Elements of Success in Family Planning Programming

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Goal of “Elements of Family Planning Success” Initiative

• Surface local knowledge about the elements needed for successful family planning programs

• Facilitate knowledge sharing among family planning program managers, policy makers, and planners to:
  – Strengthen programs efficiently
  – Avoid costly, time-consuming trial-and-error
Elements Initiative Rolled Out in Stages

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Phase 1: Online Survey

Distribution of Survey Respondents by Region

- Sub-Saharan Africa (29%)
- North America (22%)
- Asia and Oceania (32%)
- Europe (8%)
- Near East & North Africa (3%)
- Latin America & Caribbean (5%)
Survey Results

- Well-trained staff
- Effective communication
- Client-centered care
- Supportive policies
- Leadership & management
- Mix of service delivery points
- Research, M&E, and MIS
- Free/inexpensive services
- Integration with related services
- Adequate budget
- Broad range of methods
- Demand for contraception
- Up-to-date guidelines
- Other

Most Important Requirement
Factor Hardest to Achieve
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Phase 2: Virtual Global Discussion

• Online discussion forum on the Implementing Best Practices (IBP) Knowledge Gateway

• 280 health care professionals in 63 countries participated

• The forum received over 88 contributions in two weeks
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Phase 3: Package of Resources

- *Population Reports* issue

- eLearning course on the Global Health eLearning Center ([www.globalhealthlearning.org](http://www.globalhealthlearning.org))

- FP Success website

- Elements of FP Success Toolkit
Population Reports

• Combine members’ lessons learned and experiences with the evidence-based information and research

• Print distribution reaches those who have limited internet access

• Also available online
Elements eLearning Course

Course distills the most important lessons learned about 10 crucial elements of successful family planning programs.
Welcome to your community, Hsanders!

Choose one of the ten essential components of family planning programs

New! Dr. Robert Blum talks about adolescent reproductive health care

FP Success: The big picture
Welcome to the Elements of Family Planning Success Toolkit, initiated by K4Health's predecessor INFO Project, to identify the essential components of successful family planning programs. With your help, we expect and hope to update this toolkit continually and that it will evolve over time to further meet the needs of health policy makers, program managers, and service providers.

This toolkit provides a one-stop source for reliable and relevant information on the 10 essential elements of family planning success, identified by health care professionals around the world. As with all K4Health Toolkits, we invite you to contribute by suggesting resources and by posting your comments and feedback on the discussion forum.

To browse the content of this toolkit, use the tabs above to view resources related to each of the 10 elements of family planning success. To learn more about how the 10 elements were identified, see the INFO Project's synopsis of the online survey and global forum discussion that kicked off the activity. You can also find information about the 10 elements in the Population Reports issue, "Elements of Successful Family Planning Programming," and the companion e-learning course, "Family Planning Programming — Elements of Success," at the Global Health eLearning Center.

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Key Messages

• Participatory approach of the Elements initiative ensures responding to expressed FP needs

• Effective knowledge management solutions:
  - Promote knowledge sharing and dialogue
  - Provide information that is easy to find and easy to use
  - Use multiple communication channels to ensure greater information reach
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