



From Saly 2008 to Saly 2013 PAC Program Assessment in Burkina Faso, Guinea, Senegal and Togo

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# **Presentation Outline**

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# Background

- Maternal Health Indicators limited progress to achieving MDG5 goal
- High Unmet need, unintended pregnancy and abortion rate
- PAC Initiative for the Francophone Africa Committee concerted effort to address the programmatic issues of increasing access to and quality of PAC services
- Decade of effort culminated in a regional workshop "Best Practices to Scale up PAC for Lasting Impact" Saly, Senegal in 2008
- Country Action Plans to strengthen PAC services: drafted at the regional workshop

# **Country Action Plan Implementation**

- A Virtual Fostering Change Program (VFCP) platform was adapted for PAC
- VFCP participants trained on leadership and management skills
- Country Action Plans revised and implemented: 2009 – 2010

# Virtual Fostering Change Program

- VFCP for PAC is an internet-based, interactive learning program that was used to teach teams about the application of the fostering change methodology as well as skills to help draft and refine action plans to strengthen PAC programs:
  - I. Emergency treatment of abortion complications
  - 2. Postabortion FP counseling and service provision
  - 3. Community empowerment

# Assessment Introduction: Country Action Plan Activities

Activities	Burkina Faso	Guinea	Senegal	Togo
Re-organization of Services				
Dedicated Room	$\checkmark$	V	$\checkmark$	V
FP Counseling & Services	$\checkmark$	V	$\checkmark$	V
Client Register	V	V	V	V
Training				
MVA	$\checkmark$	V	$\checkmark$	V
FP Counseling & Services	$\checkmark$	V	$\checkmark$	V
Training Curricula	-	-	V	-
Policy, Norms & Procedures	-	-	-	V
Supplies & Commodities				
MVAs kits	$\checkmark$	V	V	V
FP commodities	V	V	V	V
Financing				
	-	V	V	V
Community Empowerment	V	-	V	V

# **Assessment Goal and Objectives**

### Goal

Evidence based recommendations for introducing PAC services in resource poor countries

# Objectives

- I. To determine what processes to strengthen postabortion family planning services at the country level and across countries ensued during implementation of the country action plans.
- 2. To determine how country action plans have been implemented with a view to identifying what worked, what did not work and why at the country level and across countries

# **Assessment Methods**

- Study Sites
  - Burkina Faso
  - Guinea
  - Senegal
  - Togo
- Study Design
  - Desk Review
  - Key Informant Interviews (KIs)
  - Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)
  - PAC Client Register Review

# Assessment Methods (Cont'd)

Country	Field Work	KIs	FGDs	Client Registers
Burkina Faso	Jan - Feb, 2013	12	4	4
Guinea	Sept – Oct, 2012	8	3	3
Senegal	Sept – Oct, 2012	12	2	2
Тодо	Jan - Feb, 2013	12	4	3
TOTAL		44	13	12

### **Assessment Results**

#### **Action Plan Implementation**

Program Roll- out	Burkina Faso	Guinea	Senegal	Тодо
Final Action Plans	$\checkmark$	V	No	V
Activities Implemented	Four facilities	Three facilities	Three facilities	Four facilities
Senior Facility Management Champions	Selected	Selected	No	Selected
Technical Assistance	Engenderhealth (trainings)	Jhpiego (sustained)	No	Engenderhealth (trainings)

### **Assessment Results**

#### **Postabortion Care Services**

PAC Services	Burkina Faso	Guinea	Senegal	Togo
MVA services	V	V	V	V
FP counseling	V	V	Limited	V
FP methods offered	Limited	V	Limited	Limited
Dedicated Room	Partially Successful	V	V	Partially Successful
Client Register	Formal	Formal	Formal	Informal
PAC Client Costs Reported high costs Advocated FP free	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √

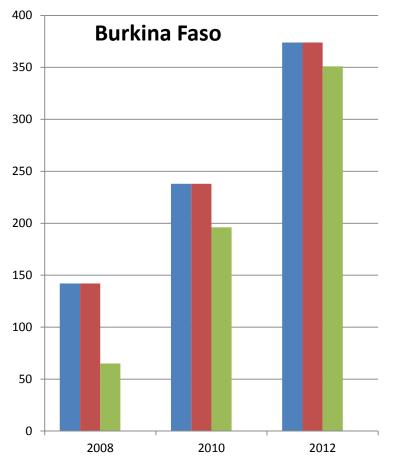
"No, since we are not in a position to have information about whether women receiving post-abortion care have left the hospital with a method or not. This is a defect in PAC, since it is a package service and if FP is missing, it is no longer PAC"

