DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY BAROMETER TO MEASURE CONTRACEPTIVE AVAILABILITY AND CHOICE AT FACILITY LEVEL

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THE BACKGROUND

Ugandan Situation
Pregnancy and maternal mortality remain a significant risk for Ugandan women

- Estimated 16 women die daily in childbirth.
  - Hemorrhage (including uterine rupture), accounts for almost half (47%)
  - Abortion and pregnancy related sepsis account for one in five maternal deaths (20%)
- High total fertility rate (TFR) – 6.2
- High teenage pregnancy rate
- High unmet need for family planning – 41%
THE BACKGROUND

Health facility situation

Stockouts remain a challenge despite overall improvements in availability

- Increased availability of tracer essential medicines from 50% to 70%
- Recent visit showed stockouts COC and EC at the SDP-level with overstocks of EC at the NMS
- Widespread availability of Depo Provera

Health facilities do not meet needs and rights of users

- 56% of users informed of potential side effects
- 53% told what to do if they experience side effects
- 59% given information about other FP methods by HW
- 77% of women have never discussed FP with HW
THE PROBLEM

Supply Chain
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Stock outs of contraceptives – except Depo – widespread and persistent throughout Uganda’s health system.

Contrast between abundance and shortage indicates the underlying cause of stock outs is inertia that results from varying perceptions of supply and demand.
THE OPPORTUNITY

What gains?
Uganda will strengthen institutional capacity of the public and community-based service delivery points to increase choice and quality of care at all levels (through staff recruitment, training, motivation and equipment)

Uganda Commitment to FP2020
“[Uganda] will increase the annual government allocation for family planning supplies from US $3.3 million to US $5 million for the next five years and improve accountability for procurement and distribution”.

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THE SOLUTION

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Social Accountability

- Community provider interface and action
- Empowerment for change in community
- Policy level advocacy

Social accountability
THE CHALLENGE

How do you measure choice at a health facility?
QUESTIONS?