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Maternal Health Supplies Caucus

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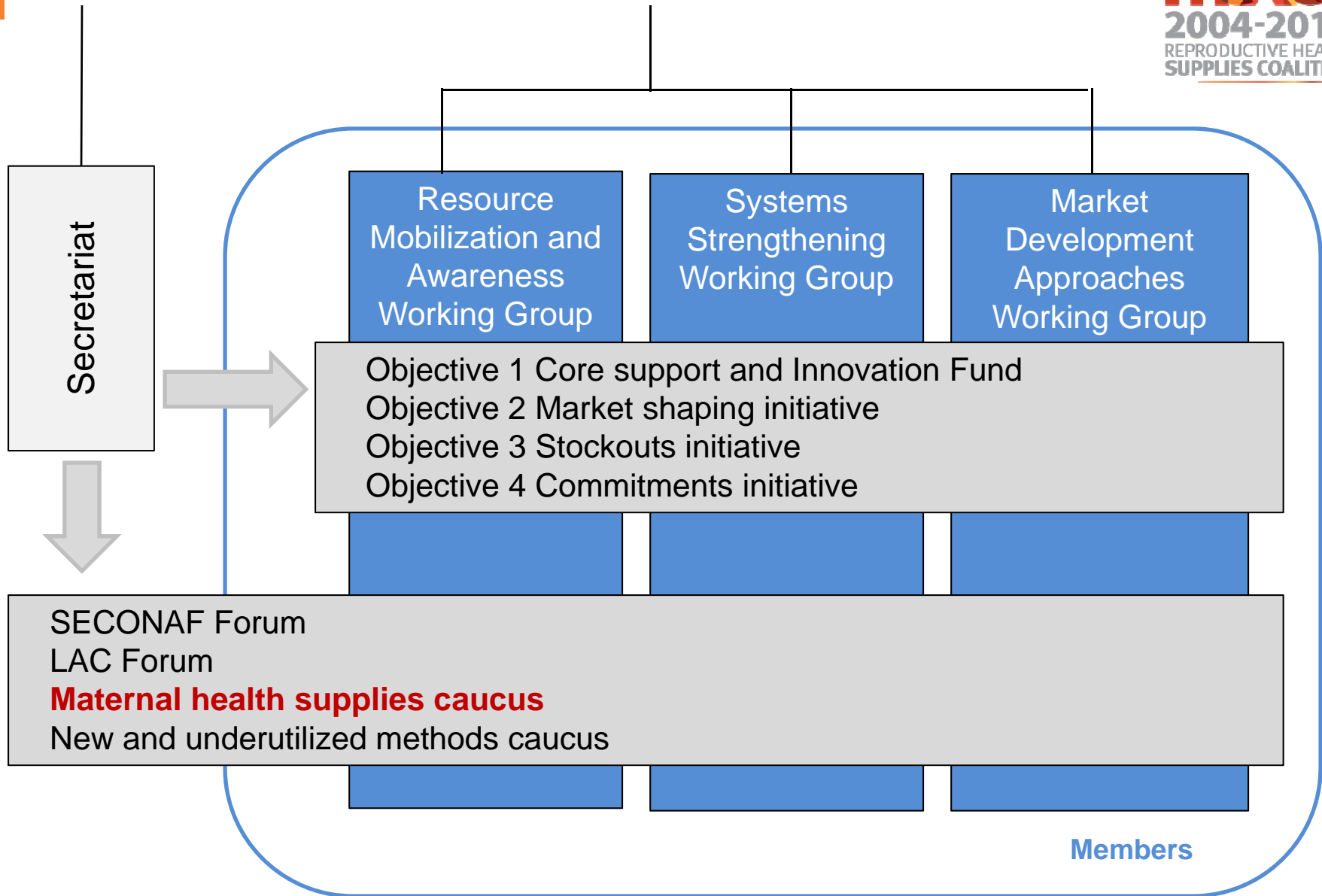
CHOICE

History of the MHS Caucus

October 2014



- NURHT Caucus suggests formation of a task force on MHS
- Task force meets for the first time in November 2012 and produces recommendations
- RHSC Executive Committee decides to establish the new Caucus
- October 2012 during Paris Annual RHSC Meeting – inaugural meeting
- October 2013 – meeting in Delhi



What is a Caucus?



