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*Modesta Paulo comes to Misasi Health Center to receive family planning services.
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TANZANIA

ADVANCING PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES

The USAID Advancing Partners and Communities (APC) project provides family planning technical and financial assistance to the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children and the President's Office – Regional Administration and Local Government in order to:

1. Effectively manage the national family planning program
2. Update policies, guidelines, and tools to strengthen and scale up community-based family planning services
3. Increase access to sexual and reproductive health information among young people, particularly through the Mobile for Reproductive Health service, which disseminates educational content via text message
4. Support the integration of family planning with HIV and other primary care services at the health facility and community level

Despite the significant response to Tanzania's family planning needs by the Government of Tanzania and donors, gaps in access to services still exist. This is due to a number of causes, including contraceptive stock-outs, lack of providers trained in the full range of family planning methods, and continuing myths and misconceptions within communities. These barriers are particularly limiting for rural, economically disadvantaged areas and densely populated urban areas.

RESULTS

- Evaluated progress under the Government of Tanzania's first National Family Planning Costed Implementation Plan for 2010-2015 and supported development of the second plan for 2018-2023, which provides a blueprint for increasing contraceptive prevalence and ensuring sufficient resources and activities for an effective national family planning program
- Developed a functional and regularly updated website for the Reproductive and Child Health Sector
- Trained Government staff to access, analyze, and report routine data using the District Health Information System 2 to promote decision-making based on reliable evidence within the national family planning program
- Finalized a short refresher course on community-based family planning for use by national trainers countrywide
- Conducted a landscape analysis to identify how best to advocate for the introduction of community-based provision of injectables

BUDGET

\$500,000 (FY 2018)

DURATION

February 2014 – September 2019

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Nationwide

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

FHI 360 through a sub-grant from John Snow, Inc.

PARTNERS

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- President's Office – Regional Administration and Local Government

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