

Lightning Talks: Learning from Success and Failure

Update on Advocacy Priorities & Achieved Quick Wins

Fiscal Year 2013/14

Advocacy priorities for year 2

- Improve RH and FP commodity security through enhanced accountability and transparency in Uganda in line with FP2020 commitment
- Improve funding environment for Family planning in line with FP2020 commitment in Uganda and in selected AFP Focus and collaborating Countries
- Improve access to FP services regionally
- Champion the inclusion of family planning in the post-2015 framework and in other global forums

Advocacy approach

Targeting Members of Parliament: Strategic audience

- Regular regional meetings
- Promote information and experiences exchange
- Increase awareness on the linkages between investment in FP/RH and Development
- Build capacity in advocacy tools
- Develop in-country specific commitment and SMART action plan to be implemented in a year
- Organize in-country follow up meetings.
- Report back and share experiences, achievement and challenges during next regional meeting



Achievements: Quick Win

Increased public expenditures for FP/RH

- **Malawi**: First ever created **FP Budget Line** in FY 2013/2014 with a budget **allocation of K26 million (\$78,787)** and all the amount has been spent on **procurement of 118,000 injectables**
- **Uganda**: Increased FP/RH budget from **8 billion shillings (\$3.2M)** in FY 2012/2013 to **12,8 Billion shillings (\$6.9M)** in FY 2013/2015.



Looking at the past: What have we learned?

What is going well?

- Facilitating and working with policymakers/FP champions
- SMART Chart tools
- Ensuring follow-up
- Working through strong partnerships at all levels

What are the challenges?

- Ensuring that the allocated fund is translated into expenditures requires time, skills and more \$\$\$\$
- How to make sure that the procured commodities will reach the people who are in need for them within a weak health system!

Thank You