Gates Institute Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

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PFRH WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES

Wednesday April 22, 2020
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ICFP 2021 Postponement to November 8-11, 2021

WHO Mass Gathering Risk Assessment Recommendations

Dr. Crystal Watson, Senior Scholar & Lucia Mullen, Analyst, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, WHO Collaborating Centre on Global Health Security, Expert Mass Gathering COVID-19 Group

(1) General considerations at the beginning of the planning phase
(2) COVID-19 specific considerations
(3) Specific action plan for COVID-19
(4) If the decision is made to proceed with a MG, the planning should consider specific measures
(5) Risk communication and community engagement
(6) Risk mitigation strategies
Addition of Impact of COVID-19 on FP and RH Track

ICFP 2021 Conference Tracks

The tracks for the 2021 ICFP reflect current and emerging issues in family planning research, programs, and advocacy.

Overview

Every other year since 2009, the International Conference on Family Planning has brought together the family planning community to share best practices, celebrate successes, and chart a course forward. Authors may submit each abstract in up to two tracks. Abstracts on cross-cutting topics, such as advocacy, should be submitted to the most relevant track(s).

Download a PDF version of the 2021 ICFP tracks. Pour consulter la liste en français, cliquez ici.

1. Universal Health Coverage and Family Planning

2. Impact of COVID-19 on Family Planning and Reproductive Health
   - Impact of COVID-19 on health systems, family planning services and resources
   - Social and gender disparities related to COVID-19 and family planning
   - Impact of COVID-19 on fertility and family intentions
   - Advocacy responses to COVID-19
   - Programmatic/operational responses, including new programming and best practices
   - Impact of prevention measures (e.g., quarantine, social distancing, school closures) on reproductive health
   - Strengthening family planning programs and outcomes preparedness

3. Returns on Investment in Family Planning and the Demographic Dividend
COVID-19 & Reproductive Health

Resources, tools, solutions & best practices from the ICFP Community

Our Community's Response

Rising to the occasion

"The greater reproductive health community is resilient, and we must unite to confront the pandemic by mobilizing and sharing applicable best practices, creating innovative solutions, and learning as much as possible about the immediate and long-term effects of this virus on our community."

- Jose "Oyin" Simon-B, Director, Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health

Stories from the community

RESOURCES & TOOLS

COVID-19 & Reproductive Health Resources Hub

Submit your tool, resource or paper on COVID-19 & reproductive health.

Visit the site

Submit here
ICFP Actions - COVID-19 Focus

COVID-19 & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

As our community continues to push forward during this historic and unprecedented time, sharing family planning successes, responses, learnings, and innovations will help us grow stronger and move forward as a community. ICFP invites our colleagues to share how you and your organizations are approaching the various challenges presented by COVID-19.

APRIL ACTION
We are inviting you to share blogs, videos or infographics about the reproductive health community’s response to COVID-19. Our hope is to capture the innovation and solutions that are being designed and implemented to continue the push towards universal access to family planning.

SUBMISSIONS
You can submit your blogs, videos, and infographics on the ICFP2021.org website under the “Community” Tab.

APRIL 2020
ICFP MONTHLY ACTION
FOR THE ICFP COMMUNITY

What are ICFP Monthly Actions?
ICFP Monthly Actions are designed to leverage the expertise and reach of ICFP partners and supporters to highlight the solutions, contributions, and innovations of the family planning and reproductive health communities. These actions will occur each month leading up to ICFP2021.

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COVID-19 Response

For the ICFP Community
ICFP 2021 Monthly Actions
Monthly opportunities for the ICFP community to take action & engage on key themes

New opportunities each month
Monthly Action Schedule
APRIL & MAY
The reproductive health Community response to COVID-19.
Visit the COVID-19 page here.
For full details on April’s Monthly Action, view the Action Alert here
JUNE
TBD

About Monthly Actions
Opportunities to Share & Engage

(Bliss, Videos & Resources Submissions
Please use the form below to submit your story to us. We cannot guarantee posting but will alert you if there are any issues. Thank you!

