Meeting Expectations: Operationalizing Global Collaboration for RH Supply Chains

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Just coordinate.

The call for better coordination between cooperating partners, countries, international organizations, and donors is a common refrain. In the reproductive health supplies sphere, the expectation is that it should be simple to improve supply situations if people would “just coordinate” better.
CSP - who we are and what we are doing.
Sharing information to reduce global supply risk for FP products

• Small group formed in 2012 in recognition of need for better coordination between UNFPA and USAID
• Built on experience of CARhs and lessons learned about value of cross-organizational collaboration
• Membership - UNFPA (PSB & CSB), USAID, Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), & JSI through Implants Access Program (IAP) and the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT
Developing tools and processes to support collaboration and information sharing.

- Joint forecasts that can be routinely updated
- Joint supply planning tool updated monthly
- Processes for communication, tracking issues

**Diagram:**
- Tool allows us to assess the impact of a future shipment on stock levels

**Graph:**
- Pieces on the y-axis
- Months of Stock on the x-axis
- Desired MOS - Min/Max
- USAID Firm Orders
- UNFPA Firm Orders
- NGOs Firm Orders
- Other Firm Orders
- USAID Planned Orders
What coordination looks like.

A recent example of CSP’s response to a country supply need
What effective coordination takes.

- 3 years
- 5 in-person meetings
- 7 orgs & projects
- Monthly calls
- Sustained organizational commitment

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The value of effective coordination.

2015 - CSP Actions to Date

• Recommended USAID’s procurement of an additional 3.7 million vials of DMPA for countries freeing up UNFPA funding for other support

• Recommended delays/cancelations of 488,100 implants

• Mobilized funding for an additional 627,853 implants through UNFPA GPRHCS

• Reallocated and/or expedited shipments of 307,600 implants
The future.

- Continuous improvement, improving/streamlining processes
- Sustained organizational commitment
- Expansion to other products
- Better data visibility
- Promoting better coordination at all levels