Advocacy for increased budget for family planning supplies in Tanzania

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Situation

- Contraceptive security working group serves but not effective coordination function
- Contraceptive budget line item funded since 2005 – resources not adequate to meet need
- Decentralization creates health budgets at both central and district level

What we needed to do to improve contraceptive security:

- Address sensitivity of decision makers to family planning
- Established coordinating mechanism for contraceptives security at district level
- Increase the weighting of FP within RH budget at the district and national levels
- Strengthen the national level one
- Improve networking and coordination among FP actors

Working together

- Formed 5 district level coalitions (in 5 district) for family planning
- Formed a national coalition for family planning with 7 CSOs, 2 government agencies, 2 media houses, 3 professional bodies

Major outcomes to date:

- Commitments from 4 districts to include FP budget lines in CCHP
- Establishment of district level security committees in four districts
- Advocated to Ministry of Finance to release 2008-09 family planning budget line of 3.5 billion shillings

Pushing for change

- Strengthen the national contraceptive security committee
- Dialogue with decision makers at both district and national level
- Creation of contraceptive security committees at district level

RHSC Innovations

- The RHSC could also work to support demand creation for RH supplies
- Advocacy capacity building – forthcoming Training of trainers on advocacy toolkit
- The RHSC could also address challenges to RH supply security in a de-centralized health system

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