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Global Fund Financing of Contraceptives for Reproductive Health Commodity Security



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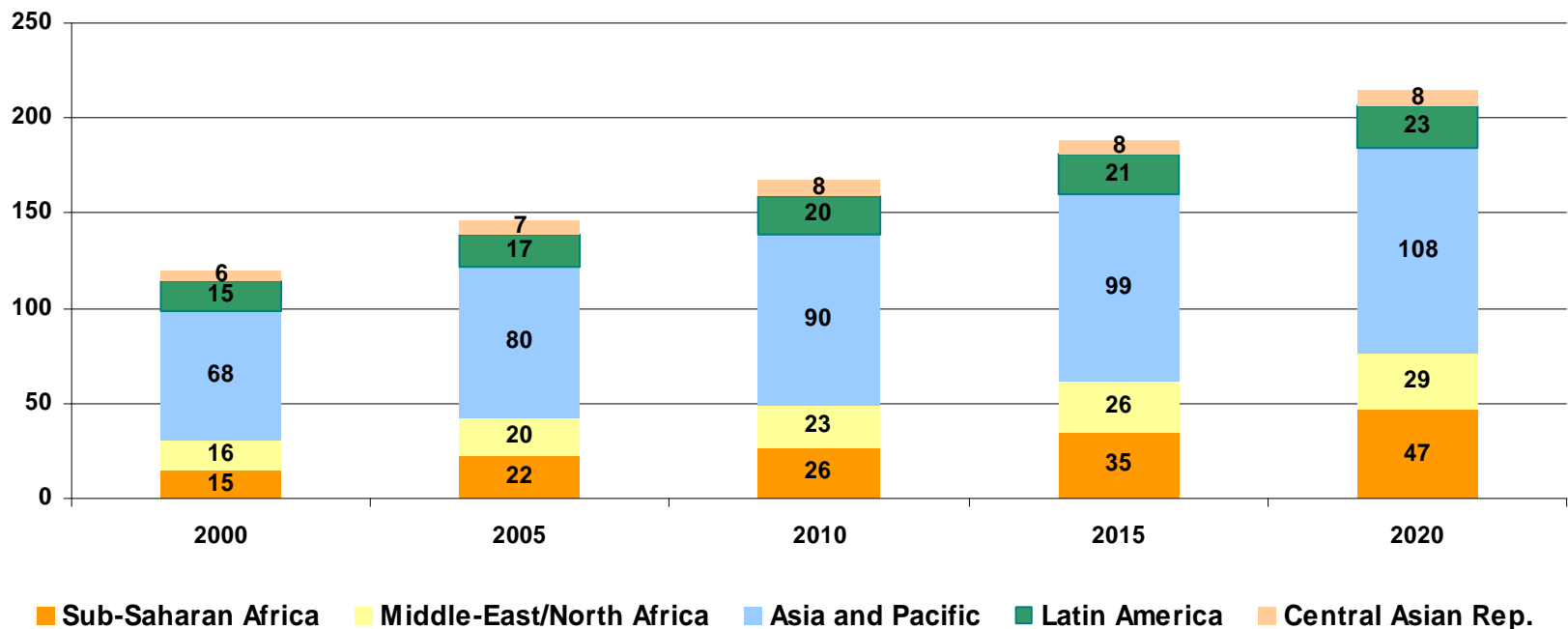
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Global Contraceptive Demand Increases...

- A recent analysis showed that in 88 developing countries, the number of modern contraceptive methods users is projected to increase by 49% – from 144 million in 2005 to 214 million by 2020.

Projected Number of Contraceptive Users, Modern Methods, All Women, by Region-Medium Variant Scenario



Leveraging Global Fund Financing...

- To meet increasing demand, countries face **challenges in securing financing to purchase contraceptives**: donor phase-outs, decreases in donor funding, declines in country government budgets, etc.
 - **Identifying new donor sources** is one option to help **diversify funding sources** and increase overall funding for contraceptives.
 - The **Global Fund** to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria can serve as a **new source of funding** to help diversify the available resources for contraceptives.
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The Global Fund States its Support for Reproductive Health...

