

FAMILY PLANNING 2020

COUNTRY ACTION: OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, AND PRIORITIES



TANZANIA

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OPPORTUNITIES

- Tanzania Demographic Health Survey (TDHS) preliminary results out
- Youth policy in draft with Ministry of Youth
- New government commitment to deliver on FP in results-based financing environment
- DHIS-2 presents opportunity to align on data and use it to determine how to go forward
- Post-partum FP (PPFP) uptake especially for youth
- Tanzania tailored process to inform process CBA to add Sayana Press
- Tanzania is a GFF front-runner
- Medical Supply Department (MSD) reform of supply chain
- Increased understanding of FP as a tool for broad based socio-economic growth (Demographic Dividend); economists are on board for FP for growth
- The MOH policies allows/promotes FP for under young people under the age of 18

CHALLENGES

- Late on TDHS
- PPFP not fully exploiting opportunity
- Sayana Press is registered but not out by any partner
- The last mile distribution presents issue
- Demand – LARCs for youth.
- Service providers bias and attitudinal bias
- Refresh HR to serve youth and provide modern methods
- Shortage of service providers
- Tanzania is the 5th largest African country and stands to miss the demographic dividend
- It adds one million people per year to its approx. 50 million population (40% born to young mothers)

PRIORITIES

- Utilize forthcoming DHS to re-assess the current FP situation and use data to guide future actions, particularly for youth (do a deep dive analysis to drive youth programming)
- Engage in high level advocacy to ensure FP remains a development priority for Tanzania including within the RMNCAH framework and other sectors (high level – GFF, MOH, MOF, FP2020 Reference Group)

- Ensure continued commodity security at the national level and achieve uninterrupted supply down to the last mile.
- Increase demand generation through better coordination of partners and improve segmentation and innovations, including addressing inequity and promoting human rights.
- Expand access to and introduce new FP methods and approaches for LARCs, and PPFP, with youth as a priority