

Sustaining FP & Sexual Reproductive Reproductive Health Services Delivery amids COVID-19 Pandemic.

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REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH DIVISION/FMOH

- Coordinates the development and implementation of policies and programmes that promote the provision and uptake of reproductive health/family planning services
- Key focus areas:
 1. **Safe Motherhood (SMH) Services** -aimed at improving maternal and newborn health with reduction in maternal mortality ratio and Mortality Rate through promotion of
 1. Antenatal Care Visits
 2. Delivery at health facilities,
 3. Skilled attendance at birth,
 4. provision of essential medicines and equipment, etc.

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- Key focus areas Cont'd:-

2. Family Planning (FP) Services -

- aimed at promoting access to quality and affordable FP information, services and commodities by Nigerians of reproductive age for the purpose of family planning (delaying, spacing and limiting childbirths as well as prevention of sexually transmitted infections.

3, Vesico Vaginal Fistula (VVF) Services –

- prevention of VVF, treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration of women who have VVF.

Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic Response on Provision of RH/FP Services: Global Level

- Fragility of supply chain exposed. Manufacturing, shipping logistics slowed or halted.
- UNFPA estimated that 47 million women may lose access to modern contraception if the situation continues for 6 months and could lead to nearly 7 million unintended pregnancies.
- Supplies Updates projections of stockout risks for contraceptives and MH medicines in the next 6 months among the 46 UNFPA Supplies countries further emphasised risk of stockouts for
 - Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives – IUDs and implants
 - Injectables and Pills each affecting more than 20 countries
 - 10 countries at risk of stock out of Condoms.

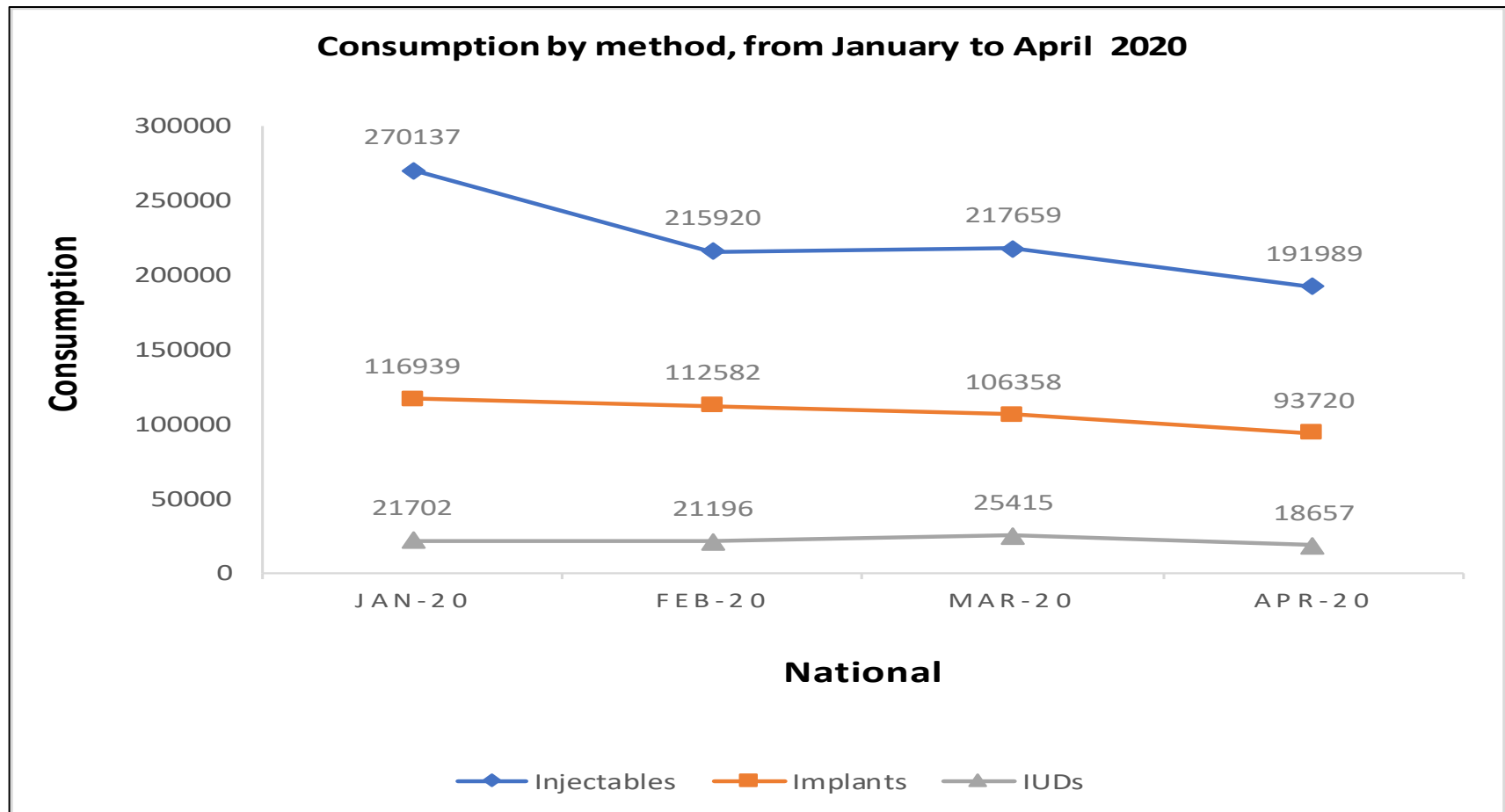
Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic Response on Provision of RH/FP Services in Nigeria

