

# FP2020 Commitment Update Questionnaire 2018-2019 SOLOMON ISLANDS



The FP2020 Secretariat surveys FP2020 commitment makers annually to track progress made, activities undertaken, and challenges faced toward fulfilling commitments. We kindly ask you to complete the FP2020 Commitment Update Questionnaire 2018-2019 for Solomon Islands by **5 July 2019**. Your responses support greater information and knowledge sharing, transparency, and accountability among the growing number of FP2020 commitment makers and the broader family planning community. As in previous years, we will share your responses on your country's dedicated country webpage - <https://www.familyplanning2020.org/solomon-islands> - so in-country and global stakeholders alike can follow Solomon Island's progress in reaching the ambitious goals set on behalf of the women, girls, families, and communities in your country.

FP2020 commitments can be achieved with coordinated actions across multiple sectors and partners at various levels. We hope this will be an opportunity for you to engage with your country focal point team, including a youth representative and family planning stakeholders in country to jointly review progress.

Please note that the self-reporting process complements the national family planning data consensus workshops that take place during the same time period. If the data consensus workshop for Solomon Islands is scheduled after **5 July 2019**, please let us know so we can discuss how to align the commitment reporting deadline to ensure results from each process are compatible.

Please complete the attached Word document and submit to Martyn Smith ([msmith@familyplanning2020.org](mailto:msmith@familyplanning2020.org)), Chonghee Hwang ([chwang@familyplanning2020.org](mailto:chwang@familyplanning2020.org)), and Jordan Hatcher ([jhatcher@familyplanning2020.org](mailto:jhatcher@familyplanning2020.org)). Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jordan Hatcher at [jhatcher@familyplanning2020.org](mailto:jhatcher@familyplanning2020.org).

Additionally, the Core Conveners of FP2020 are currently gathering input to build a shared vision for family planning post-2020. We look forward to learning from your response and appreciate your partnership in delivering on the promise that is FP2020. Thank you for your time and effort to fill out this questionnaire and provide useful information for the broader partnership.

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The questionnaire includes 1) the Solomon Islands original 2012 commitment, and 2) 6 standard questions to all FP2020 commitment-making countries.

As you provide your updates below on each element of your commitment, kindly focus on:

- **Progress made** and **key challenges or barriers** you faced, during the **July 2018 - June 2019 period**.
- Please also include information on **any key upcoming commitment-related milestones**.
- Lastly, we invite you to reflect on progress per commitment through a **self-assessment**.

## SECTION I: QUESTIONNAIRE FOR COMMITMENT UPDATE

### 1. POLICY AND POLITICAL COMMITMENT:

Solomon Islands commit to make family planning a priority under the reproductive health program section of the government's National Health Strategic Plans for 2006-2015.

*a) Please provide an update below on achievements made in July 2018 - June 2019 in support of these elements of your commitment, including any key upcoming commitment-related milestones:*

- FP awareness and information was disseminated to the communities through one-to-one and group counselling and through mass media (local FM). In this reporting period Solomon Islands established networks of Community Based Educators and Distributors (CBED) in Temotu, GP (Mariau) and Renbell provinces.
- Access to FP was improved through mobile outreach clinics, CBED and through female sex workers' networks.
- 60 Peer educators were trained on FP in Malaita, Western Province and GP.
- 14 health workers were trained on FP methods, with particular focus on long acting reversible methods

***b) Please mark X below how you assess progress toward elements of your commitment:***

Achieved OR On-Track ( ) / In-Progress OR Off-Track ( **X** )

***c) If you marked “In-Progress” OR “Off-Track” in the above question, what are the key challenges or barriers you face in achieving these elements of your commitment?***

- Coordination between different stakeholders needs to be strengthened.
- There is a need to revitalize the national FP program through development and implementation of FP strategy and a CIP for FP.
- Resources for FP program is limited.
- Lack of adequate human resource to implement FP program at the MHMS has been a huge challenge.

## **2. PROGRAM AND SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITMENT:**

Solomon Islands commit to making men partners in all reproductive health issues, including voluntary family planning.

***a) Please provide an update below on achievements made in July 2018 - June 2019 in support of these elements of your commitment, including any key upcoming commitment-related milestones:***

- Continued the “Men-As-Partners” project in Malaita and other Provinces in Solomon Islands who have focal points for Men-As-Partners.

***b) Please mark X below how you assess progress toward elements of your commitment:***

Achieved OR On-Track ( ) / In-Progress OR Off-Track ( **X** )

***c) If you marked “In-Progress” OR “Off-Track” in the above question, what are the key challenges or barriers you face in achieving these elements of your commitment?***

- Limited funding and human resources available to expand the program to other provinces.

## SECTION II: STANDARD QUESTIONNAIRE

*Please respond to all parts of the following 6 questions:*

- 1. How has your country integrated adolescents and youth representatives, and/or representatives from marginalized groups (e.g. lowest-income, people with disabilities, out of school, minority groups, remote or displaced populations, etc.) into the FP2020 Focal Point team and/or country's FP technical working group or country engagement working group?**

Solomon Islands is in the process of identifying a Youth Focal Point. The Youth Focal Point will be onboarded by early September 2019.

- a. If yes, how has this engagement influenced achieving your FP2020 commitment? Please also share successes and/or lessons learned from these engagements.
- b. If not, what challenges have you faced in working with these groups? (Please give examples)

- 2. How is your Government integrating family planning into universal health coverage (UHC)-oriented schemes and what is/are the mechanism(s) being used or considered? What specific actions were taken in the past year surrounding integration?**

- Solomon Islands' Role Delineation Policy (RDP) is an umbrella policy on health sector reform and the RDP has identified FP as a core priority.

### **3. Has your Government organized the 2019 data consensus workshop?**

Not done for 2019.

- a. If yes, did the FP2020 Focal Points participate in your country's 2019 data consensus workshop? If so, what insights were gained?
- b. Were domestic expenditure data reviewed as part of the data consensus meeting? If so, please share insights and challenges you had in reviewing and validating these data.

### **4. In the past year, were any efforts made to improve resilience and/or emergency preparedness of family planning systems in country?**

- RH kits with FP commodities have been prepositioned in the region to be immediately mobilized to Solomon Islands in an event of an emergency.
- Dignity kits (250), prepositioned in Honiara, also contain male and female condoms.
- Mechanisms have been set up in each health facility to track FP clients even if the records are lost in an emergency.

### **5. Have you worked to improve quality of care/rights based family planning in your programs?**

- a. Do your family planning programs provide a broad range of contraceptive methods (long-term, permanent, or short acting)? Do you provide comprehensive information and counseling on all available methods, including information on any risks or side effects?

Yes.

- b. To ensure a user-centered approach, do clients get a chance to provide feedback after clinic visits either through questionnaires, surveys, or suggestion boxes?

Suggestions boxes are placed in selected health facilities, and each month these boxes are emptied to collect, review and respond to the suggestions received.

c. Are your clinics open to improve accessibility and availability of services?

FP services are provided all days in the week (Monday-Friday) in all health facilities throughout the country.

**6. FP2020 and partners are currently gathering input to build a shared vision for family planning post-2020, in consultation with stakeholders at the country and global level. Have you had an opportunity to participate in any way in this consultation process (e.g. online survey, consultative calls, etc.)?**

Not yet.

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