WHAT TO ADVOCATE?

Using Stock outs Data with purpose
Focus on issues where you have data and where that data shows meaningful trends
## WHAT DATA DO WE HAVE?

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<th>Country</th>
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USEFUL TO KNOW WHO IS LOOKING AT THE DATA AND WHY

- LMIS data
  - In many countries, purely a logistics function—so the information is seen by supply chain managers—only.
  - As supply chains improve, stockouts at the facility level are seen as short-term imperfections—that can be quickly rectified—
  - The format and reporting cycles are not easily convertible into annual estimates
  - Programme managers—FP focal points—do not see these blips—may be resolved before the end of the HMIS reporting period, AND usually only one product—a tracer product—is reported on for non-logistic purposes
  - Programme managers more likely to be informed of national level stockouts—as these relate to making emergency procurements, or distribution requests
- UNFPA SDP surveys
  - Seen and discussed at the country level at consensus meetings
  - Provides a window into disparities by sub-national, ownership, residence, availability of trained providers...
- FOR ADVOCACY—
  - Important to understand why LMIS and survey data may show discrepant pictures before running with the story
WHAT ARE OUR FACTS?

- Overall, stockouts of popular methods are on the decline in East Africa – this is a good thing
  - This includes pills, injectables and condoms and implants

- Stockouts of less popular methods are high and common – Female Condoms, IUCD and sterilisation supplies
  - The most common reason cited is lack of demand and lack of trained providers for facilities permitted to provide
  - In this instance, stockouts actually makes economic sense when there are no trained providers

- Stockouts of ECs are also high at the facility level – for countries that disaggregate by reason, low demand and lack of resupply are common factors

- LMIS does not report on sterilisation supplies availability, usually only public facilities and is constrained by variation in reporting rates
IN GENERAL, LOW AND DECLINING TREND IN STOCKOUTS FOR MOST POPULAR METHOD
Implant trends also show a decline in general.
IUD, FEMALE AND MALE STERILISATION HIGH IN MOST COUNTRIES
EXAMPLE 1: TRENDS ARE IMPROVING OVERALL...AND PATTERNS ARE CONSISTENT

Stockouts of most popular methods are declining and negligible for Injectables which is monitored routinely and is the most popular method

Advocacy message 1: Measurement matters:
The programme (not just logistics staff) have an interest in monitoring other methods and triangulating this with availability of staff to insert/remove, with counseling on side-effects to expand use/reduce discontinuation for non-fertility related reasons
EXAMPLE 2: TRENDS LESS CLEAR AND DATA SOURCES DISSIMILAR

Stockouts of most popular methods are declining and negligible for Implants and Injectables.
Comparing survey and LMIS data:
LMIS stockout rates trend lower than survey estimates
Survey includes private facilities and is a random sample – LMIS depends on facilities reporting
Example 3: Comparing LMIS data only – Clear that methods that are important to sub-populations have high levels of stockouts at the facility level.

Advocacy Message 2: Equity in Benefits package for public facilities ECs, IUDs, Sterilisation – differential levels by sub-national region imply different benefits

High levels ECs and FCs compared to other methods imply sub-populations are being disenfranchised?
IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHEN YOU LOOK

Message to Advocates:
Seasonality matters – one data point not sufficient to tell a story
WHAT OTHER DATA IS IMPORTANT?  The context of stock availability
Kenya’s s-curve of mCPR

- **Very slow growth**: Facilities providing implants and IUCDs.
- **Acceleration begins**: EC & IUCD with low stock, potential for stockouts; Stockouts at Dispensary levels.
- **Rapid acceleration**: 34% Facilities providing implants and 14% providing IUCDs.
- **Plateau**: National level stockouts not easily interpretable in a highly decentralised and diverse sub-national context.

**CONTEXT**

- **Growth slows**: High stockouts in places poised for growth or acceleration, matters more than in counties at the plateau — since women are more experienced in fertility regulation and where it is a norm.

- **Majority of facilities do not report - Nyeri**: No stockouts of any method.

- **Isiolo County**: COCs and EC pills stocked out Isiolo County.
EXAMPLE 7: TRIANGULATING TRAINING AND STOCK AVAILABILITY: IMPORTANT FIRST STEP
WHAT MIGHT BE MORE USEFUL FOR SHORT TERM METHODS?
Facilities where providers are trained in both types of implants have lower stockouts.
Improving visibility of stock out and HR are important messages for the programme.

- More Methods routinely – not just a tracer
- Better alignment of stocks and providers
- Equity of benefits – sub-population, sub-national
- Indicator within DHIS2/HMIS – measurement = monitoring = improved outcome