Improving Allocative Efficiency and Budget Execution for Family Planning - Case of Malawi

ATTAINING SUSTAINABLE FINANCING FOR FAMILY PLANNING IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

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Health care delivery governance structure

- With decentralization, MOH
  - policy guidance and quality monitoring
  - Provides support to the districts in service delivery

- Ministry of local government through MLGFC
  - financial management

- District councils are responsible for service provision
Every year districts prepare implementation plans that are submitted to ministry of local government with copies to ministry of health where they are consolidated as national health budget. Which is in turn submitted to ministry of finance.
FP BUDGETING

• The budgeting process for FP is at 2 levels MOH and District Council level

• The MOH budgets policy related activities and consolidates district activities

• Councils budgets service delivery related activities

Min of Health
- Consolidate council budgets
- Conduct commodity forecasting

District Council
Develop activities and generates budgets

DEC
HCN
HW
DHAC
VHC
HAC

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District FP budgeting

- The process starts with consultation with HAC, VHC, HCMC tees at local level and DHAC, HW DEC at district level

- Priority activities are then developed and in liaison with DHMT they further prioritizes activities with respect to budget ceilings

- And submitted to central level

DHMT
Prioritizes further according to budget ceilings

FP coordinating team (fp, YFHS, HMIS)
- Consult district and community stake holders
- Synthesize info from consultation and HMIS
- Develop activities and budgets to address fp challenges
- Prioritize systematically
FP BUDGETING

- This budgets together with other reproductive health budgets are submitted to planning department of the ministry of health that consolidate budgets from other MOH departments and submit to treasury.
FP BUDGETING MOH

• Commodity are budgeted centrally

• The central medical stores and district pharmacists maintain LMIS every month and the reproductive health conducts quarterly LMIS supervision

• The information from LMIS and district supervisions are used to forecast future usage and budgeting.

Min of Health
• Consolidate council budgets
• Incorporate policy related and monitoring activities
• Conduct commodity forecasting
• And consolidate logistic related budgets

DHMT
After parliament approval, the ministry of finance funds the ministry of health and ministry of local government for central level and district level activity implementation respectively.
FP FINANCING

• FP in Malawi is financed by government, donors and private sector
• Public spending for FP is usually for Commodity and personal emoluments
• Development partner and private support both ministry of health and district councils, for commodity and service provision programming
The ministry of health allocate funds to the department of reproductive health. Within the reproductive health budget the family planning (usually for commodity) resources are ring fenced and can not be used for other activities:

FP funding is usually not informed by the submitted budgets. It is usually a lump sum amount.
## Overview of public spending

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Reporting

- Districts receive activity reports from health facilities, compiles both activity and financial reports they send to ministries of health and local government.

- Both Ministries of Local government and Health reports to min of finance.
**Successes**

- MOH created a budget line specifically for commodity within national drug budget and it has been increasing over the years
- The CIP
- Open LMIS (web based LMIS)
Challenges

• Fragmented funding mechanisms
• Unpredictability of funding especially from Donors
• Low domestic financing
Opportunities

• The GFF
• Health sector reform underway
• Population department now under ministry of health
Thank you!

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