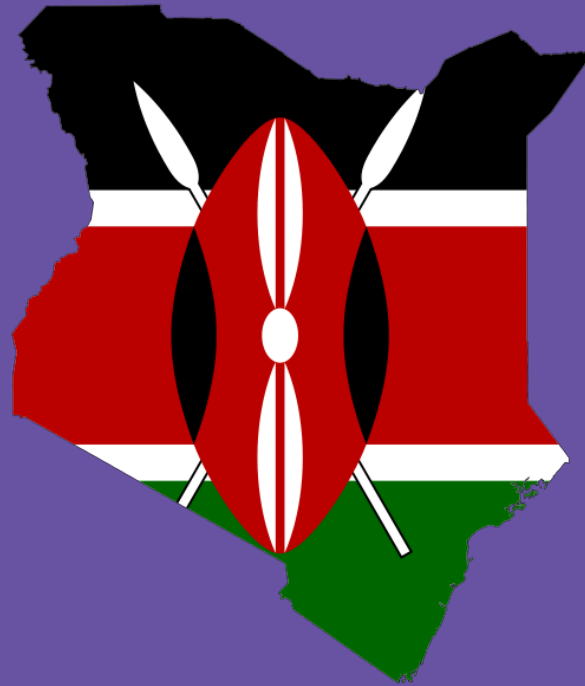
SMART Advocacy

- The capacity building session on SMART advocacy are being conducted.
- The target group are those CSOs who have been identified through the landscape assessment for Tanzania and through the RMNCH coalition members in Malawi.



Next Steps

- Hold country SMART RHCS advocacy workshops to develop SMART evidence based strategies and implementation plans to achieve the project objective
- Implement RHCS advocacy plans and strategies
- Document CSO's country level results and share widely



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