



## FAMILY PLANNING EFFORTS SCORE QUESTIONNAIRE

- This questionnaire is intended to provide local government authorities with family planning information from experts who are very familiar with local family planning programs and services. However, there are also questions referring to some national level family planning policies and programs that are anticipated to be relevant at the local level.
- The first two sections of the questionnaire (Policy and Stage Setting Activities and Service and Service Related Activities) are repeated to ask similar questions about the national and local level. Please pay attention to the category titles which indicate when the question is referring to the national level and when it is referring to the local level. The responses will provide information on the strength of effort of these programs.
- Throughout this questionnaire, we refer to “the family planning program.” In most countries, there is only one large-scale program, and usually it operates under government auspices. The focus is on the local picture of family planning activities through this government program. If these are merged with maternal and child health activities, please focus on the family planning aspects.
- Please do not complete questions for which you lack information – other respondents in your state or local government authorities may handle those. Please confer with other individuals as you wish, and answer the items simply in your personal capacity, giving your own best judgment. All responses are entirely confidential.



To give a summary of program effort, please rate the following items. Score each item from 1 to 10, where 1 represents non-existent or very weak effort and 10 represents extremely strong effort. Try to answer each item; omit it only if you lack information.

Component	Description	1= non-existent to 10= extremely strong									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>NATIONAL POLICY AND STAGE-SETTING ACTIVITIES</b>											
Policy on fertility reduction and family planning	Extent to which government policy stresses family planning for demographic reasons over health reasons or is simply neutral or opposed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Statement by leaders	Extent to which the head of government and other officials speak publicly and favorably about family planning, at least once or twice a year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Level of program leadership	High level of seniority of the director of the national family planning program and the seniority of the person to which they report	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Policy on age at marriage	Extent to which legal age at marriage for females is set at 18 years or higher and is enforced	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Import laws and legal regulations	Extent to which import laws and legal regulations facilitate the importation of contraceptive supplies or extent to which contraceptives are manufactured locally	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Advertising of contraceptives allowed	Extent of freedom from restrictions on advertising of contraceptives in the mass media	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Involvement of other ministries and public agencies	Extent to which other ministries and government agencies assist with family planning activities (e.g., delivery of supplies, services, information, education) or other population activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Percent of in-country funding of family planning budget	Extent to which total family planning/population budget is derived from in-country sources (e.g., 1 for 10 percent, 5 for 50 percent, 10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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	for 100 percent)										
Percentage of in-country allocation to purchase of family planning commodities	Extent to which the government allocates resources specifically for the procurement of family planning commodities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Effectiveness of procurement and distribution system for commodities	Extent to which the contraceptive logistics management system adequately distributes family planning commodities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Presence of pro-poor family planning policies	Extent to which policies specifically target the urban poor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Level of private sector involvement in providing family planning services	Extent to which the government encourages private sector involvement through either direct service provision or commodities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>LOCAL POLICY AND STAGE-SETTING ACTIVITIES</b>											
Policy on fertility reduction and family planning	Extent to which local policy or position concerns fertility, family planning and rates of population growth	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Statement by leaders	Extent to which local leaders and other officials speak publicly and favorably about family planning, at least once or twice a year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Level of program leadership	High level of seniority of the family planning/reproductive health coordinator in the local government authority and the seniority of the state level family planning/reproductive health coordinator to which they report	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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	government authority										
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Percent of local funding of family planning budget	Extent to which total family planning/population budget is derived from local sources (e.g., 1 for 10 percent, 5 for 50 percent, 10 for 100 percent)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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<b>NATIONAL SERVICE AND SERVICE-RELATED ACTIVITIES</b>											
Involvement of private sector agencies and groups	Extent to which private sector agencies and groups assist with family planning or other population activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Civil bureaucracy involved	Extent to which the civil bureaucracy of the government is used to ensure that program directives are carried out, and whether its senior officials take responsibility for program directives being carried out	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Community-based	Extent to which areas of country not easily serviced by clinics or other	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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distribution	service points are covered by community-based distribution programs (especially rural areas)														
Social marketing	Extent of coverage of the country by a social marketing program (subsidized contraceptive sales at low cost in commercial sector, especially in urban areas)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Postpartum program	Extent to which all new mothers in the country receive postpartum family planning assistance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Home-visiting workers	Extent of coverage of population by workers whose primary task is to visit women in their homes to talk about family planning and maternal and child health	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Administrative structure	Extent to which administrative structure and staff at national, state and local levels are adequate to implement the family planning program	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Training program	Extent to which training programs, for each category of staff in the family planning program, are adequate to provide personnel with information and skills necessary to carry out their jobs effectively	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Personnel carry out assigned tasks	Extent to which all categories of family planning program staff (administrative, medical, paramedical, field) carry out assigned tasks effectively	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Logistics and transport	Extent to which logistics and transport systems are sufficient to keep stocks of contraceptive supplies and related equipment available at all service points, at all times and at all levels (national, state, local)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Supervision system	Extent to which the system of supervision at all levels is adequate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				

