

Family Planning Integration



Overview

- What is family planning (FP) Integration?
- Why Integration?
- What are the benefits of Integration?
- Who get/can offer integration?
- What will Tupange Pamoja/Tupange for Better Cities do to scale up Integration?



What is FP Integration

- Integration refers to the incorporation of aspects of 2 or more services as a single, coordinated, combined service.
- It involves offering FP and other services at the same facility, with the provider of each service actively encouraging clients to consider using the other service during the same visit.
- If services are not offered in the same room, strong referrals are required.



Benefits of Integrating FP/HIV Services for Programs and Clients

- Maximized productive use of scarce resources.
- Enhanced ability to prevent unwanted pregnancies.
- Improved access to and better-quality FP/RH/HIV and other services
- Greater support for dual protection against unintended pregnancy and disease.
- Reduced care-seeking burden for individuals.
- Enhanced community involvement and participation



Challenges of Integration

- May require financial resources to establish additional services
- May overburden staff—shortage of staff time
- May increase client waiting time
- Requires additional training
- Counselors without clinical training may be too intimidated to discuss contraceptive methods and how they work
- Requires additional records FP and other services which are often implemented and funded by different programs
- Shortage of contraceptive commodities
- Provider bias against providing contraception to certain client types (e.g., prenuptial and newly married couples, adolescents)



Tupange scale up for FP Integration

- Introduce provider initiated FP (PIFP) in all relevant services
- Conduct competency based training on FP for MNCH, HIV , PAC and youth friendly service providers
- Provide whole-site orientation (for all staff working in the health facility) to ensure no missed opportunity for FP services
- Provide service provider job-aids, posters, signage and client brochures to support integration of FP messages to other clinical areas
- Support "Visiting FP Mentors " to strengthen integrated FP services and LAPM provision
- Test of SMS messaging to reinforce provider knowledge on family planning
- Promote and facilitate referrals for LAPMs

