Beyond Boutique: Scaling-up Youth-Friendly Sexual and Reproductive Health Services

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Youth-Friendly Service (YFS) Approach

Policy and infrastructure

- YFS in national, regional, and local health policies and plans
- Establish YFS in existing health facilities (primarily public)

Social

- Community engagement and outreach led by peer educators and providers
- Youth involved in program planning and design

Individual

- SRH knowledge and behavior change of young people through provider counseling and peer educators
Methodology:

Retrospective review of 3 YFS scale-up experiences using ExpandNet framework as a basis and structure for the comparison

Mozambique
Program Geração Biz
1999 – present
Government program

Ethiopia
Reproductive Health / Family Planning Program
2002 – 2008
Integrated Family Health Program
2008 – 2013

Viet Nam
Reproductive Health Program
1994 – 2010
(YFS started in 2001)
Methodology: The ExpandNet Framework

The innovation: Youth Friendly Services

Resource team: Pathfinder and partners

User organization: Ministry of Health

Type of scaling up: Horizontal and vertical

Dissemination and advocacy
Organizational process
Costs/resource mobilization
Monitoring and evaluation

Environment

Scaling-up Strategy
ExpandNet Framework: Understanding Scale

Vertical scaling up
(policy, political, legal, institutional)

Horizontal scaling up
(Expansion/replication)

Sustainable scaling up
Findings: Overall Scale-up Process
Viet Nam

Vertical scaling up

2010

2008

2006

2003

2001

Horizontal scaling up
Ethiopia

Vertical scaling up

2013
2012
2011
2010
2009
2008
2007 -
2006
2005

Horizontal scaling up
Findings: Similarities and Differences
Scaling-up YFS: Key Similarities

• Completely engage the government as stakeholders and owners of the innovation from day 1

• Advocate for and support necessary changes in policies, regulations, and standards

• Pilot YFS as learning sites, pilot providers/managers as advisors

• Advocate with donors and government for financial support beyond the project stage and creatively combine or leverage funding from multiple sources to sustain project
Scaling-up YFS: Key Differences

- Different implementation models and processes (e.g., multisectoral approach in Geracao Biz, integrated FP/RH projects in Viet Nam and Ethiopia)

- Model of capacity building and government ownership

- Reach consensus on expectations for scaling-up
Synthesis: Recommendations
Recommendations to Scale-up YFS

- Government ownership, not just support
- National advocacy and work on national tools and guidelines (vertical + horizontal scale)
- Systematic youth engagement
- Creatively leveraging and incorporating into other funding opportunities – ensuring sufficient time
- Monitoring and evaluation – monitor process, not just outcomes
Thank you!

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