New and Underused Reproductive Health Technologies Caucus Meeting
Background, Progress and Updates

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Agenda

1:30-1:45  **Update on the year: Did we achieve our goals?**  
RHSC Secretariat  
NURHT Caucus  
UN Commission FP TRT  
Heather Clark, Chair, Population Council and Sophia DeLevie-Orey, RHSC

1:45-2:35  **Metrics for NURHT**  
Report back from Metrics Subgroup (25 minutes)  
Saskia Hüsken, UAFC  
Introduction to the FP2020 Market Dynamics dashboard (15 minutes)  
Mabinty Koroma-Moore, FP 2020  
Amy Lin, USAID  
Discussion (10 minutes)
Agenda (continued)

2:35-3:15  **Innovation Fund Grantee Presentations**
Moderated by Sophia DeLevie-Orey, RHSC
1. The Inclusion of NURHT in Global and Country-Level EMLs (10 minutes)
   Elizabeth Westley, ICEC

2. Crossing Over the Thin Blue Line: An Innovation Fund Project to Assess the Availability and Affordability of Pregnancy Tests in Three Countries (10 minutes)
   Kate Rademacher, FHI 360

3. Can on-line availability of contraceptives increase access to new and underused methods? (10 minutes)
   Victoria Jennings, IRH
   Nicki Ashcroft, mHealth

  Question and Answer (10 minutes)
Agenda (continued)

3:15-3:30  Coffee break

3:30-4:00  Multipurpose Prevention Technologies (MPTs): New reproductive health products on the horizon
           John Townsend, Population Council (Moderator)
           Ben Light, UNFPA
           Bethany Young Holt, IMPT
           Trisha Wood Santos, Gates Foundation

4:00-5:00  Forward planning for the next year: Brainstorming Session
           Facilitated by:
           Heather Clark, Chair of NURHT Caucus, Population Council
           Sophia DeLevie-Orey, RHSC
           Closing remarks
           Heather Clark, Chair of NURHT Caucus, Population Council
NURHT CAUCUS BACKGROUND AND 2015 UPDATE

Heather Clark, NURHT Caucus Chair, Population Council
Sophia DeLevie-Orey, Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition
RHSC Governance

Executive Committee

Support

Authority

Secretariat

Advocacy & Accountability Working Group

Market Development Approaches Working Group

Systems Strengthening Working Group

Forums and Caucuses
What is the NURHT Caucus

• Community of practice and cross-cutting body

• One of the Coalition’s eight implementing mechanisms (IMs)

• Approaches:
  • Broaden discussion within the Coalition on NURHTs
  • Collaborate with other Coalition IMs
NURHT Definitions

**New** RH technologies are those that are new to a global or country market and are currently available for procurement.

**Underused** RH technologies are those that are not routinely available in the public, private, or social marketing sectors, as well as those technologies not routinely procured by the major procurers.

*The Caucus is not method-specific, but rather it focuses on the common challenges and barriers facing regular uptake of these commodities in developing country markets.*
Priority Commodities

1. Contraceptive implants
2. CycleBeads
3. Diaphragm
4. Emergency contraceptive pills
5. Female condom
6. Levonorgestrel intrauterine system
7. Magnesium sulfate
8. Manual vacuum aspiration
9. Mifepristone and misoprostol for medical abortion
10. Misoprostol for maternal health
11. Oxytocin
12. Pregnancy tests
13. Progesterone vaginal ring
NURHT Caucus Progress 2015

- EML activity launched via Innovation Fund
  - 2014 EML subcommittee
  - Collaboration with A&A WG in Mexico

- Innovation Fund awardees
  - 3 for 3 in 2015!

- Metrics for inclusion and graduation of products
  - Tool developed
  - Collaboration with MDAWG

- Coordination of UNCoLSC FP Technical Resource Team
  - Technical input to country plans

Successful collaboration
Innovative ideas
Flexible and responsive Caucus
Links to and influence on global efforts
NURHT Caucus - Ongoing Agenda

- Updating 13 technical product briefs
  Next steps: request revisions from technical experts

- Instituting a process and metrics for product inclusion/exclusion
  Institute plans for periodic review

- Communicating NURHT work via webinar
  Series or stand alone
Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges:
• Identifying champions for a steady stream of ideas
• Communicating NURHT work within Coalition

Opportunities:
• Linking with and identifying new activities with IMs
• Caucus and UNCoLSC FP TRT post 2015
UN COMMISSION ON LIFE-SAVING COMMODITIES
FAMILY PLANNING TECHNICAL RESOURCE TEAM
Background on UNCoLSC TRT Restructuring

• UNCoLSC was absorbed into the Reproductive Maternal Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH) Steering Committee.

• Effort to streamline TRTs (23 → 9)

- Emergency Contraception
- Female Condoms
- Implants

FP TRT
Why the Coalition and the NURHT Caucus?

- NURHT Caucus was instrumental in getting EC, FC, and Implants on the UN Commission's list of life-saving commodities

- Participants in the three TRTs were already members of the NURHT Caucus

- Given the Coalition’s and Commission’s primary focus on supplies, the Coalition can ensure the commodity angle of these products will remain at the forefront
FP TRT Goals

• Strengthen public awareness and demand
• Increase availability, accessibility and utilization
• Strengthen systems and capacity of national officers to deliver quality programs
• Strengthen providers/pharmacists capacity to deliver these commodities
• Update existing and develop new tools and guidelines that expand accessibility and use.
FP TRT Timelines

• Phase I:
  Activities completed end of 2014

• Phase II:
  Phase II workplan approved for activities through 2015 with NCE through 2016

• Beyond Phase II:
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FP TRT Progress Highlights
Achieved

Provide TA to country-level efforts related to underutilized FP commodities
- Input on country-level plans
- EC training modules developed and piloted
- EC Operations Research
- Sharing lessons learned on FC: stakeholder meeting (Dec 2014; Zambia)

Greater awareness raised for increased access to underutilized FP commodities globally and in selected RMNCH initiative countries
- Media engaged on FC issues (event held Dec 2014 in London)
- National dissemination of tools and results
  - Implants, EC and FC tool dissemination and capacity building (December 2014; Nigeria and Senegal)
  - EC materials dissemination (March 2015, DRC; April, Malawi)
- Publications
FP TRT Progress Highlights
Ongoing

Provide TA to country-level efforts related to underutilized FP commodities

- Support country level partners to develop in-country advocacy goals
  DRC/Bangladesh

- Implementation of integrated provider training to pharmacists
  Malawi

Greater awareness raised for increased access to underutilized FP commodities globally and in selected RMNCH initiative countries

- Sharing lessons widely
  Globally and locally; conferences, list serves, and papers
For most women, including women who want to have children, contraception is not an option; it is a basic health care necessity.

-- Louise Slaughter
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