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	(regular monitoring visits with corrective or supportive action)										
Mass media	Frequency and extent of coverage of mass media (television and radio) messages that provide population with information on family planning and service sites	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Information, education and communication	Frequency and extent of coverage of information, education and communication materials (posters, leaflets, handbills, etc.) messages that provide population with information on family planning and service sites	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Adolescent programs	Extent to which activities are focused towards adolescents and encourage adolescents to access FP services	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Youth-friendly clinics	Extent to which services offer adolescents options other than abstinence (such as condoms and contraceptive counseling)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>LOCAL SERVICE AND SERVICE-RELATED ACTIVITIES</b>											
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Community-based distribution	Extent to which areas of country not easily serviced by clinics or other service points are covered by community-based distribution programs (especially rural areas)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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<b>LOCAL RECORD KEEPING AND EVALUATION</b>											
Record keeping	Extent to which systems for client recordkeeping, clinic reporting and feedback of results are adequate in the local government authority	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Evaluation	Extent to which program statistics, surveys and small studies are used by specialized local government authority staff to report on program operations and measure progress	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Management's use of evaluation findings	Extent to which local program managers use research and evaluation findings to improve the program in ways suggested by findings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Diffusion of information to other local government authorities	Extent to which information is shared or spread from one local government authority to other	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>LOCAL AVAILABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF METHODS AND SUPPLIES</b>											
Intrauterine	Extent to which entire population has	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10



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devices (IUDs)	ready and easy access to IUDs										
	How well does the IUD supply system operate in the local government authority (it avoids stock outs or interrupted supplies and guarantees a reliable flow at local levels)?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pills	Extent to which entire population has ready and easy access to pills	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	How well does the pill supply system operate in the local government authority (it avoids stock outs or interrupted supplies and guarantees a reliable flow at local levels)?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Injectables	Extent to which entire population has ready and easy access to injectables	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	How well does the injectable supply system operate in the local government authority (it avoids stock outs or interrupted supplies and guarantees a reliable flow at local levels)?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Female sterilization	Extent to which entire population has ready access to voluntary sterilization services for women	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	How well does the supply system provide necessary equipment and medical supplies for female sterilization services at clinical facilities in the local government authority?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Male sterilization	Extent to which entire population has ready access to voluntary sterilization services for men?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	How well does the supply system provide necessary equipment and medical supplies for men's sterilization services at clinical facilities in the local government authority?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10



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Condoms	Extent to which entire population has ready and easy access to condoms	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	How well does the condom supply system operate (it avoids stock outs or interrupted supplies and guarantees a reliable flow at local levels)?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Implants	Extent to which entire population has ready and easy access to implants	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	How well does the implants supply system operate in the local government authority (it avoids stock outs or interrupted supplies and guarantees a reliable flow at local levels)?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Emergency contraception	Extent to which entire population has ready and easy access to emergency contraception	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	How well does the emergency contraception supply system operate in the local government authority (it avoids stock outs or interrupted supplies and guarantees a reliable flow at local levels)?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Please rate the general quality of family planning services in the local government authority. (Good quality includes a focus on client needs, with counseling, full information, wide method choice, and safe clinical procedures.)		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

### INFLUENCES ON THE FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM

Note that for the following questions the scale is different.

Forces affecting the family planning program can either strengthen or detract from its effectiveness. Check zero (0) if there is no difference either way; check a negative number from -1 to -5 if the influence is negative; or check a positive number from 1 to 5 if the influence is positive. (1 in either direction means little influence and 5 in either direction means strong influence).

Description	-1 to -5 (if negative influence)
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Unmarried adolescents	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Young married adolescents	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Single women	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Newly married women wanting to delay their first child	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
HIV positive	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The poor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Rural populations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Urban populations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Postpartum women for counseling and contraceptive services	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Post abortion women for counseling and contraceptive services	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

### FINAL QUESTIONS

- A. You were invited to confer with other individuals on this questionnaire, if you wished. Did you do so? Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- B. How long have you been closely acquainted with the local family planning program? \_\_\_\_\_ years
  
- C. During most of this time, what has your relationship been to the program?
  
- D. If you are an employee of the program:  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Duties: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- E. If you live outside of the country:  
 Number of visits to the country in the last two years \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Approximate total time spent in the country during the last two years \_\_\_\_\_
  
- F. Any final comments or suggestions?  
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This tool was adapted from the Nigerian Urban Reproductive Health Initiative’s Family Planning Efforts Score Questionnaire. <https://tciurbanhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/NUHRIfamilyplanningassessment.pdf>