

Break-out Sessions: Promising Approaches in Private Sector FP/RH

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"How To Participate In A \"Break-Out\" Session: Promising Approaches in Private Sector FP/RH

Welcome to the break out session on promising approaches in private sector family planning and reproductive health services. This is your opportunity to meet with others interested in this area and to share your questions and experience on this topic. We hope to encourage a lively discussion on both the strengths and weaknesses of working through the private sector to deliver family planning and reproductive health services. To start the discussion, the PSP-One Project has a comment for you to consider:

1. In thinking about the conference theme of private sector contribution to increase access, equity and quality, we are interested in hearing from you about new models in working with the private sector emerging in the field that may have promise but have yet to be evaluated or documented.

Please respond by clicking on the \"contribute\" button and writing your comments in the text box. When you are done, click the \"submit\" button.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Jeffrey Barnes

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One of the principles I use when decided to work with the non-public sector is working with the providers that are the most used by the people. Find out why people use those providers, find out how to improve their services and find out what can be done to expand their reach. The biggest concern in applying this principle is whether you should engage providers whose quality cannot be ensured. This is especially the case in Africa with traditional providers who are often very popular with rural consumers, but whose quality is difficult to judge, let alone ensure. At what level of quality should public policy be to engage and improve and below what level should policy be to control or discourage?