



ICFP 2022 IBP Track Program Implementation

Synthesis Report



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INTRODUCTION

The IBP Network planned for ICFP 2022 in Thailand against a backdrop of a pandemic affecting all our member organizations and partners. With the support of our members, we took up the challenge to lead the ICFP Program Implementation Subcommittee and amplify its reach through several events and activities designed and led by implementation partners, governments, and youth leaders. Through a highly interactive track, created by a diverse group of implementers, critical linkages were made between different groups of experts and advocates dedicated to strengthening family planning programs and to improving equitable access to family planning information and services. We offered a full day pre-conference and eight technical sessions (four in French, three in English, and one in Spanish).

[The IBP Track Program Implementation](#) was a unique and diverse platform for participants to collaborate and learn about innovative approaches and various new

tools and resources that support stronger family planning and reproductive health (FP/RH) programs. We partnered with youth trailblazers, WHO Fellows, and more than 200 members who worked tirelessly across geographies and languages to design our sessions. While the sessions were successful, the most valuable contribution was the engagement of partners to plan, develop and deliver sessions in their language, with experiences from their countries and regions, highlighting learnings to a global audience.

We created a space to exchange and learn in a collaborative and equitable platform. We discovered along the way that local voices and experiences, when given the space and opportunity, enrich our work and contribute to our collective efforts to disseminate and implement effective practices to improve reproductive health outcomes around the world.

—Aïssatou Thioye and Ados Velez May,
IBP Track Program Implementation Co-chairs

KEY STATS



60 participating
organizations



20 countries involved
in planning



~75 participants
per session



224 resources shared
on FP insight

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

- Postpartum family planning
- Gender transformative FP programs
- Engaging men & boys
- GBV prevention & response
- Youth empowerment
- Self-care for FP
- Universal Health Coverage



PRE-CONFERENCE RECAP

This one-day meeting brought together 100+ family planning experts working in program implementation and launched the Implementation Track at the conference. Participants learned about innovative approaches, discussed the importance of monitoring implementation, and shared promising strategies to address current and future challenges in program implementation.

This interactive event highlighted innovative approaches to implementation like south to south learning, creative techniques to document evidence on FP/SRH programs like storytelling, and opportunities to engage with policy makers and parliamentarians to make commitments and investments in FP/SRH.

The pre-conference also featured the importance of monitoring implementation in family planning aiming to move the community toward harmonized measurement standards for implementation of FP practices to further support scale-up and impact.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1 While program implementation was discussed throughout the conference, having a dedicated day to learn and reflect with the implementation community and partners was important
- 2 Provide a platform for experiences to be shared from a diversity of perspectives, geographies and languages
- 3 Documenting the implementation story can be done in many ways: short stories, video productions, case studies, reports and many other formats that allows to capture what works and doesn't when implementing programs

KEY THEMES

- Innovative Implementation
- Creative Documentation
- Digital Technologies to support implementation
- Engaging marginalized communities
- Measuring and monitoring implementation
- Use of data to make implementation and policy decisions



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- 🔗 Engage, Create, Innovate, Document
- 🔗 Monitoring Implementation of FP Practices

Take It to Scale: Engaging with the Experts

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1 According to a 2022 study, the biggest barriers to implementing and scaling up High Impact Practices in Family Planning (HIPs) are: social norms, political will, and resource availability.
- 2 Participants identified additional challenges to scaling up, including capacity and sustainability.
- 3 More work is needed to conduct advocacy for scale up, and to raise awareness of the HIPs.

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KEY THEMES

- Reaching key populations (e.g., adolescents, persons with disabilities, people living in poverty)
- Self-care
- Family planning financing
- Behavioral science
- Social norms shifting
- Involving government leaders in scale up

Translating HIPs (and More!) into Inclusive Service Delivery at Scale

KEY THEMES

- High impact practices for immediate postpartum family planning (PPFP), community health workers (CHWs), and postabortion family planning (PAFP) service delivery
- Successes and challenges at the country level
- Adapting services in the context of fragile settings, climate change, conflict and outbreaks

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1 Strategies for increasing postpartum family planning (PPFP) uptake in the extended postpartum period can use multiple windows of opportunity, such as immunization, outreach, and home based care.
- 2 Providing effective, rights-based, person-centered contraceptive counseling (pre- and post-abortion) is an integrated part of comprehensive postabortion care programs whether in-clinic care, telehealth, or pharmacy-based.
- 3 Experiences with Immediate Postpartum Family Planning (IPFP) vary across country contexts, including logistical challenges to implement within short timeframes.