- There was initial poor coordination of RH/FP Service provision due to prohibition of meetings & gatherings at National & State levels
- RH/FP services were interrupted at tertiary, secondary and primary health facilities due restrictions on movement to contain the spread of COVID-19 & Commodities stock-out
- Available RH/FP guidelines were lacking in protocols to be followed in offering services during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- RH/FP services were not prioritised in the initial COVID-19 Response Plan at National & State levels

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- Delay in clearing some of our contraceptive commodities from the Port due to restriction of movement & non-compliance with Government's directive on continued normal Port operations
- The First Scheduled National Distribution of contraceptive Commodities to the 36 States and the FCT was delayed
- Non-prioritization of FP Commodities' Last Mile Distribution to SDPs in some States as a result of focus on COVID-19 interventions
- Unavailability of PPEs at service delivery points (SDPs) posed a potential increased risk of contracting COVID-19 by HCWs and FP clients hence uptake of FP services sharply declined

Consumption of key commodities which were on an upward trajectory in January 2020 are seen to have decreased significantly by April 2020



Of the three (3) commodities presented, injectables recorded the highest percentage decline at 29%, closely followed by implants at 20% and IUD at 14%

Under the review period Jan-April, there was a 5.5 fold decrease in the number of FP training conducted and uploaded to the National FP Dashboard. In 2019, over 4,300 providers received in service FP training compared to the 303 in 2020.

Time Period	Number of providers trained	Number of FP Trainings	Number of LARC trainings	Geography			
Jan - April 2019	4370	89	27	Abia	Enugu	Kogi	Ondo
				Akwa Ibom	Federal Capital Territory	Kwara	Oyo
				Anambra	Kaduna	Lagos	Plateau
				Borno	Kano	Niger	Rivers
				Delta	Katsina	Ogun	Yobe
				Ebonyi			
Jan - April 2020	303	16	8	Abia State		Enugu	
				Akwa Ibom State		Lagos	
				Cross River State		Niger	
				Ebonyi State		Rivers	
						Sokoto	

FP trainings include FP technology, PAC, LARC, PPF, DMPA –SC, Injectable Contraceptives for CHEWs

Actions taken to Address COVID-19 Induced Challenges

- The Family Health Department secured approval of the Honourable Minister to communicate to the States to sustain RMNCAH+N information and Services (including RH/FP) during COVID-19 Pandemic
- An Action Plan for RMNCAH Service provision (including RH/FP) was developed for inclusion in the National and State Level COVID-19 Response Plan of Action
- A Plan of Action specific to RMNCAH+N is currently being expanded in collaboration with Partners to enhance sustained service delivery and uptake during and after COVID-19 Response
- HMH's Approval was secured and the distribution of contraceptive commodities to the States and FCT was conducted

Actions taken to Address COVID-19 Induced Challenges Cont'd

- Road Pass for Vendors & Truck Drivers transporting FP commodities to the various States and FCT
- A Virtual Meeting was held with the State Reproductive Health Coordinators and State Family Planning Coordinators to discuss status of reproductive health/family planning implementation in the states and to agree on key tasks to sustain service delivery and uptake
- Supported a number of Partners with contraceptive commodities for distribution to their supported Service Delivery Sites
- Working to ensure Maternity Units have isolation centres equipped with equipmet for delivery of COVID-19 +ve pregnant women (ventilation Bags and Masks and other respiratory supports)

Conclusions

- National FP Distribution to all states & support for LMD in collaboration with states
- Web-based & Online in-service Training Methods adopted
- Strengthen community-based family planning program to ensure that FP clients receive services and commodities within their immediate communities including in humanitarian settings
- FP Commodity supplies & Services are being integrated into the overall National Health Response
- National Guidelines on selfcare is being developed in collaboration with WHO & SFH
- For the fiscal Year 2020, the sum of N1,220,000,000.00 was captured in the Appropriation Act 2020 and retained in the revised Appropriation Bill

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