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Long Acting and Permanent Methods Through the Private Sector- Conclusions and Some Ways Forward

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PANEL THEMES:

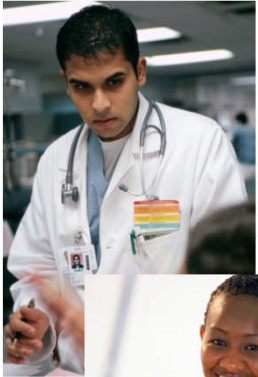
- Overcoming provider barriers to provision of LA/PMs in the private sector
- Key challenges and opportunities in family planning and LAPM in francophone Africa
- Strategies to increase access to LAPM in the private sector
- Country experiences in providing and expanding access to LAPMs



Key Conclusions:

The private sector for LAPMs has many “faces”

- clients
- facilities, clinics
- mobile outreach
- the workplace
- dedicated providers
- franchise providers
- social marketing
- financing mechanisms
- public-private partnerships
- manufacturers, distributors, detailers
- supply chain
- Others....



Key Conclusions:

- Women are seeking and receiving LAPMs through the private sector as well as the public sector, often in partnership with private sector
- Access, affordability, quality and trust are key characteristics that clients look for in the private sector
- Confidence, competence, affordable supplies, time, and “what’s in it for me” are important conditions that providers look for in order to offer LAPMs





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**What are some of the future
opportunities and challenges
for the private sector
to offer LA/PMs?**

Monitor and Maintain

- Informed and voluntary choice
- Quality of care
- Infection prevention
- Links with communities
 - Raise awareness
 - Mobilize for outreach visits
 - Referrals to facilities





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- Promote *positive* messaging about LAPMs, users of LAPMs, and providers of LAPMs
- Promote long-acting methods for delaying first pregnancy, as well as spacing and limiting future pregnancies
- Dispel myths and misperceptions





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Youth

- Private sector is often the preferred source of FP/RH services among youth
- Youth demand for long-acting methods is sizeable and growing
- First time parents are often overlooked. They need support for pregnancy, birth, newborn / child care, and spacing next pregnancy.
- Include long-acting methods in packages of services for youth



Postpartum Women

- Reach postpartum women with LAPMs within the first year following birth
- Offer IUD and Tubal Ligation services with birthing. They can be provided post-placental or before the woman goes home.
- Offer long-acting methods with immunization services or event days



Completed Family Size

- The unmet need for limiting is large and growing; in some countries its greater than the unmet need for spacing
- As desired family size is smaller, the age for limiting is younger
- IUDs offer a very long-acting reversible option
- Permanent methods are widely accepted, when offered





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Men

- Don't forget the men – offer vasectomy !
- During pregnancy and early postpartum corresponds to periods of women's infertility and postpartum abstinence



Implant Removals

- Implant use has increased dramatically in the past 2-3 years, especially in Africa.
- In the next year or two, the volume of removals will increase substantially
- Additional time and refresher training may be needed for removals



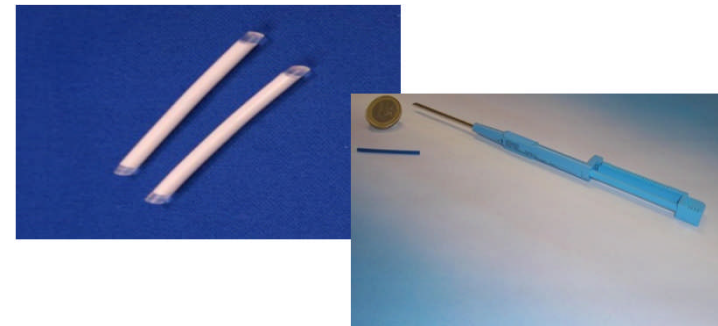
Affordability

- Ensure affordability to clients
 - Vouchers, Insurance, Subsidize, Free
- Ensure affordability to providers
 - Contraceptives, consumable supplies, medical instruments
 - No loss in revenue from other services (ANC, birth, child health)



Commodities

- Forecasting needs for individual practices, franchise networks
- Offer other brands of IUDs, Implants; new techniques for BTL and NSV
- Identify affordable purchasing options and sources for individuals, groups, from distributors, manufacturers
- Ensure availability of consumable supplies, medical instruments



- Grow and sustain the *demand*
 - For LAPMs
 - For quality of care
 - For private sector services
 - For affordability of LAPMs
- Grow and sustain the *supply*
 - Of dedicated providers
 - Of affordable, high quality contraceptives
 - Of sales and service delivery points for LAPMs
 - Of LAPMs integrated into packages of services





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New Frontiers

- Offer LAPMs in postabortion care
- Government contracting of private providers or NGOs
- Leveraging the private sector for supply chain management
- Market shaping: engage more companies, to provide more contraceptive products, that are quality assured, at low prices, and registered in countries





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**The Private Sector
holds the keys for expansion
of supply, demand, and systems
for LAPMs**



*Thank You!
Merci Beaucoup!*