

Facilitators and barriers to family planning uptake in Nigeria

Understanding The Family Planning Budget and Expenditure in Kaduna State: A Retrospective Analysis of 14 LGAs

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Introduction

Consistent public investment in family planning has not only been found to help reduce unintended pregnancies, it has also helped secure significant reduction in government spending by preventing health care and social service expenditures. Understanding government budgeting and expenditure pattern for family planning at all levels helps to ensure that family planning services continue to be available at the highest quality possible within the health system.

Objective

The objective of this analysis was aimed at better understanding the Local Government Area's (LGA) family planning budget and expenditure situation in 14 LGAs in Kaduna.

Methodology

Using retrospective descriptive analysis, the NURHI budget tracking tool (a structured budget assessment questionnaire) was used for data collection. Data was collected on key FP program components such as contraceptive procurement, warehousing and distribution; supervision and monitoring etc; by source of funding (external and public). The data was generated by a 5-man budget tracking team (NURHI Budget task teams) for each LGA assessed. The team consisted of the LGA Reproductive Health (RH) Coordinator, Director Primary Health Care (PHC), Director Finance and Supply, Director Budget/ Planning research and Statistics, and Director Administration and General Service. The referenced source of data was the annual state and LGA budget documents, Departmental Vote Accounts (DVAs), Personal records/ archives of State and LGA reproductive health coordinators. The LGAs assessed were: Zaria, Sabon gari, Kudan, Soba, Kubau, Lere, Kaduna north, Kaduna south, Chikun, Giwa, Igabi, Kachia, Zangon kataf, and Jema'a LGAs.

Result

The analysis of the budget data showed that for the period under review, over eighty percent of the total expenditure on FP were from external sources (donors/FMOH/SMOH/Out of pocket (LGA funds redirected from other baskets to FP/ personal funds). Between 2010-2015, external funding increased by fifty-seven percentage points (57.5%). However, it dropped by 18.7% in 2015.

Conclusion

Though most LGAs in Kaduna State have a budget line for family planning, none have shown any record of actual release except one. Budget tracking and analysis must be creative and innovative in order to capture and classify off-the-cuff expenditure within budget lines, even though allocation and release are in deficit. Preferred Presentation Mode: Oral

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