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REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH COMMODITY SECURITY NATIONAL STRATEGY





BACKGROUND (1)

The United Nations Population Fund Country Office in Mexico (*UNFPA-Mexico CO*) has implemented, since 2001, the project "Reproductive Health Commodity Security (RHCS)" under a co-financing modality to support the Government of Mexico to procure contraceptives and to provide technical assistance on logistics management.

BACKGROUND (2)

The normative framework to handling health commodities in Mexico is dictated by the Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS). In the last years, this institution has been modifying the criteria and procedures for authorizing the importation of RHC made through the international cooperation. As a result, official standards and procedures to handle RHC have not been clear and changed frequently, which has implied delays in delivery of commodities to stakeholders, supply shortages, increased storage costs, delays in customs processing, among others problems.

BACKGROUND (3)

Taking into account these constrains, UNFPA CO decided to reorient the intervention and designed a new comprehensive Reproductive Health Commodities Security (RHCSS) Strategy, jointly with the Ministry of Health of Mexico (CNEGSR) and key NGOs.

This new RHCSS is contributing to strengthening national capacities for commodity security through five strategic action lines:

FIVE ACTION LINES

Mapping and articulation of key actors

Advocacy and civil society monitoring for RHCS

Capacity development on RHCS

Research
and
generation
of
evidence
for RHCS

Strengthen
national
efforts to
centralize
RHC
procurement

PURPOSE OF THE STRATEGY

The RHCSS is aimed at contributing to the development of suitable conditions for all people to exercise their sexual and reproductive rights, to prevent unwanted pregnancies & STI, including HIV/AIDS, through the assurance of timely supply and availability of contraceptives, including male and female condoms.

Mapping and articulation of key actors



This action line is oriented to the conformation of a national mechanism (National Sexual and Reproductive Health Council) for decision making at the highest level on issues related to the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of SRH public policies.

OUTPUT 1

DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH NATIONAL COUNCIL

OUTPUT 2

DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF 32

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

STATE COUNCILS

Advocacy and social monitoring for RHCS



This action line is focused in the design and implementation of a national advocacy strategy for creating national awareness related to SRH needs.

OUTPUT 1

REINFORCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL
LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR CONSIDERING
CONTRACEPTIVES AS STRATEGIC
COMMODITIES

OUTPUT 2

NATIONAL ADVOCACY PLAN ON SOCIAL PARTICIPATION AND SOCIAL MONITORING FOR RHCS

Capacity development on RHCS

Through this action line, the RHCSS is promoting the design and implementation of a national capacity development platform on logistics administration systems and family planning services, oriented to strengthened capacities of health service managers, administrative personnel, and service providers.

OUTPUT 1

NATIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON RHCS

- LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT
- FAMILY PLANNING
- SOCIAL MARKETING

Capacity development on RHCS SOCIAL MARKETING

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Social marketing" is the adaptation of commercial marketing techniques for social goals. Using traditional commercial marketing techniques, social marketing makes needed products available and affordable to low-income people or specific targeted population groups, while encouraging the adoption of healthier behaviour.

Capacity development on RHCS SOCIAL MARKETING

INCLUDING MALE AND FEMALE CONDOMS

- Identified and researched a range of population groups that practise high-risk behaviours: men having sex with men, commercial sex workers and injecting drug users.
- Developed targeted marketing campaigns, including Information, Education & Communication (IEC) and outreach activities, promotion and advertising, and preventive kits distribution.
- Distributed 400 thousand prevention kits through a network of trained CSOs.

Research and generation of evidence for RHCS



This action line is oriented to carry out operational research for contributing to evidence based decision making and the potential scalability and replication of the strategy.

OUTPUT 1

OPERATIONAL RESEARCH ON RHCS

OUTPUT 2

DOCUMENTATION AND SYSTEMATIZATION OF EVIDENCE

- Assessment on comparative costs of consolidated procurement vs. decentralized procurement
- Benefits of investing on Family Planning

Strengthen national efforts to centralize RHC procurement



This action line of the RHCSS is contributing to developing administrative infrastructure for conducting consolidated contraceptives procurement processes at the national level. This procurement modality will take advantage of scale economy.

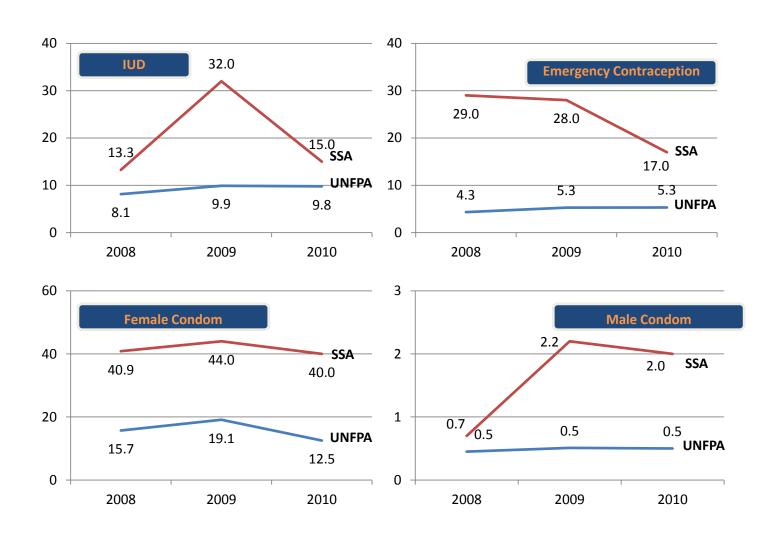
OUTPUT 1

CREATION AND OPERATION OF A

NATIONAL UNIT FOR CENTRALIZED RHC PROCUREMENT

BENEFITS REGARDING FINANCING

- Harmonization of national and international basic drug lists, including a wide range of contraceptives, was carried out.
- New sources for the provision of RH commodities were explored and negotiated: UNFPA as purchasing agent; and national and local consolidated acquisition (more cost-effectiveness process).



BENEFITS REGARDING FINANCING

- Elimination of regulatory barriers which limited access to quality and affordable contraceptives at the international market.
- Implementation of regulatory measures for increasing accountability and transparency during the national contraceptives acquisition process.



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