# Budget Performance: allocation, release and execution

All currency in Zambian kwacha (ZMW)





<sup>\*</sup>FP programs include: education and information services on FP and reproductive health; counseling on contraceptives and FP; and training health workers to provide FP information, education and communication.

## FP Budget Recommendation

 The MoH should spend funds allocated to reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition as per the 2022-2026 National Health Strategic Plan.

#### Trend Data

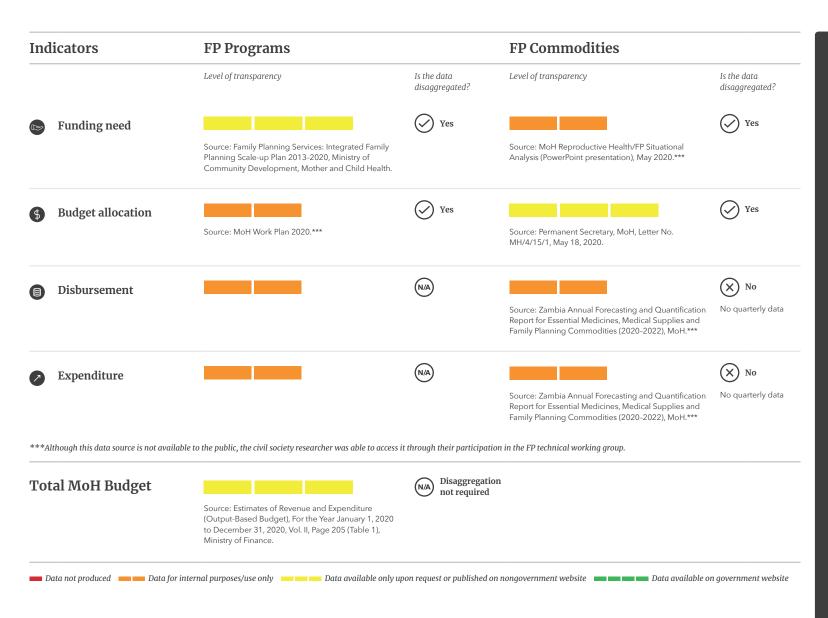
- After increasing from 1.1% to 1.8% between FY 2017 and FY 2019, the FP programs allocation as a share of the funding need dropped to 1.3% in FY 2020 and increased slightly to 1.4% in FY 2021.
- The FP commodities allocation as a share of the funding need was 113% in FY 2021, which is a sharp increase from 14% in FY 2020.
  However, there were no data for the previous three fiscal years, making it impossible to determine trends.\*\*
- The government consistently spent 100% of the FP programs allocation between FY 2017 to FY 2019, though there was a lack of expenditure data in FY 2020 and FY 2021.
- The government spent 100% of the FP commodities allocation in FY 2020, though there is no expenditure data for FY 2021, making it impossible to determine a trend over time.\*\*

<sup>\*\*</sup>In previous years, FP commodities were included in the reproductive health commodities budget line with safe delivery kits, making it impossible to identify the allocation and expenditure for FP commodities.

## **Budget Transparency**

Government budget documents must be comprehensive, published in a timely manner and made publicly available on government websites free of charge





## Budget Transparency Recommendations

- The MoH should re-establish the FP programs budget line in the Output-Based Budget, given that the FP costed implementation plan for 2021-2026 highlights specific costs for FP programs that must be monitored for accountability.
- The MoH should publish its annual reports on its website within one year after the end of the fiscal year, including budget data related to FP commodities.
- The Zambia Medicines and Medical Supplies Agency should publish its procurement plan in line with the government's disbursement data on its website.