

Effective Allocation, Utilization, and Monitoring of Financial Resources for FP/AYSRH Programs

Effective financial management involves routine financial operations and also requires providing members of the leadership team with information to make decisions and plan strategically for the future. A clear understanding of the linkages between resource allocation for family planning and adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health (FP/AYSRH) programs, processes of funds mobilization, effective and efficient consumption mechanisms and proper documentation create an opportunity for smart advocacy for increased program resource allocation.



Key Outcomes

- Prioritization of FP interventions within the local government
- 100% implementation of activities
- 80% utilization of committed funds
- Implementation of FP interventions within the agreed scope on time and within budget

Steps

1

Identify and prioritize resource gaps in the geography

Estimate the need for resources for implementation of FP/AYSRH programs at the beginning of the budgeting period. Calculate human resources, operating funds and other associated costs.

2

Identify and orient key FP program implementers

For example, County Executive Committee (CEC) member, District Medical Officer, etc.

3

Conduct an orientation on FP program management

with the Health Management Team (HMT) to share planned activities and request any additional financial resources. Support advocacy efforts within the health system, review [resource mobilization strategies](#) and leverage [FP/AYSRH Champions](#) on advocacy efforts.

4

Prepare the budget

for submission after stakeholder review. FP/AYSRH champions should also participate in budget planning and allocation.

5

Operationalize the budget

Disseminate the budget to the city-level budget holders once the funds are available. Share approved budget information with stakeholders & partners.

6

Develop a plan for fund disbursements

based on FP/AYSRH activities to be implemented. Schedule a monthly date when funds will be disbursed by the HMT.

7

Assess the progress

of program activities and financial progress during monthly review meetings. Verify expenditures with the implementers during [RAISE assessment meetings](#).

8

Conduct a review to share feedback

with local government leadership on funds released and used. Be transparent and allow verification of expenditures to encourage accountability.

Useful Tips

- Ensure that relevant stakeholders are familiar with the budget process, as well as key dates for submissions and review.
- Work with government agencies such as the National Council for Population and Development (NCPD), National Population Council (NPC) for linkages with key decision makers.
- Ensure gender intentionality in identification & selection of HMT for orientation.
- Quarterly financial reviews are an integral part of program management.

For more information, refer to <https://tciurbanhealth.org/courses/east-africa-self-reliance/lessons/improved-financial-management-for-fp-aysrh-programs/>