



# Expanding Access to Family Planning Through the Public Sector

# Integration of Family Planning and Immunization Services

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- Using child immunization services as a platform to offer family planning services to postpartum women is an important strategy for:
  - Reducing unmet need
  - Increasing access to family planning methods
- NRHM policy calls for integrated delivery of family planning and immunization services
- FHI 360/PROGRESS provided support to NRHM and the Government of Jharkhand to assess and strengthen integration of the two services









# **1.** Assessment of integrated services: 2010-2011

To assess the quality of integration of family planning into immunization services in Jharkhand and to develop recommendations for strengthening integrated service delivery

2. Development of materials to improve/guide delivery of integrated services: 2012-2013

To develop formal guidance and resources on how to link family planning and immunization services efficiently and effectively









# Assessment of Integrated Services (Phase I)









- Descriptive assessment
- 3 blocks in Lohardaga district, Jharkhand
- Interviews: mothers at immunization; Medical Officers; ANMs; Sahiyyas; and district- and block-level managers



## **Key Findings**

- 1. Frontline workers concentrate primarily on immunization services, with limited focus on family planning
- 2. Providers cited insufficient guidelines for providing integrated services









- District- and State-level dissemination meetings held with stakeholders in government agencies and partner organizations
- Results reviewed and recommendations developed for improving integration of two services
- Under the leadership of the Principal Secretary, Health & Mission Director, NRHM, a meeting was held in December 2011 to prioritize recommendations and to formulate a coordinated plan for implementation









- Develop standard operating procedures (SOPs) on integrated service provision in consultation with the Additional Director (Health) and his team
- Incorporate the SOPs into the Government of Jharkhand's regular training curriculum for medical officers, ANMs, and ASHAs (Sahiyyas)
- 3. Develop IEC/IPC communication materials to facilitate integrated service delivery
- Provide additional input to the state's Program Implementation Plan (PIP) based on other key study findings









# Development of Resources for Integrated Services: Standard Operating Procedures & IEC/IPC Materials (Phase II)







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- Initial meeting of core group comprising of the Additional Director (Health) and team led by the NRHM Director
- Detailed desk review and report
- Informational interviews with stakeholders including policymakers, providers and other organizations



- Draft materials developed; rigorous reviews conducted
- All materials field tested and refined
- Approved by Government of Jharkhand









- Background and introduction
- Potential benefits of providing integrated services
- Key stakeholders in integrated service delivery
- Prerequisites for providing family planning/Immunization integrated services
- Quality assurance during service delivery
- Opportunities and process for integrated services
- Team work and integrated services delivery





Integrated Family Planning – Immunization Services









- Identification of service delivery points for integration
  - Health centres
  - VHNDs
  - Home visits
- Identification of secondary beneficiaries for counseling
  - Husbands
  - Mother-in-laws
  - Other decision-makers in the family
- Specific messages as per the need of client
  - ANC
  - Immediately after delivery
  - PNC
  - Up to 6 months after birth
  - More than 6 months after birth









## **IEC & IPC Materials**



| Target<br>Audience | Item                  | Purpose   | Type of material |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---|------------------|
| Medical Officer    | Table Top<br>Calendar | Ongoing reminder to provide integrated services   | IEC              |
| ANM                | Diary                 | A pocket diary summarizing the key FP<br>and immunization information including<br>messages tailored for each scheduled<br>health visit | IEC              |
| Sahiya             | IPC game              | To engage community members in a dynamic learning process   | IPC              |
| Client             | Leaflet               | Basic FP and Immunization information<br>and reminders about the recommended<br>schedule of visits                                      | IEC              |









#### **Postnatal Care (PNC)** Reduced Unwanted Pregnancy & Improved Child Health









## **IEC Material: Pocket Diary**











### **IEC Material: Leaflet**











### **IPC Tool: Game Cards**











## **IPC Tool: Card Game**























- The SOPs will be incorporated into the NRHM's regular training curricula for all three frontline providers in Jharkhand
  - Currently FHI 360 and NRHM Jharkhand are planning TOT for state level trainers.
- The IEC/IPC materials will be used in *saas bahu samelan*
- The IEC and IPC materials will printed and distributed for regular use by all providers in their routine service delivery
- Activities will be included in state PIP









# **Thank You**



