

# 2016 FP2020 ANNUAL COMMITMENT UPDATE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE



FHI 360

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*In July 2016, FHI 360 shared the following update on progress toward achieving its Family Planning 2020 commitment during the 2015-2016 time period (commitment included below for reference).*

## POLICY & POLITICAL UPDATES

FHI 360 continues to implement a wide variety of projects to expand the evidence base for safe and effective family planning and translating high-quality evidence into policy and practice. This work includes:

- **Costed implementation plans (CIPs)**—a crucial tool for countries in planning to meet their FP2020 commitments. In 2009, FHI 360 led ground-breaking efforts in Tanzania to develop the first FP CIP, and subsequently, supported Kenya, Senegal, Nigeria (Gombe State), and Uganda in creating CIPs. More recently, FHI 360 has supported FP CIP development in Zimbabwe, and is working with the governments of Tanzania and Senegal to implement their plans. Finally, FHI 360 was proud to contribute key resources to the [FP2020's CIP Resource Kit](#).
- Myths and stigma related to the use of **long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) by youth** persist despite evidence that LARCs are effective and safe for young women. FHI 360 and partners held a meeting in June 2015 to help advocate for wider access to these methods for young people around the world. One of the results of the meeting was a [global consensus statement](#) on youth and LARCs, which has been endorsed by 50 organizations.
- The [Evidence for Contraceptive Options and HIV Outcomes \(ECHO\) Study](#) is a multicountry, open-label randomized clinical trial designed to explore the relationship between the use of hormonal contraception and the risk of HIV acquisition. This landmark study is led by FHI 360, the Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute at the University of Witwatersrand, the University of Washington and the World Health Organization, working in partnership with 11 other research institutions in sub-Saharan Africa.
- In order to help decision-makers and program planners understand and advocate for the advantages of including **vasectomy** within the method mix, FHI 360, with funding from the Evidence Project, recently developed "[How to Create Successful Vasectomy Programs](#)". This resource summarizes key learnings from a review of vasectomy projects and research and provides recommendations for how to create a strong vasectomy program from both a supply and demand perspective.
- In 2015, FHI 360 joined the [Passages project](#), led by Georgetown University's Institute for Reproductive Health, and has recently led a literature review on how **social norms about contraceptive use** are measured.
- In Tanzania, FHI 360 developed a mobile-phone-based system to help improve the quality of family planning services, collaborating with BongoLive. **Sema Nasi**, which is Kiswahili for "Talk to Us," was funded by the David & Lucile Packard Foundation and (1) offered clients the opportunity to rate services through a text-messaging-based survey, (2) encouraged providers to focus on client needs and rights, and (3) promoted the use of client feedback in improving the quality of health care services. A report on the findings and recommendations is available from the [FHI 360 website](#).
- FHI 360 believes that an **integrated approach to development** is essential to success of the Sustainable Development Goals, and [family planning is an obvious starting point](#). When women and couples are able to time their pregnancies and plan the size of their families, we make progress on nearly every SDG. To help decision-makers and program-managers design integrated programs that include family planning, FHI 360's Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance III Project (FANTA) conducted a review of 102 health and multisectoral programs to document the ways in which they integrate **food security and nutrition** programming with family planning services. A [full report, case studies, and a technical brief](#) document the review's findings.
- Through the **Advancing Partners and Communities (APC) project**, FHI 360 developed a set of mobile applications for health care providers based on the family planning checklists (newly updated to reflect the 2015 Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use). These **mobile checklist apps** are available in English and French from the [FHI 360 website](#) and are designed to run on mobile phones (iPhone, Android and feature phones), tablets, and computers.

- Also under APC, FHI 360 reviewed the evidence on **community-to-facility referrals** for long-acting, reversible, and permanent methods of contraception and has released a report on the situation analysis, available from the [APC website](#).
- FHI 360 also continues to work on task-sharing for family planning through the Family Planning Task Sharing Technical Working Group. A call to action was launched in 2016, along with a research planning framework. Both documents are available from the [FP2020 website](#).
- In early 2016, the **Zambian** government agreed to allow trained community-based health workers to provide injectable contraception. Scale-up of this task-sharing approach throughout the country will especially help rural women who otherwise would not have reliable access to this family planning method. FHI 360 [research](#) and research utilization efforts conducted under the APC project, which build on earlier work conducted under the PROGRESS project, contributed to this important change.
- FHI 360 staff have advocated for [WHO-tiered effectiveness counseling](#) as central to a rights-based approach to family planning service delivery, and for a [positive youth development](#) approach to improving adolescent SRH.

