

The Role of the Private Sector in the Provision of Family Planning: Past, Present, and Future

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The private sector is a key partner



 Achieving universal access to FP product and services requires involving all actors: public, private and civil society

- The private sector offers valuable resources including:
 - Skilled health work force
 - Financing
 - Infrastructure needed to deliver services

Private providers are diverse

Private providers include:

- Doctors
- Nurses
- Midwives
- Paramedics
- Pharmacists
- Traditional practitioners



Private Ob/Gyn, Dhaka, Bangladesh



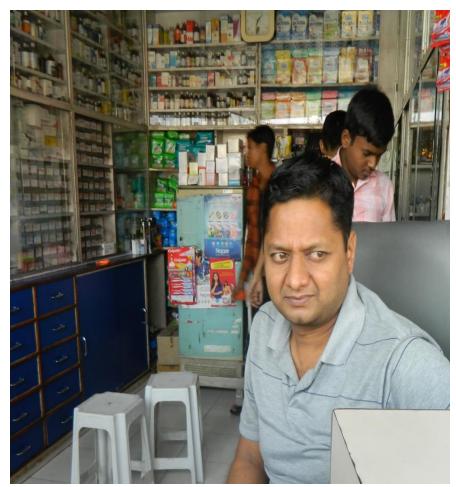
"More than two million people live in Uttara area but no significant public facilities are operating here...as such, irrespective of economic status, clients are seeking services from the private facilities."



Private Chemist, New Delhi, India



"My shop is open 20 hours in a day and since it's close to some of the large hospitals here the demand is very high...we stock emergency pills, condoms, injectables, OCP and POP pills. This area also has a heavy demand for condoms."



Private Doctor and Clinic Owner Lagos, Nigeria



"Most medical schools do not give thorough training on family planning. Now we have training and do outreach in the community."



Paramedic, New Delhi, India

"I belong to the community here. People have known me as 'Didi' (meaning sister)...most women from slums here are uneducated and even fear meeting a provider. My presence makes them comfortable when visiting a provider the first time."







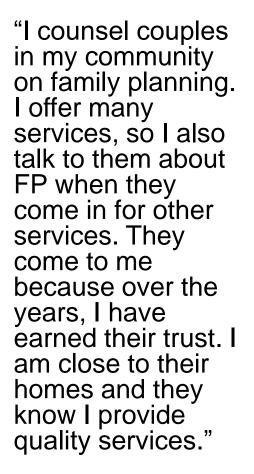
Private Nurse, Dhaka, Bangladesh



"Private sector services are available in our community, but not public sector. If someone wants to avail of public facility service, they travel 20 kilometers—spending money and almost whole day for travel. That's why people irrespective of socio-economic class are seeking services from private sector."



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