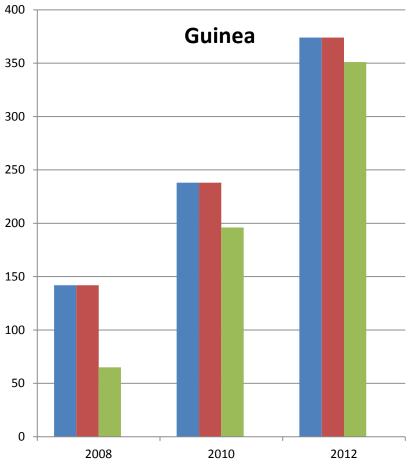
- FGD: Midwife, Senegal



# **Assessment Results (Cont'd)**

**Postabortion Care Statistics** 





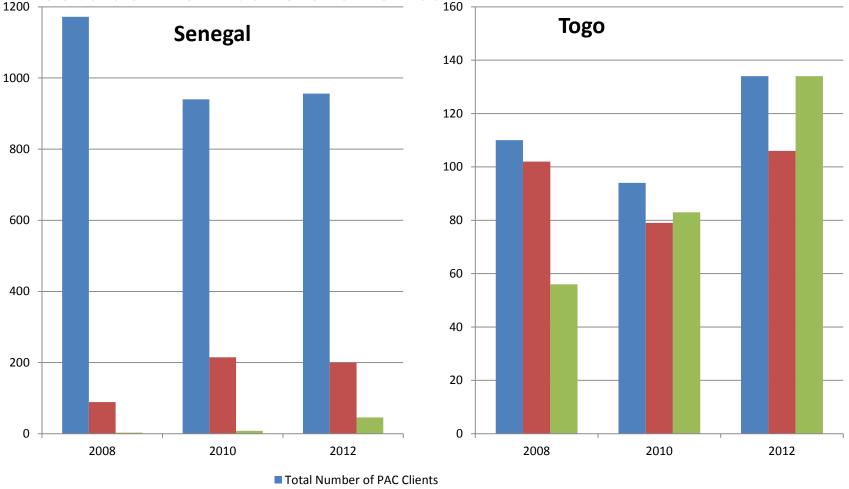
Total Number of PAC Clients

Total Number of PAC Clients Counseled

Total Number of PAC Clients Accepting a Method

# **Assessment Results (Cont'd):**

# Postabortion Care Statistics



- Total Number of PAC Clients Counseled
- Total Number of PAC Clients Accepting a Method

# Assessment Results (Cont'd):

### **PAC Training Programs**

Training Programs	Burkina Faso	Guinea	Senegal	Togo
In-service Training: PAC Emergency Treatment	V	V	V	V
In-service Training: FP Updates	V	V	V	V
Pre-Service Training	V	-	V	-
Training Curricula/manuals	V	-	V	-
Policy, Norms & Procedures	V	-	-	V

"At least to have the integration of post-abortion care always integrated in training curricula of midwives schools as well as medical schools"

- Senior Policy Maker, Burkina Faso



# **Assessment Results (Cont'd)**

#### **PAC Supplies and Commodities**

Supplies & Commodities	Burkina Faso	Guinea	Senegal	Тодо
MVA kits Availability				
PAC unit	V	V	V	V
Quality Assurance	Not mentioned	Not mentioned	Concern	Concern
FP Commodities Availability				
Facility Pharmacy	V	V	$\checkmark$	V
FP Unit	V	V	$\checkmark$	V
PAC unit	Few	V	Few	Few
Stock-outs of:				
MVA Kits	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FP Commodities	Yes	Yes	Improved	Limited

"Even though DWB (Doctors without Borders) has been ensuring the supply with contraceptives, it happens that stock-outs pose serious constraints."

