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Ensuring the Availability of Life Saving Family Planning Commodities in Nigeria

- In 2012, the UNCoLSC for Women and Children released its report and implementation plan.

- UNCoLSC is co-chaired by the Norway and Nigeria.

- 13 RMNCH essential commodities are consistently underutilised, despite their potential to radically reduce child and maternal mortality rates.

- Includes 3 related to family planning (FP): female condoms, emergency contraception and implants.

- In March 2013, Nigeria finalized its costed workplans UNCoLSC recommendations.
Why the Templeton Project

- The Templeton proposal was developed because there was recognition among A&A members that CSOs were largely excluded in the process of roll-out of the UNCoLSC.

- There are gaps in collaboration by stakeholders to draw up action plans to implement the recommendations.

- Sometimes it is easier for INGOs to open doors for local CSOs.
Goal of Templeton Support

Promote meaningful CSO engagement in country processes related to the implementation of UNCoLSC work plans in Nigeria, specifically regarding the three life-saving FP commodities.

Key Objectives

- Increase access of life-saving FP commodities by the ultimate beneficiaries,
- Ensure strong national commitment to the three priority FP methods
- Translate these commitments into action and results through meaningful engagement of CSOs working on Family planning in Nigeria.
Outcomes anticipated

- Strengthened collaboration of CSO advocates
- Increased appreciation about UNCoLSC recommendations
- Improve FP service delivery systems to make these 3 commodities more available and accessible
- The 3 FP commodities prioritized in national procurement and essential medicines policy
- Governments to allocate more resources to ensure availability of these 3 FP commodities
- Governments to train providers to administer the 3 commodities and other necessary supplies to support service provision.
- Increased awareness amongst service providers (both public and private) and community members about the 3 FP commodities recommendations.
## Key Activities/Results

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<td>Identification of CSOs on family planning.</td>
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<td>Inclusive mapping of relevant coalitions to identify roles and positions of stakeholders</td>
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<td>Sensitization meetings with CSOs and key stakeholders working on UNCoLSC recommendation on Nigeria’s country plan specifically, EC/FC/Implants advocacy opportunities</td>
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<td>Advocacy training to CSOs with a focus on advocacy messaging and technical knowledge for EC/FC/Implants</td>
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<td>Advocate to government to train service providers especially CHEWS to provide EC/FC and implants</td>
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<td>Planning meetings (1 at National and 2 at State levels) with government officials and policy makers</td>
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<td>Community Sensitization</td>
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<td>Conduct policy dialogues with identified advocacy primary targets at National and State on EC/FC/Implant commodities and related services</td>
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Other Achievements

- Very good buy-in by the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) in July 2014
- CSOs have signed MOU to collaborate and work with one advocacy plan on the 3 commodities
- Attended training in London on Enhancing Contraceptive Security through Better Finance Tracking from July 7-9, 2014
- Trained CSOs on policy advocacy using AFP SMART advocacy tool (AFP Project)
- Virtual Technical Assistance from A&A members; Pathfinder USA, UAFC Netherlands, ICEC USA etc..
- Production of badges and Caps to commemorate Female Condom day and also promote implants and EC in Nigeria
- Preparation for the dissemination of UNCoLSC country implementation plan.
Thank you very much