- *“There are strong reasons for strengthening linkages between gender, HIV, and sexual and reproductive health when addressing the needs of sexually active men, women, and young people. The vulnerable groups are the same, and they are affected by the same root causes, including sexual violence and inequitable gender relations. **Sexual and reproductive health care represents an opportunity to expand HIV prevention and care for women. Similarly, services provided within HIV programs provide a potential platform for sexual and reproductive health care, such as prevention of sexually transmitted infections and family planning.**”*

The Global Fund Will Support Reproductive Health Commodity Security...

- ***The Global Fund has committed US\$15.6 billion in 140 countries*** to date to support large-scale prevention, treatment and care programs against the three diseases.
 - New developments at the Global Fund can help strengthen ***reproductive health commodity security (RHCS), which is the ability of clients to choose, obtain, and use RH products when they need them.***
 - The ***Global Fund will support countries financing the procurement of RH commodities*** using its grants, provided linkages are made to disease outcomes—in this case, HIV prevention.
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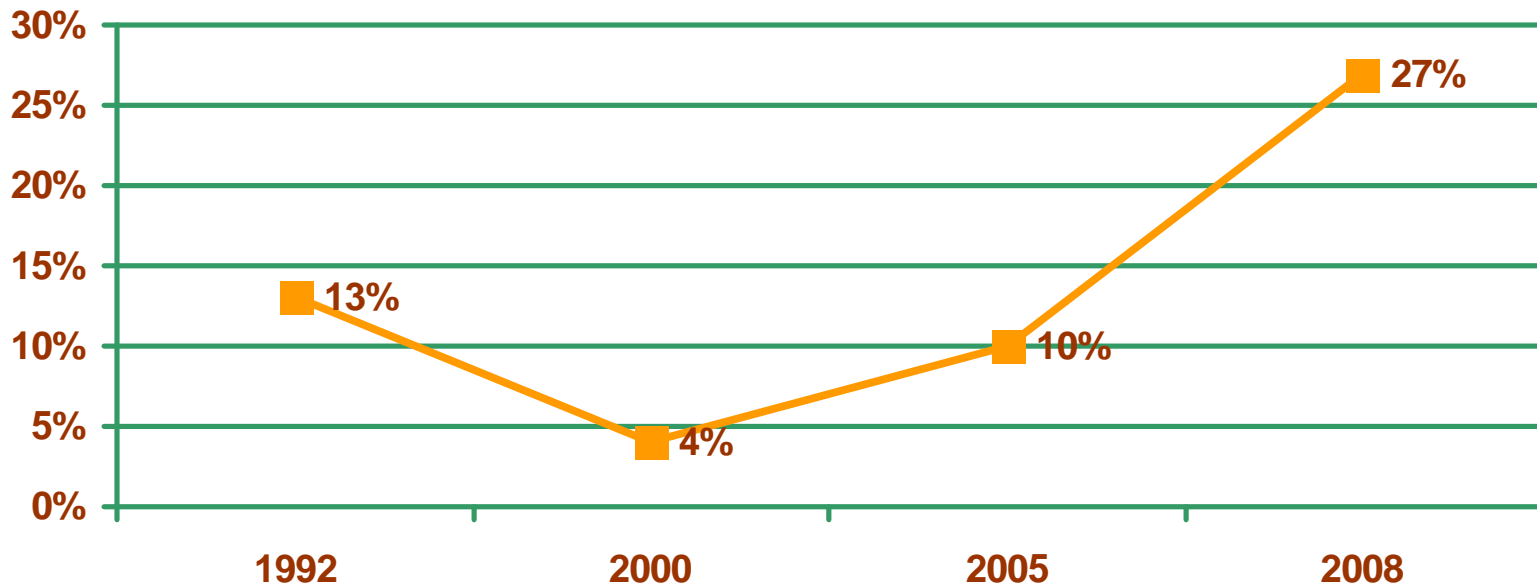
Global Fund Financing of Contraceptives: The Rwanda Example



Increasing demand for FP in Rwanda...

- Rwanda has made huge gains in its contraceptive prevalence rate, with a **sevenfold increase in use of modern methods from 4 percent in 2000, post-conflict, to 27 percent in 2008**. This sort of rapid increase is rarely observed globally and family planning program managers anticipate a continued increase in demand.

Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (Modern Methods)



Rwanda Prioritizes Integration and Identifies Funding Gap for Contraceptives

- ***Integration of FP and HIV services is a national priority.*** The MOH recognized the importance to HIV prevention of providing contraceptives to all Rwandans, including those infected with HIV.
 - The Ministry—with support from the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT—***developed reliable estimates of financing needs for contraceptives to cover future demand.***
 - Based on these forecasts, ***the MOH identified a future funding gap,*** thus making the support of the Global Fund vital in addition to already existing financing sources.
 - Drawing on those data, ***program managers in the ministry advocated strongly for new funding.*** Support for seeking additional financing came from the highest levels in the Government.
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Rwanda Proposes the use Global Funds for Contraceptives

- “The need to increase family planning services is identified both by political leaders and by the population, which is requesting better access to contraceptive methods for family planning purposes. This is particularly pertinent as a strategy for HIV prevention ***since access to FP services, particularly condoms, can prevent vertical transmission of HIV from mother to child by enabling women/couples to choose whether and when to have children*** and to assess the HIV risk of having children in the future.”

Rwanda Mobilizes Global Funds for Contraceptives

- Rwanda mobilizes **US\$2.4 million from Round 7 Funds** for the procurement of contraceptives.
 - Global Fund financing has been used in the past to finance condoms, but **Rwanda is believed to be the first country to fund contraceptives** as part of its efforts to fight HIV and AIDS.
 - The commitment is for funding around **US\$800,000 a year for 3 years starting in 2008**. The contraceptives financed will be distributed as part of the national FP program and will be integrated with HIV services.
 - In addition to procuring contraceptives, **Rwanda will also use Global Funds to support the recruitment and training of staff for FP services**.
 - The Global Fund financing is about **21% of the total funding needs for public sector contraceptives** for 2009.
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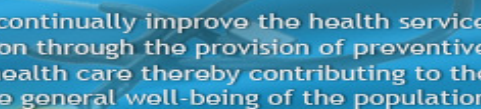
What Reproductive Health and Family Planning Advocates Can Do



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How FP Advocates can Help Leverage Global Funds for RHCS

- ***Inform Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) members*** of examples ***of countries using Global Fund for contraceptives***, advocating for use of these funds to strengthen FP, and providing resources and guidelines to help inform them.
 - ***Advocate*** with CCM members and other stakeholders ***about how expanded FP/RH can improve HIV outcomes.***
 - Assist stakeholders in preparing new proposals, helping to ***build even more evidence and justification for the inclusion of contraceptives*** and/or other systems strengthening components.
 - ***Evaluate existing grants to see if there is scope to include contraceptives in procurements.*** If an existing proposal identifies FP as critical to HIV prevention, then countries could propose contraceptive procurement in their Procurement and Supply Management Plan.
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- ***Ensure accurate and reliable contraceptive forecasts*** and quantifications are carried out and disseminated. Forecasts provide key evidence to highlight gaps and justify Global Fund support for contraceptives.
 - ***Include Global Fund stakeholders in forecast and procurement exercises*** and also in national contraceptive security coordination groups to ensure they are well informed.
 - Ensure these procurements are coordinated with other programs. ***Contraceptives, procured with Global Fund financing, should be considered part of the national supply and distributed through normal channels.***
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Tools and Resources

- For more information on how the Global Fund supports reproductive health, new developments at the Global Fund, and the case for this support, read the policy brief: ***The Global Fund Supports Reproductive Health Commodity Security*** (<http://tiny.cc/3fZDU>).

 - For information on the extent of Global Fund support for condom procurement, read the policy brief: ***Global Fund Financing of Condoms and Contraceptive Security*** (<http://tiny.cc/NROIB>)

 - Find guidance on incorporating sexual and reproductive health into Global Fund proposals:
 - ***Guidelines for Integrating Sexual and Reproductive Health into the HIV/AIDS Component of Country Coordinated Proposals to be submitted to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria: Round 8 and Beyond*** (<http://tiny.cc/TCngt>)
 - ***Integrating Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV Services*** (<http://tiny.cc/SnMkC>)
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Why Reproductive Health Commodity Security Matters for both FP and HIV Programs....



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