



# HEALTH PROMOTION TANZANIA (HDT)

## Urgent funding decision for Family Planning commodity financing required

Analysis by Health Promotion Tanzania (HDT)

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### Introduction:

National Contraceptive Commodity Technical Working Group received Updates on Family Planning stock status as of June 2019 and procurement required towards 2020. Health Promotion Policy Monitoring and Advocacy with aim of supporting Government to use data to make decision, conducted this analysis. Analysis and comments are based on the premise that MSD zonal level are required to have 6-9 months of stock. Examination of the stock expected to be procured and funding required for the same is made and matched with funding commitment to purchase. Analysis on the inequality in accessing Family Planning using the Tanzania Demographic Health Survey (TDHS 2015/16) using wealth quantile. Finally, an attempt to estimate urgent required funding need is made.

### Contraceptives available:

According to Medical Store Department data provided (as shown in table one below); there are overstock of some commodities at Medical Store Department. The overstock commodities are shown by yellow color. Jadelle, IUDs, Microval, Emergency Contraceptives and Cycle beads are all over stock. With overstock, it may be imperative to assess expiry dates for the commodity in stock and take appropriate action.

Table 1: Family Planning commodities at hand and to be procured

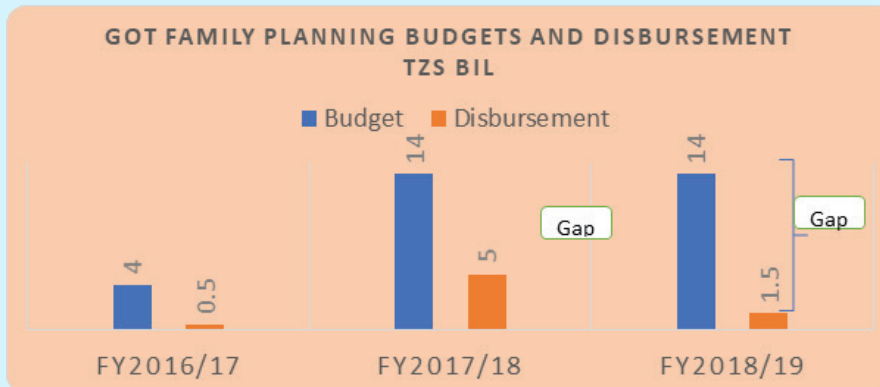
Commodity	MoS at hand	Mos to be ordered	Commitment	USD(Mil)
Male Condoms	5	5	GFATM	0.79
Depo Provera	4	3	None	0.95
Implanon NXT	7	4	None	2.27
Jadelle	14	4	None	1.55
IUDs	14	0		
Microval (POP)	14	9	None	0.17
Emergency Contraceptives	12	0		
Cycle Beads	20	0		
Microgynon (COC)	5	4	None	0.45
Female condoms	3	6	None	0.12
<b>Total needs</b>			<b>USD Mil</b>	<b>6.29</b>
<b>Total fund not committed for</b>			<b>USD Mil</b>	<b>5.49</b>

Quantification shows that commodities (colored pink) worth USD 6.29 are required for purchase. The required commodities are Male Condoms, Depo Provera, Implanon, Jadelle, Microval (PoP), Microgynon (CoC) and Female condoms. Out of these, Male condoms have committed funding from Global Fund for procurement. All other commodities have no funding commitment for procurement. The funding gap for procurement of commodities is USD 5.49 Million.

## Government Funding landscape for Family Planning in Tanzania.

The Government of Tanzania has for the last three years (FY 2016/17 to FY 2018/19) increased its funding allocation to Family Planning from TZS 4 billion (USD 1.76Mil<sup>1</sup>) to TZS 14 billion (USD 6.2). While this is appreciative and commendable, the Government disbursement trend has not been impressive. Figure 1 below shows that disbursement for family planning in FY 2016/17 was only 12.5% and it increased to 35.7% then decreased to 10.7%.

Figure 1: GoT Family Planning allocation and disbursement



### Rural poor women will be most affected:

Our equity analysis on access to Family Planning using Tanzania Demographic and Health Survey shown that rural poor women had poor access to Family Planning compared to comparable wealthier women. While about 65% of wealthier rural women accessed Family Planning, only 40% of rural poor women received Family planning.

### What impact will this have in future?

If the above women are unable to access Family Planning and get unplanned pregnancy this will constrain health facilities for a range of services ranging from ANC to delivery. This will not only constrain parents for household care, but also Government for treatment and provision of free education for 11 years of primary education.

### Policy recommendations:

With information above, we recommend the followings:

1. Government to immediately disburse its allocated budget for Family Planning for year 2019/20 TZS 14 billion which is about USD 6.1 million
2. Government develop systems that will ensure that they disburse at least 75% of their budget
3. Development partners to urgently explore their budgets and support

<sup>1</sup>At an exchange rate of 1USD equivalent to TZS 2270

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