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Second Round of **120 Under 40 Ingenuity Fund** Proposals

COVID-19 Focus

**SPECIAL COVID-19 EDITION**

2020 
**INGENUITY FUND**

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www.120under40.org/2020-ingenuity-fund
# Subject Matter Expert List for JHSPH External Communications and Other Journalists

## COVID-19 Response

### COVID & FPRRH Subject Matter Experts for Webinar/Podcast Interviews

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<td>Tiaweng Mosokeng</td>
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<td>Program Officer, Doctor</td>
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<td>Country Coordinator</td>
<td>IAYFP</td>
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<td>Founder, Chair person</td>
<td>Women Promotion Center</td>
<td>120 Under 40 Winner</td>
<td>Kenya</td>
<td>Kibera Slums Kenya supporting families to get basic commodities like food and teenage girls with enough menstrual products during COVID-19</td>
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<td>Founder, Mashal &amp; Bridge the Gap App</td>
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Research and Proposals Focused on COVID-19

Big Win Philanthropy modeling project focused on COVID-19 response in Ethiopia, Nigeria, Mozambique, Ghana

Jose “Oying” Rimon  Linnea Zimmerman
David Bishai  Jean Christophe Rusatira
Saifuddin Ahmed  Qingfeng Li

Caroline Moreau and Beth Fredrick PFRH & GI COVID-19 Working Group
Next meeting to be scheduled after graduation.

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TCI’s Response to COVID-19
Supporting COVID-19 Mitigation Measures

Every crisis offers opportunities for platforms like TCI to demonstrate leadership.

• Staff safety is of prime importance. TCI and its accelerator hubs have instituted changes in work arrangements with remote technical assistance provided to local government staff.

• Ensure clients have access to contraceptives during lockdowns and post-lockdown for the COVID-19 pandemic.
Supporting Family Planning through “Business Unusual”

- **Enhancing TCI-U with COVID-19 information:** Added COVID-19 materials and resources and plans to develop training courses on proper messaging, behavior change, infection prevention and emergency response.

- **Adapting city-level coaching and interventions** to connect virtually with health officials to provide technical coaching on family planning interventions on service delivery, demand generation and advocacy tailored to additionally address COVID-19.

- **Reporting and recording:** Contraceptive use data update on DHIS2
Service Delivery

• **Infection prevention**
  • For safety of health care workers and clients

• **Partnership with private sector** – pharmacies and PPMV
  • Provision of short-term contraceptive methods- Condoms, pills, Injectables
  • Provision of emergency contraception
  • Correct information of contraceptive use
  • Referral to health facilities

• **Explore options for wider use of DMPA-SC**

• **Intensify support of post-partum family planning**

• **Strengthen linkages to community**
  • Provide community health volunteers with correct information
  • Community-based distribution of short-term contraceptives
  • Establish referral system for testing
Demand Generation

• Use alternate channels
  • Community-based demand generation
  • Mass media – TCI city health officials coaches deliver FP messages through radio, TV.
  • Whole-site orientations: Strengthen referral system within health facilities
  • Developed and distributing job aids – FP integrated with COVID-19 messages
  • Use of digital platform- SMS and WhatsApp through Community of Practice

• Simplify country guidelines for easy use by health workers
Advocacy

• Continue **advocacy work with local governments leaders** (through virtual meetings when necessary) to emphasize the importance of continuing family planning services during this period

• Advocate with **local community and religious leaders** to continue championing contraception during lockdown periods in TCI cities

• **Commodity security**
Example from Firozabad

TCI in Firozabad, India, supported the government and developed self-care messages for its healthcare functionaries including ASHAs and ANMs with integration of family planning.