## FINANCIAL UPDATES

- As of the FP2020 mid-point, FHI 360 has contributed more than twice its financial commitment of \$1 million. Between October 2012 and June 2016, FHI 360 spent **\$2.29 million** of its own resources (\$1.5M since the previous update) in support of the development and introduction of new contraceptive technologies. This includes support for the registration and introduction of [Sino-implant \(II\)](#), the development of a [longer-acting injectable](#) contraception, and a variety of relevant technology projects under the [Contraceptive Technology Innovation \(CTI\) Initiative](#).

## PROGRAM & SERVICE DELIVERY UPDATES

FHI 360 continues its work to develop new, innovative contraceptive methods and improve existing methods. With support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, six research collaborations are supporting the development of a [longer-acting contraceptive injectable](#) and a [biodegradable implant](#). Also under the [Contraceptive Technology Innovation \(CTI\) Initiative](#), FHI 360 is collaborating with the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to lead a clinical trial comparing the standard Copper T 380A with **newer IUD options** currently sold only in limited markets. Findings on acceptability, side effects and continuation rates in trial sites in the United States and Kenya could support introduction and scale-up of the newer products in wider markets.

- Launched in 2015, the [Contraceptive Technology Innovation \(CTI\) Exchange](#) provides a web platform for increasing access to resources on contraceptive research, development, registration and introduction through collaboration and knowledge sharing. A key resource on the site, [Calliope, the Contraceptive Pipeline Database](#), has information on more than 170 contraceptive products that are at various stages of development or available in only limited markets.
- In 2015, FHI 360 was awarded [Envision FP](#), USAID's flagship contraceptive technology research project. The *Envision FP* goal is to develop, introduce and expand understanding of contraceptive technologies to enhance choice and reduce unmet need. The *Envision FP* research agenda has three aims: 1) Refine existing products to enhance safety, use and acceptability; 2) Develop new methods that address significant gaps in the existing method mix; and 3) Respond to product-related issues from the field that could affect provider or user perceptions or provision.
- Despite the popularity of the **LNG-IUS** in many developed countries, uptake of this long-acting reversible method in low-resource settings has been low due primarily to the high cost of existing products. In collaboration with several groups, FHI 360 is working to expand access in several sub-Saharan Africa countries to a new, highly effective and [affordable LNG-IUS](#). Initial pre-introduction activities and evaluation efforts are underway with support from the CTI Initiative and *Envision FP*. In addition, under SIFPO II, FHI 360 is working with Marie Stopes International (MSI) in Nigeria to evaluate provision of LNG-IUS units donated by the ICA Foundation to inform further scale-up of the method. This portfolio builds on other collaborative work, funded by the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition, between FHI 360 and MSI which included a market assessment and development of an introduction strategy for the LNG-IUS in Kenya.

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*The following text is the commitment made by FHI 360 at the 2012 London Summit on Family Planning. To review the commitment online, please visit: <http://www.familyplanning2020.org/fhi-360>.*

FHI 360 is committed to enabling access to high-quality, low-cost family planning options to fill gaps and expand choice for women and girls.

## **POLICY & POLITICAL COMMITMENTS**

FHI 360 will expand the evidence base for safe and effective family planning and will translate high-quality evidence into policy and practice.

## **FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

FHI 360 commits to allocating US \$1 million of their resources through 2020 in support of the development and introduction of new contraceptive technologies that will provide women in the developing world with additional high-quality, low-cost family planning options to fill gaps and expand choice.

## **PROGRAM & SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITMENTS**

FHI 360 plans to continue its efforts to widen the array of safe, effective, acceptable and affordable contraceptives worldwide.