

MHURI / IMULI: EXTENDING LONG ACTING, REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTION (LARC) TO HARD-TO-REACH COMMUNITIES IN MANICALAND PROVINCE

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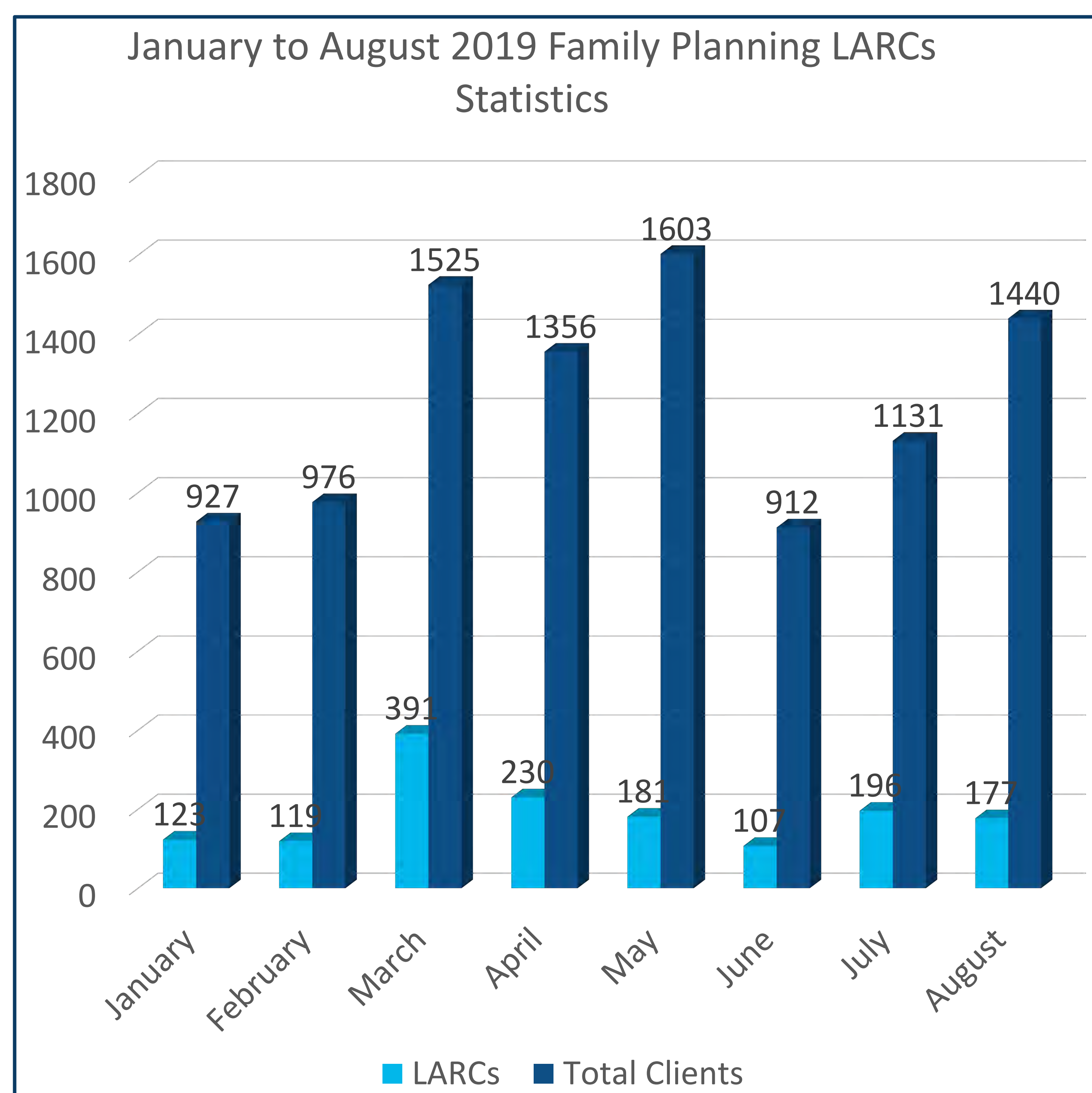
BACKGROUND

Mhuri / Imuli uses mobile outreach to provide hard-to-reach clients, including those from religious objector communities, with family planning methods of their choice.

PROCESS

1. Stakeholders' sensitization -provincial, district and community levels
2. Development of monthly outreach schedules
3. Community mobilization

RESULTS



CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNT

1. Stock-out of LARCs is a challenge.
2. Identification of sites distant from health facilities improves outreach
3. Integration with EPI reduces missed opportunities for FP services
4. The outreach point is the only LARC service delivery point in most villages. Clinic nurses need training in LARCs.
5. Inclusion of VHWs in social mobilization increases client turnout.
6. Adhering to scheduled dates assisted in building community confidence.