- Community of Practice around a thematic area
- Implementing mechanism
- Operates through the Working Groups
- Ideally, all Caucus members also belong to at least one WG or Regional Forum

5 Recommendations for the MHS Caucus

Short term



- Increase RHSC engagement with the MH community
- Increase membership of MH organizations and reps in the Coalition
- Continue engagement with other convening groups working on MHS
- Create community of practice within RHSC
- Disseminate RHSC tools, resources, lessons learned

Long Term Recommendations



- Utilize AccessRH and Pledge Guarantee for Health PGH
- Adapt Coalition's tools and resources
- Build the evidence base for MH
- Create a small-grants fund within the Coalition dedicated to MHS activities.

2014 Achievements

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- Chair: Beth Yeager
- 2 Contracts: Briefs and Business Cases
- Our own microsite
- All tools in the SID: An inventory of tools has been prepared by the UNCoLSC/sub group MHS tools, 46 tools have been identified and described in one pagers. The tools have been classified by using the SID and using the SID categories. SID is an RHSC repository of information
- Regular participation in the MH TRT Group (UNCoLSC)
- Participation in: ACCELERATING MDG 5 WORKSHOP, Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia July 2014
- TRANSLATION OF MGSO4 LIT REVIEW INTO SPANISH
- REGULAR CONTACT WITH MEMBERS, QUARTERLY TELECONFERENCES, SHARING OF TOOLS.

List of Tools in SID

Ref #	Tool	Author/ Developer	Details	Overall Purpose (Category)	Purpose: Sub- category	Type of tool	Type of Commodity	Specific Commodities
1	A Forecasting Guide for New and Underused Methods (NUMS) of Family Planning	JSI, PSI, IRH	This guide provides direction to programs that want to forecast for new and underused methods (NUMs) of family planning. It supports program managers and others involved in forecasting as they plan to (1) introduce a contraceptive technology for the first time in a country, and/or (2) position an underused method for scale up. It offers a framework for building rational assumptions to support accurate forecasting for NUMs or any family planning method where future demand is inherently difficult to predict. It also identifies common pitfalls in NUMs forecasting and recommends strategies to avoid them.	Quantification and Forecasting	Assumptions building	Guide	Reproductive health	
2	AccessRH	RHSC, UNFPA Managed by UNFPA	AccessRH is a reproductive health procurement and information initiative that improves access to quality, affordable sexual and reproductive health (RH) commodities and reduces delivery times for low- and middle-income country government and NGOs partners. AccessRH also offers up-to-date information on contraceptive shipments for more than 140 countries worldwide through a website that is unique in the field.	Procurement and supply planning	Procuring;	Online portal	Reproductive health	Female condoms, implants, emergency contraceptives;
3	Advocacy Toolkit	RHSC	The advocacy toolkit and guide is a practical, evidence-based tool designed to foster policy change for increased commitment to RH supplies. It provides an essential guide to advocacy communications and messages, a range of five global supply shortage scenarios, adaptable to your country's own needs and a set of tools, including policy briefs, PowerPoint presentations and advocacy planning guides.	Advocacy	Policy	Toolkit	Reproductive health	General
4	AMTSL Training Materials	POPHI	Presentations on pregnancy complications, birthing plans, uterotonics management, and prevention of PPH and infections.	Use	Advocacy	Training materials	Maternal health	Oxytocin; Misoprostol

CHALLENGES

- Staff changes at partner organizations
- Same people attending various meetings on MHS
- Unclear boundaries of each working group on MHS
- Virtual communications: technology, lack of face to face interaction, volunteerism
- Positioning of the MHS Caucus

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