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Group 4: Identifying covered benefits

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Issues in selecting covered services

- **Objective(s) of voucher scheme:**
 - **MDGs: reduction of MMR, IMR**
 - **Needs (e.g., as per the demographic survey)**
 - **Predefined: donor and/or local policy**
 - **Political (e.g., gender violence, fistula)**
 - **Big public health impact**

Lessons learnt

- **Services for which there is demand**
- **Reaching hard-to-reach populations and areas**
 - **Equity**
 - **Accessibility**
 - **Empowerment**
 - **Behavior change**
 - **Choice**

Lessons learnt (continued)

- **Most preventive services:**
 - Safe motherhood
 - Immunizations
 - Family planning
 - RTI, STIs
 - (Gender violence, fistula repair)
- **Entitlement**

Challenges

- **Where do we stop?**
 - Curative care
 - Not principle causes of morbidity and mortality
 - E.g., tuberculosis, malnutrition
- **Level of detail in defining services**
 - Average reimbursement (Gujarat) vs. detailed reimbursement (Agra)
- **Limited resources for expansion of package**
 - Vouchers create demand: treatment of childhood diseases



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