

TANZANIA FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET SCORECARD

INDICATORS (FY 2017/18)

ADEQUACY/SUFFICIENCY: Government Budget Allocation for Family Planning as a Percentage of the Total Funding Need	Allocation		Total Funding Need	Percentage
	FP Program	0	34,237,798,848	0%
	Contraceptives	14,000,000,000	50,100,064,246	27.9%
PRIORITY: Government Budget Allocation for Family Planning as a Percentage of the Total Government Budget Allocation to Health	Allocation		Total Health Budget	Percentage
	FP Program	0	989,730,153,517	0%
	Contraceptives	14,000,000,000	989,730,153,517	1.4%
TIMELINESS: Percentage of the Government Family Planning Budget Disbursed as Scheduled	Disbursements		Allocation	Percentage
	FP Program*	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Contraceptives	No quarterly data	14,000,000,000	No data
BUDGET EXECUTION: Percentage of Expenditure of Government Family Planning Budget Allocation	Expenditure		Allocation	Percentage
	FP Program*	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Contraceptives	2,000,000,000	14,000,000,000	14.3%
COVERAGE: Annual Government Expenditure on Family Planning per Woman of Reproductive Age (WRA)	Expenditure		Number of WRA	Expenditure per WRA
	FP Program*	0	12,455,799	TZS 0
	Contraceptives	2,000,000,000	12,455,799	TZS 161
PERFORMANCE AND OWNERSHIP: Government Expenditure on Family Planning as a Percentage of Total Funding Need	Expenditure		Total Funding Need	Percentage
	FP Program*	0	34,237,798,848	0%
	Contraceptives	2,000,000,000	50,100,064,246	4%

* No government allocation for Family Planning Programs

TRANSPARENCY OF FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET DATA (FY 2017/18)

BUDGET DATA	SOURCE	LEVEL OF TRANSPARENCY	LEVEL OF DETAIL (DISAGGREGATION)
FUNDING NEED			
FP Program	The National Strategic Plan to Improve Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health in Tanzania (2016-2020) (With Revised Baseline and Targets), October 2018, Ministry of Health (MOHCDGEC)		Sufficient
Contraceptives	Quantification of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Commodities for Mainland Tanzania, Jan. 2017- Dec. 2018 (November 2016), Reproductive and Child Health Services Section (RCHS), MOHCDGEC		Sufficient
BUDGET ALLOCATION			
FP Program	Reproductive and Child Health Services Section (RCHS) Operational Plan 2017/18, MOHCDGEC		Sufficient
Contraceptives	Ministry of Health FY 2017/18 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (Development Budget)		Insufficient (combined with Drugs and Medicines allocation)
Total Health Budget	The Budget Execution Report for the Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2017/18, Ministry of Finance and Planning, September 2018		Sufficient
DISBURSEMENTS			
FP Program*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contraceptives	2017/18 Ministry of Health Chief Accountant Warrant of Funds		Sufficient
EXPENDITURE			
FP Program*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contraceptives	2017/18 Ministry of Health Budget Release and Expenditure Report		Sufficient

* No government allocation for Family Planning Programs

KEY FOR TRANSPARENCY SCORES:

SCORE	COLOR
1. Official Data, publicly available	
2. Official data, produced but made available only upon request, in hard or soft copy (not available online)	
3. Official data, produced for internal purposes/use only	
4. Data not produced	

COMMENDATIONS:

The government of Tanzania is commended for contributing nearly 28 percent of the annual contraceptives funding need and for its commitment to allocate finances for the procurement of contraceptives.

FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET:

Observations

- Family Planning Program costs are entirely donor dependent.
- There is serious underexpenditure of the contraceptives budget allocation—only 14 percent of allocated funds were spent, which is a fraction (4 percent) of the contraceptives funding need.
- Annual spending per WRA on contraceptives is TZS 161 (USD 0.07). It is not possible to know how this measures up to other countries' contraceptives spending since there are no international benchmarks.

Recommendations

The government of Tanzania should prioritize the following actions to strengthen government ownership of family planning:

- Allocate government funds for Family Planning Programs.
- Ensure full expenditure of the funds allocated for contraceptives by identifying and addressing the causes of underexpenditure.
- Create a Family Planning Program budget line within the Department of Preventive Services of the Ministry of Health.
- Create a Family Planning Commodities budget line, separate from Drugs and Medicines, within the Ministry of Health development budget.

TRANSPARENCY:

Observations

- The contraceptives allocation is not identified separately in the Ministry of Health budget—it is included in the allocation for Drugs and Medicines.
- Since there are no publicly available quarterly data on contraceptives disbursements, it is impossible to know whether disbursements are being made in a timely manner and in the correct amounts throughout the budget year.
- Likewise, the lack of publicly available quarterly data on contraceptives expenditure means that it is impossible to know how funds are being spent throughout the budget year.

Recommendations

The government of Tanzania should prioritize the following actions to improve the transparency of family planning budget information:

- Make publicly available allocation data for contraceptives.
- Make publicly available quarterly expenditure and disbursement data on contraceptives—e.g. publish the Budget Release and Expenditure Report on the Ministry of Health website.
- Make publicly available on the Ministry of Finance website the budget books for previous years—e.g. FY 2016/17 and FY 2017/18.
- Publish the revised *National Strategic Plan to Improve Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health in Tanzania (2016-2020)* and the *Quantification of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Commodities for Mainland Tanzania* on the Ministry of Health website. Currently, only the original version of *The National Strategic Plan* is available and only on a nongovernment website (FP2020).