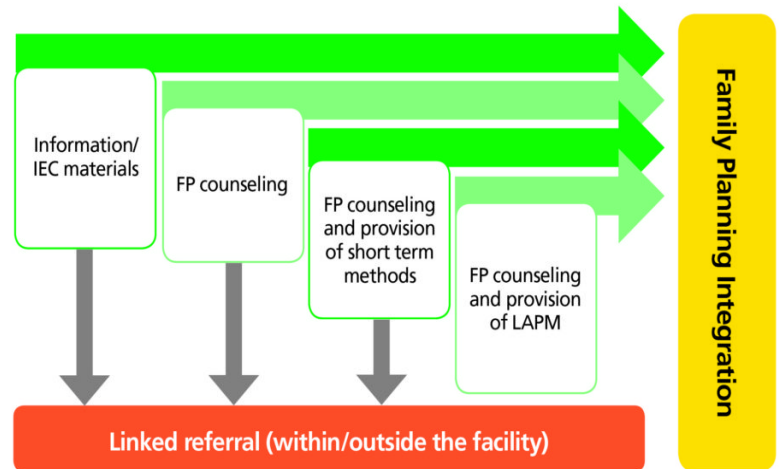


Family planning can be integrated into other health service areas in order to reduce missed opportunities. Key areas for successful integration include, but are not limited to antenatal clinics, child welfare services, outpatient, maternity, comprehensive care unit, postnatal clinics and pharmacy.

Key Outcomes of FP Integration

- Increased number of service areas providing FP
- Reduced missed opportunities for providing FP services
- Appropriate screening through PIFP and referral for services
- Clinical/non-clinical staff from other health facility departments able to inform, counsel and provide FP services



Levels of integration

Steps

1

Select service areas to integrate FP services

Select service areas to integrate FP services. These may include inpatient and outpatient service areas, such as ANC, child welfare clinic, PNC, OPD, HIV, PAC, and labor ward.

2

Determine levels of integration

The range of options include 1. Information provision 2. Counselling 3. Method provision 4. Intra/inter facility referrals. However, not all services can be provided therefore, consider the infrastructure, equipment, supplies and staffing to determine the optimal level of integration.

3

Build the capacity of staff

Train clinical staff from other service areas to provide FP service preferably through mentorship approach. To facilitate information and counselling for other cadres, orient them on FP using the whole-site FP orientation package. Orient both clinical and non-clinical staff on Provider Initiated Family Planning (PIFP).

4

Equip the integration service areas

Provide relevant equipment, stationary, FP commodities/supplies, job aids, IEC materials, referral tools and reporting tools (This will depend on the integration level).

5

Document and report

Ensure documentation of the service provided i.e information, counselling, referral and FP method at the integration service area. Use existing tools such as FP registers. Consolidate and report the data from the integration area using existing reporting channels.

Quick Checklist for FP integration:

- FP service job aids
- PIFP job aids
- Referral tools
- IEC materials (FP signage)
- Additional FP registers
- Facility assessment tool (space, staffing and supplies)

Useful Tips

- Facilities that are more amenable to integration are those that have adequate space, equipment and staffing.
- Add integration service areas gradually after assessing the work load, data and supplies.
- Minimize the documentation requirements to keep the workload manageable.
- Label new integration service areas to increase awareness of FP services.
- Facilities should monitor integration services to ensure that client waiting time is not too long.
- Out of facility services should also be integrated with FP.