Step 1: CM to Div NUHM Consultant

Step 2: Div NUHM Consultant to NUHM group

Step 3: NUHM Group to UPHC/ASHA
Country Level Advocacy & COVID-19

Sam Mulyanga
AFP Partner Jhpiego, Kenya
Government of Kenya COVID-19 Response

- National night curfew
- Lockdown of epicenters
- National and County Emergency Committees
- COVID19 Emergency Fund
- Prioritizing finance legislation for COVID
- Recruitment of health providers
- Shifting towards targeted mass testing
- Work at home, masks in public, distancing
COVID-19 Impact on Family Planning

• Access restricted to day time and preferably short term methods such as pills, condoms
• No outreaches
• Fear of health facilities
• Telemedicine encouraged
• $8M for commodities but uncertain about passage
• County COVID supplementary budgets to affect other sectors
• Anecdotal-rush for ECs
Impact on AFP Advocacy Work

• Working from home

• Workplan adjustment

• Prioritizing activities that can be done through virtual platforms
Responding to COVID-19

- Catalyzing action to ease the burden on the health system
- Putting a spotlight on essential care including family planning
- Reconnecting with the budget process
Specific Responses

• Virtual national stakeholder convening on essential health services including implementation of new COVID 19 Family Planning Guidelines

• Engaging counties to initiate community based hotlines for essential care
Specific Responses

- Media advocacy to bring attention to essential services and spur action

- Jointly with the Council of Governors convened a budget meeting of 38 counties in February with follow on virtual engagements targeting COG

- Challenges of women, young mothers in COVID era
  - [https://youtu.be/NYKqT_yKpg8](https://youtu.be/NYKqT_yKpg8)
Questions?

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        skarklin@jhu.edu
PMA COVID-19
Data Collection

Drs. Phil Anglewicz and Elizabeth Gummerson (April 22, 2020)
PMA Project Context

- PMA, in its new phase is introducing longitudinal panel surveys (2019-2022)
  - Baseline core survey completed in Nigeria, DRC, Burkina Faso, Kenya. Another component of baseline data collection, Client Exit Interviews (CEIs) scheduled to take place after core survey, but not yet completed
  - Data collection not yet started in Uganda, Niger, India, Cote d’Ivoire
  - Forced to delay data collection due to COVID-19 restrictions in March
- COVID-19 in Africa: limited survey data available, potential rapid spread of COVID-19, MOH/COVID-19 boards need information- including on women’s ability to receive FP and other health care
- PMA COVID-19 survey: repurpose CEI resources for COVID-19 survey of PMA’s representative samples of women
- To our knowledge, this will be the only population-based representative information on COVID-19 in PMA countries
PMA COVID-19: Survey Approach

Correspondence with PMA countries
Our PIs in-country liaised with COVID-19 authorities in their countries, considered logistical feasibility, reviewed proposed topics and questions

PMA COVID-19 Survey
• Phone numbers collected for participating women in baseline core survey
• Interviewers conduct COVID-19 interviews via phone, enter information on smart phones via ODK
• Target samples: women providing phone numbers in Kenya (nationally-representative), Burkina Faso (nationally-representative), DRC (Kinshasa), and Nigeria (Kano, Lagos)
• Can link baseline core survey (socioeconomic characteristics, family planning characteristics, etc...) with COVID-19 information
PMA COVID-19: Survey Content

Creation of the Survey Instrument:
• Gathered COVID-19 survey instruments from other sources
• Updated surveys to fit PMA country context
• Received input from in-country partners, and MOH/COVID-19 authorities

Topics covered:
• Awareness of COVID-19
• Exposure to COVID-19 messages in the media
• COVID-19 risk perception
• Knowledge of COVID-19 symptoms and transmission
• Risk mitigation practices
• Socioeconomic consequences of COVID-19
• Impact of COVID-19 on access to and use of family planning & health services, and fertility intentions
Timeline and Challenges

Timeline/Next Steps:

• IRB approval
• ODK survey creation
• Training of interviewers
• Data cleaning and analysis

Challenges:

• Distribution of phones to interviewers
• Training: restrictions on group gatherings, remote training may be less effective
• Phone interview phone banks: restrictions on group gatherings
• Future of pandemic: will the survey still be relevant as pandemic progresses
Future Opportunities

• Longitudinal follow-up of baseline COVID-19 participants in six months
• Introduction of COVID-19 in core survey for countries not yet started
• Coordination of results with other groups
• YRDS data collection in Kenya
• Data collection of health service facilities in six months- impact of COVID-19 on local health systems
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Q&A

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