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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

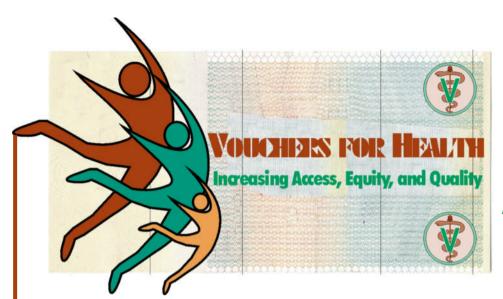
- Services for which there is demand
- Reaching hard-to-reach populations and areas
 - Equity
 - Accessibility
 - Empowerment
 - Behavior change
 - Choice

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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