- Senior Health Facility Management Champion, Guinea



# **Assessment Results (Cont'd)**

#### **Community Empowerment**

Community	Burkina	Guinea	Senegal	Тодо
Empowerment	Faso			
Community Awareness				
Programs	V	-	٧	V

".... broadcasting texts that have significantly raised awareness and have led leaders to reconsider, since every time we see the problem of maternal death again, we see also the role of abortion in it"

- Senior Policy Maker, Burkina Faso



### **Assessment Results (Cont'd)**

#### **VFCP for PAC**

VFCP Platform for PAC	Burkina Faso	Guinea	Senegal	Togo
Operationalization	Partially Successful	Successful	Discontinued	Partially Successful
Final Action Plan	V	V	-	V
Challenges				
Computer Availability	V	$\checkmark$	Less	V
Internet Connectivity	V	$\checkmark$	V	V
Work load	V	$\checkmark$	V	V
Team Leadership	V	No	V	No

# **Assessment Conclusions**

- Allocated a PAC room/space, provided MVA services for treatment of abortion complications, FP counseling and services; and maintained PAC statistics in PAC client registers
- Built a cadre of skilled staff to provide MVA and FP services at point of treatment; and PAC training manuals and training curricula (in-service and pre-service)
- Included PAC services in PNP and standard guidelines

# Assessment Conclusions (Cont'd)

- Limited progress for ensuring availability of all contraceptive methods at point of treatment
- Some improvement in supply chain management for MVA kits and FP commodities
- Advocated for resource mobilization

### Recommendations

- Maintain and enhance achievements in the target facilities
- Systematic scale-up to additional facilities and regions

# **Recommendations (Cont'd)**

#### Areas needing attention:

- availability of dedicated room/space for PAC clients
- availability of all contraceptive methods at point of treatment
- availability of skilled staff providing MVA and FP services 24 hours a day
- cost subsidy for FP methods to PAC clients
- Regular monitoring of formal PAC client register for data quality and data utilization
- Strengthened supply chain management system for MVA kits and FP commodities
- PAC included in PNP, standard guidelines and protocols
- PAC included in training curricula and training manual (inservice and pre-service)
- Improving community awareness about maternal mortality, unintended pregnancy and PAC

"Integration (...for postabortion care....) is easy...a woman has a problem, she comes, we help her and we propose a solution so it doesn't happen again and she accepts it."

Senior Policymaker, Togo









# **PAC-FP Brief Series**



Strengthening Postabortion Family Planning in Burkina Faso Pre-Service and In-Service Training on Postabortion Care situation.

vacuum aspiration (MVA) kits to address the

After the 2008 meeting, the Virtual Fostering

(VFCP for PAC) as a follow-up to countries

based, interactive learning program that was

strengthen PAC programs, namely emergence

postabordion FP and community empowerme

via community mobilization, During the VPCP

for PAC process, action plans initiated at the

2008 Saly meeting were revised and participants

were trained on leadership and management

Throughout the VFCP for PAC implementation

However, the action plan team lacked funding

and associated resources to implement the

resconded to these challenzes by providing

\$40,000 for training and technical assistance to

Implemented, by EngenderHealth's Responding

Excanded Contraceptive Choices and Program

Services (RESPOND) project from 2009 to

the 2008 meeting, was further refined.

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#### Background

Countries In Francoohone West Africa have long worked to overcome the challenges related to implementing and scaling up reproductive health services, including providing the complete package of services included in postabortion care (PAC).<sup>1</sup> To help address these issues, an assessment 2 of the propress made by several West African countries, Including Burkins Face, was conducted in 2008 and presented at a conference called Bost Practices to Scale up PAC for Lasting Impact in Salv, Seneral, In 2008. At this meeting, participants, policymakers and program managers drafted action plans detailing strategies for strengthening postshortion family planning (PAC-FP) services in their respective countries based on the evidence presented? reparding each country's needs.

Prior to 2008, PAC services in Burkins Face were available at the teaching hospital, 13 regional hospitals and in some districts, PAC services were included in annual district planning, national PAC-specific registers were created, and PAC activities ware interreted. with other services and into the training curricula of the National School of Public Health (Éppie National de Santé Bubleue). The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Instance and loss concentries the seed to Improve PAC services, provided assistance by training health providers and providing manual

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