Experiences with Commodities: Tanzania
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MCHIP VMMC Program in Tanzania

- Scale up VMMC in collaboration with Iringa, Njombe and Tabora regions
  - Iringa launched November 2009
  - Njombe launched May 2010
  - Tabora launched April 2012
### Cumulative VMMCs

**November 2009 to August 2012**

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**Approximately 65,000 VMMCs in FY 2012 to date**
Commodities

Until recently, the program relied on:

- Reusable instruments purchased in Tanzania
- Locally purchased medical equipment and commodities (e.g. gauze, cat gut, autoclaves, generators)
- GOT-provided HIV kits
- Pharmaceuticals purchased via SCMS – but supplemented by Jhpiego corporate funds because of frequent stock-outs
Challenges for Commodities

- Frequent HIV test kit shortages
- The current volume presents tremendous challenges for managing commodities (warehousing, ordering, push/pull systems, etc.)
- But also… the program is now VERY rural – too hard to bring generators/autoclaves to enough sites
- In 2011 during winter campaign we circumcised 31,000+ clients. Would have been more but electricity crisis prevented us from using autoclaves in several sites.
MC Kits

- MC kits, when we have had them, have been a godsend. But supply is still infrequent (only 30,000 VMMCs have been by kit).
- Many providers remain unhappy with the kits – and they are quite insufficient in a country not using diathermy.
- (Report was provided to USAID with feedback from Tanzania VMMC providers.)
Pharmaceuticals

- In the past, supply of pharma has been unreliable
- Better now, but until recently standardized units/ordering sheet, means that pharma orders sometimes have mistakes
- Also, some pharma that can be ordered locally through the PV system have failed quality standards
- The cycle of ordering/receiving is “off” the COP year
Other Issues

- Introduction of diathermy
- Introduction of infant circumcision – and necessary commodities
- Tents, pre-fabs and other infrastructure?
- Waste disposal
- Challenges associated with introduction of devices
What We Are Working Towards with SCMS and USAID

- Reliable, continuous supply of pharmaceuticals, HIV and MC kits
- Standardized systems/units for ordering pharma
- Back-up pharma (available in-country)
- Technical assistance establishing push/pull systems (necessary with scale)
- Technical assistance in commodities management
- Ability to order additional commodities such as tents, prefabs, and diathermy via SCMS
- Assistance figuring out how to manage kit waste
- When devices come…
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