

Nigeria Family Planning Landscape: Flow of Information, Advocacy, Budget and Logistics- The Challenge Initiative Experience in Ogun State, South West Nigeria

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Background

- With the Federal Government's fulfillment of increase in its financial commitment for Family Planning (FP), there has been better FP programming both by the federal and state governments¹. Since 2012, government has committed US\$3M annually for contraceptive procurement. In 2014, Nigeria committed to provide an additional US\$8.35M annually over the next four years².
- The Challenge Initiative (TCI) alongside other partners are supporting the states to take the lead in FP program implementation.
- Among the five components of FP landscape (Service Delivery, Supplies and Commodities, Demand Generation and Behavior Change Communication, Regulation and Policy, Financing) in Nigeria, finance is critical because, globally, FP in developing countries is important for economic development.
- Social Network tools can be very useful in helping FP program Managers and Implementers understand FP landscape better to inform program design and implementation.

Advocacy Intervention

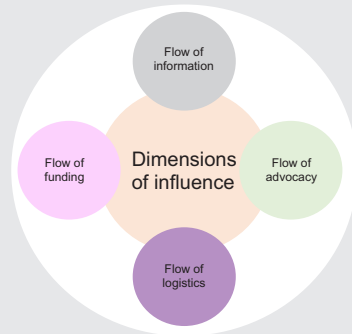
A net map which is a social network mapping tool was conducted in Ogun State targeting key FP actors in order to understand FP landscape in the state

Program implication

- ✓ FP landscape with the use of social network tool like Net Mapping has proven to be a means to an end in knowing and understanding the "Power Brokers" which influence the flow of information, advocacy, funding and logistics
- ✓ The landscape also shows the funding flow which makes it useful in understanding budget approval, releases and expenditure
- ✓ Programs should adopt landscape analysis as it provides a good platform for CSOs such as AWG to target the right stakeholders with appropriate information.

Methodology

- ▼ TCI worked with the State Advocacy Working Group (AWG) to identify and invite stakeholders who are key FP actors in the state for a net-map exercise.
- ▼ The FP actors were interviewed and mapped to generate an influence network map
- ▼ The FP actors were categorized into dimensions of influence



Results

- ▶ Net mapping analysis showed a total of 36 actors categorized into 13 groups
- ▶ 67% of the actors were government; 58% had direct influence on flow of information & flow of funding, 22% facilitates flow of logistics and about 60% involved in the flow of advocacy.
- ▶ Through the landscaping process, Ogun state AWG succeeded in improving FP funding with an increase of 70% allocation and 20% approved and released for FP services.

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