Advocacy for increased budget for family planning supplies in Tanzania

**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

**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 created health budgets at both central and district level
- Contraceptive security working group serves but not effective coordination function

**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

**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

**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

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