

# Translating Policy into Action for Progress in the Reproductive Health Sector

## Why use this approach?

By creating an enabling environment, policies are made accessible to gatekeepers, champions and civil society organizations so they can effectively engage with decision makers to scale up evidence-based family planning interventions. This environment allows for increased investments, removes bottlenecks, promotes community acceptance and facilitates public private partnerships.



### STEP 1: Assess the family planning landscape

Using a net-map exercise, analyze the social network through participatory interviews. This is to help people visualize, discuss and improve programs or interventions focusing on different actors who can influence the outcome of the interventions.



### STEP 2: Coordinate family planning implementation

Coordinate implementation through a harmonized State workplan by bringing together all organizations and stakeholders working in family planning in a State. This process ensures a reduction in the duplication of activities, maximizes the State's and donor's investments and guarantees better planning and reinforcement of advocacy, demand generation and service delivery activities.



### STEP 3: Ensure resource stewardship and accountability

Ensure accountability through strengthening or establishing an Advocacy Core Group (ACG) or Advocacy Working Group (AWG) to involve all partners and to create an enabling family planning policy environment. The ACG/AWG is independent from government and helps to increase funding for family planning, ensures accountability for timely release of budget commitments and serves as a financial mechanism for good stewardship of resources.