



# Expanding Access to Quality Assured Maternal Health Medicines

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## Quality agenda - progress to date

2005

The 1st study and landscaping of global RH manufacturers conducted by Concept Foundation with support from UNFPA and IPPF

2006

RHSC opens its membership to manufacturing companies

RHSC agrees to Bonn Consensus at October Annual Meeting

WHO launches its Prequalification Programme (PQP) for Essential Reproductive Health Medicines

WHO launches 1<sup>st</sup> RH Expression of Interest for hormonal contraceptives in October

2009

Assessing Quality Assured Supplies (AQAS) - review of manufacturing landscape to assess WHO PQP potential

2011

Launch of RHSC's Quality of Reproductive Health Medicines Programme (QuRHM)

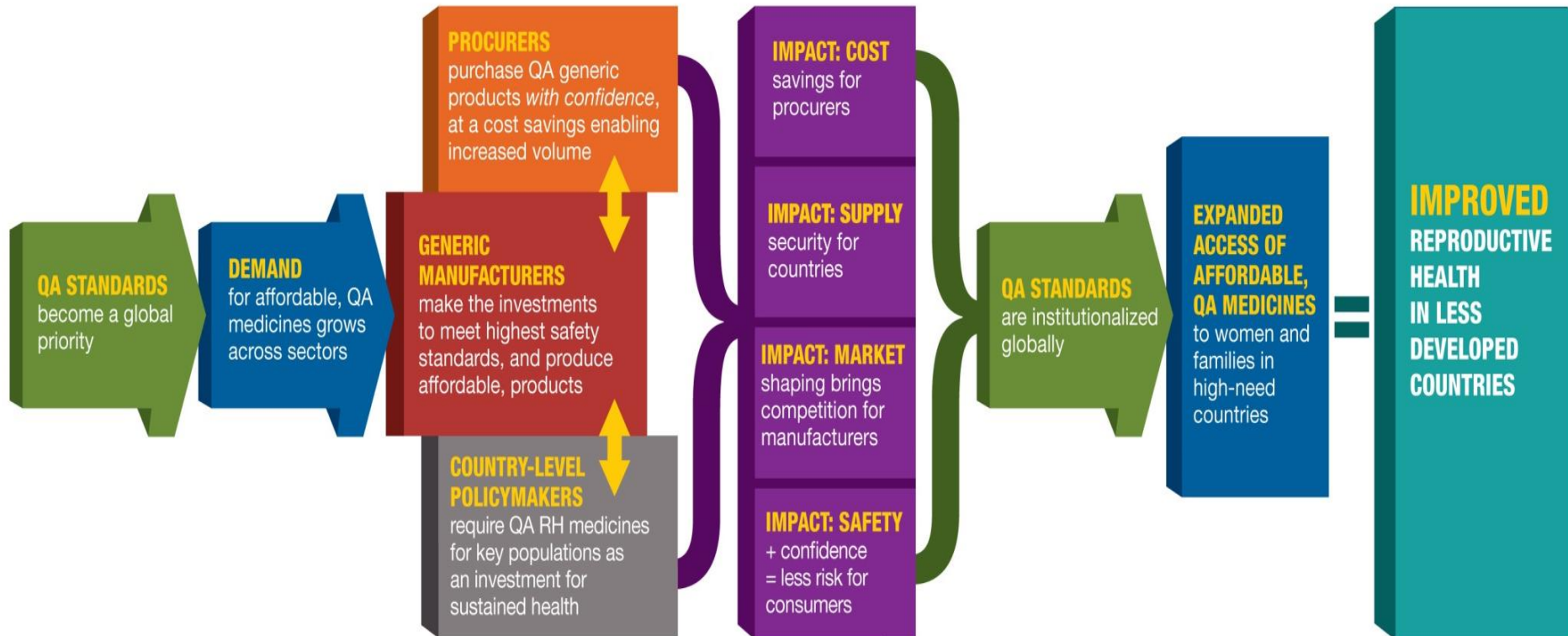
2012

London Family Planning Summit

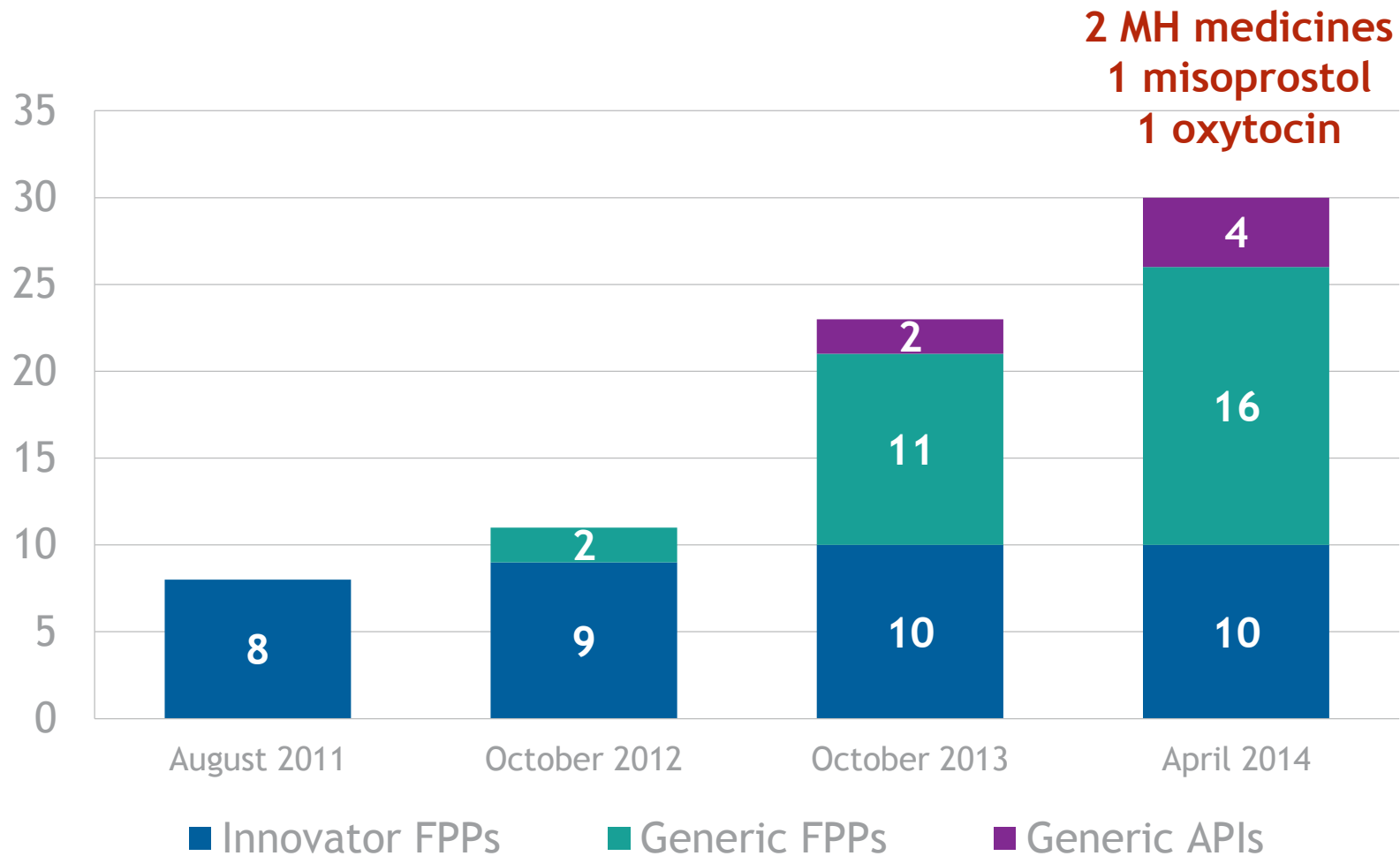
Launch of Family Planning 2020 (FP2020)

Launch of UN Commission for Life-saving Commodities

# Approach MH medicines and contraceptives



## WHO Prequalification



September 2015 - 28 FPPs (18 generics), 5 APIs

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## Existing challenges?

- Expanding number of quality assured MH medicines available for purchase.
  - Business Case for manufacturers - visibility of market fundamentals -
    - Size/scope,
    - Distribution channels
    - Customer profile
    - Pricing

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## Existing challenges?

- Raising awareness of the specific quality issues and their impact.
  - Publishing and disseminating existing evidence of quality status - misoprostol and oxytocin
  - Increasing visibility at international level

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## PQ as the starting point

- PQ as the starting point → significant issues remain around **access to markets** for MH medicines.
  - Focus on country registration → mapping the regulatory pathway for key products; working with manufacturers and country regulators/WHO Collaborative Registration to facilitate early registration
  - Country level research to understand attitudes and perceptions towards quality
  - Communicate with national stakeholders to raise awareness of quality issues
  - Market mapping to establish and address purchasing and distribution modalities

## Optimal procurement of affordable and quality assured life-saving commodities for maternal health - 8-10 September 2015

- Workshop conducted in Kampala under auspices of UNCO, in collaboration with WHO
- Six countries - Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi
- Regulators, procurers, supply chain professionals
  - Collaboration and information sharing between countries
  - Inform on quality issues
  - Discussing purchasing approaches - new and modified technologies