

The WHO FP Accelerator Plus

Current Project Brief

Objectives and Background

The WHO FP Accelerator Plus project builds on past efforts by the family planning (FP) Umbrella (2015- 2018) and Accelerator projects (2019-2022) to support partners and ministries of health (MoH) to implement evidence-based, gender-responsive programmatic interventions to accelerate scaling up and sustaining the implementation of WHO recommended FP evidence-based practices. The project contributes specifically to the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), targets 3.1, 3.7 and 5.6 and the WHO 13th Global Programme of Work goal of 1 billion more people covered by the Universal Health Coverage (UHC). The WHO-FP Accelerator Plus Project is coordinated by the Contraception and Fertility Care (CFC) Unit in the WHO Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research (WHO/SRH). Colleagues from different units – SHS, MNH, AVP, Gender have contributed in developing the project. It will be implemented with WHO's Regional and Country offices over a period of 5 years (2022- 2027). This investment will focus on the following areas: Self-care interventions for SRHR including for FP; Post pregnancy FP that includes the prevention of unintended and closely spaced pregnancies following childbirth (postpartum FP) and following abortion (Post abortion FP); Task sharing for FP, Demand generation and Social Behaviour change communication (SBCC) on available FP services; Adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health Technical Assistance Coordination (TA) mechanism to provide TA that is timely, effective, efficient and contributes to strengthening national capacity; and guidance for Emerging contraception to increase coverage for methods that are not included in MEC or SPR. Gender responsiveness and digitalisation of the tools are systematically integrated across all focus areas.

To implement this, WHO will use the following approaches: south to south learning; development of tools and guidelines; country adaptation and implementation of WHO guidelines; evidence synthesis and assessment; health system integration; explicit WHO leadership, technical assistance, and development of strong partnerships at the global, regional, and country level.

Geographic location

Countries- (TBC)

Main deliverables

1) Scale up and sustained implementation of gender responsive post-pregnancy family planning countries. 2) Design, implementation, monitoring, and review of AYSRHR programmes in at least 15 countries by 2025.3) Scale up and sustain demand generation and gender transformative social behavior change communication amongst women, men, adolescents, and gender diverse people to raise community awareness for contraceptives/family planning methods choice.4)Accelerate use, uptake and scale-up of self-care interventions for SRHR.5) Scale up and sustained implementation of Family planning task sharing and community-based services in selected countries.

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