FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT OF EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION PROVISION AT THE COMMUNITY-LEVEL IN UGANDA

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Assessment Objective

To assess current knowledge, use, supply and barriers to uptake of ECPs in districts where ECP community-based programs are operating
Assessment Sites and Methodology

Four districts with CBD of FP programs
- Arua
- Iganga
- Kanungu
- Mubende

Data sources
- Village health team member (VHT) surveys
- VHT client surveys
- Focus group discussions with community members
- Key informant interviews at district and national level
Key Findings

- While most VHTs know ECPs, the overwhelming majority of male and female community members are not aware of the method.
- VHTs and community members say great demand exists for ECPs; Key informants say there is low demand due to lack of awareness.
- VHTs, community members, and key informants agree that VHT provision of ECPs would increase awareness of, demand for, and greater access to ECPs.
- Various sources mentioned for sensitizing community about ECPs—primarily radio, VHTs, and health center staff.
- Focus group discussions underscore absolute importance of yoking purpose of and education about ECPs with increased availability through VHTs.
- Key informants and community members declared importance of VHT training in ECP provision.
Discussion