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FP/RH resources and tools for and from Latin America and the Caribbean

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1 Innovative FP/RH tools have been recently launched specific to the LAC region—in particular, many tools address unique needs of marginalized communities, including young people, indigenous communities, and those living in humanitarian settings.
- 2 Addressing inequalities in FP/RH service provision involves knowledge of the sociocultural context and a willingness to serve communities using creative approaches.
- 3 Participants from the LAC region are looking for additional opportunities for collaboration with other FP/RH professionals to share tools, resources, and lessons learned.



KEY THEMES

- Knowledge management
- Contraceptive security
- Indigenous communities
- Humanitarian settings
- Midwives
- High-impact Practices

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Moving paths together toward an enabling SRH ecosystem in Francophone Africa

KEY THEMES

- Youth engagement
- Engaging regional and national partners
- Gender equality
- Inclusion of people with disabilities
- Method choice

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1 The new ECOWAS SRHR directive and the commitments taken at the Generation Equality Forum by the Member States of the Ouagadougou Partnership demonstrate that the region is mobilizing to accelerate the realization of SRHR.
- 2 Collective advocacy works. Providing technical or financial support to CSOs, including organizations of young people or of people with disabilities engaged at the community, regional, or national level is necessary and can lead to change.
- 3 The level of inclusion of people with disabilities in each country is varied and the work for inclusion of people with disabilities in SRH/FP is developing.



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Tools and resources for FP/RH professionals in French: Knowledge management for FP in practice

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1 It is important to share information through multiple (and varied) channels to reach key audiences.
- 2 It remains difficult to document the impact of sharing, and we need to look for ways to measure whether the information we are sharing is used in programs.
- 3 Consider primary audiences when choosing formats—consider a variety of formats such as short videos, policy briefs, or infographics.



KEY THEMES

- High-impact Practices
- Costed Implementation Plans
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Documentation and dissemination

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Using the FP Goals: Identifying Opportunities and the Estimated Impact of Different Scale-Up Scenarios

KEY THEMES


- High-impact Practices
- Costed Implementation Plans
- Modeling using evidence from HIPs to estimate impact on mCP
- Linking impact with costs, costing using ABC/M, Unit cost database

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1 Not all FP interventions are equal in their impact on mCPR and impact of the same HIPs varies by context of service coverage, demand for FP, and infrastructure, and baseline levels of contraceptive use.
- 2 FP Goals provides the mechanism to prioritize among multiple interventions, and prioritization is fundamental to having a usable Costed Implementation Plan
- 3 Participants obtained a quick sense of how FP Goals works using the FP Goals Lite online tool
- 4 The Activity-Based Costing and Management (ABC/M) approach is being implemented in 30+ countries to obtain an up-to-date unit costs for FP. It will be incorporated in the Global Health Cost Consortium Database and integrated with FP Goals.



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SESSION RECAPS

Demand creation tools and innovations to boost contraceptive use in francophone countries

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1 Funds dedicated to RH should not be reallocated, even in the event of a crisis, because the population, especially women and girls, need FP/RH services without interruption.
- 2 Stakeholders must work more on the strategic and operational aspects of FP in a crisis situation in order to better understand its limits and be better equipped.
- 3 FP services are a priority, even in times of humanitarian crisis. Demand creation strategies need to be strengthened in affected areas.
- 4 It is imperative to invest in FP to ensure the continuity of FP services in crisis areas and to strengthen the synergy of actions around national FP campaigns in OP countries.
- 5 We must strengthen the use of digital tools to create demand among youth.



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KEY THEMES

- Self-care
- Male engagement
- Adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health

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Practical tools for community engagement

KEY TAKEAWAYS


- 1 Taking into account the specific FP needs of people living with HIV is necessary to boost CPT in French-speaking West African countries.
- 2 There is a need to institutionalize community initiatives developed by CSOs to ensure the sustainability of actions.
- 3 The development of innovative and pedagogical tools is an effective method for communicating with youth, adults, health care providers and parents.



KEY THEMES

- Community engagement
- Mobilization
- Designing innovative tools

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KEY RESOURCES



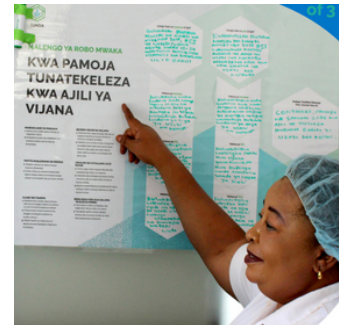
[FP Goals Lite](#)



[Immediate contraception post obstetrical event](#)



[Family Planning: A Global Handbook for Providers](#)



[Beyond Bias: HCD \(and Beyond Bias Practical "How-To Guide"\)](#)



[Meaningful AY Engagement and Partnership in SRH Programming](#)



[Tested Solutions for Engaging Men in Family Planning](#)



[IBP Network's FP/SRHR Storytelling Resources](#)



[Achieving universal access to SRH in the context of UHC \(and video\)](#)

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