

Project name: Advance Family Planning (AFP)

The Advance Family Planning (AFP) initiative comprises of currently 30 partner organizations worldwide funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. In Tanzania AFP has partnered with John Hopkins Center of Communication, Health Promotion Tanzania, Tanzania Communication & Development Centre (TCDC), Tanzania Youth & Adolescent Reproductive Health (TAYARH), Tanzania Men as Equal Partners in Development (TMEPID) and Zanzibar Nurses Association (ZANA) mainly to advocate on Family Planning.

In support of Family Planning 2020 which targets 120 million women and girls to access and use family planning by 2020, AFP seeks to achieve a global goal of expanding access to quality, affordable and voluntary access to family planning services and supplies through a broader evaluation on financial investment in the country and political commitments.

As a local implementer of Advance Family Planning, Health Promotion Tanzania has been operating its activities both at National and Sub-National level in three focus area; Budget increase, Policy change and visibility. HDT has been working with AFP for over 7 years with great accomplishment on seeing through Family Planning agenda is powered up with evidences and quick wins.

In its implementation period, HDT has succeeded in committing a country to increase Budget allocation for Family planning where in 2016/2017 fiscal year the budget increased from shilling 5billion -14 billion aiming at 17billion by 2020. In particular, there has been an advocacy effort to address issues in the Procurement act of lifesaving health commodities including contraceptives which has resulted into the inclusion of a Special Provision for fast-tracking the procurement of those commodities in Public Procurement Act, 2016. Procurement Regulations for the implementation of the law have also been developed. Further achieve to targeting private insurance companies such as AAR and Strategy insurance to include Family Planning in their insurance package.

Currently HDT is advocating on prioritization of Family Planning in the GFF Investment case and RBF to leverage resources and at sub national level they have undertaken activities of Budget tracking in terms of its allocation, disbursement

and spending and also seeing through the development of regional strategies to prioritize postpartum for increase uptake of family planning resources.

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