

RESPONDING TO THE ENVIRONMENT:

CASE EXAMPLES FROM DR CONGO & RWANDA



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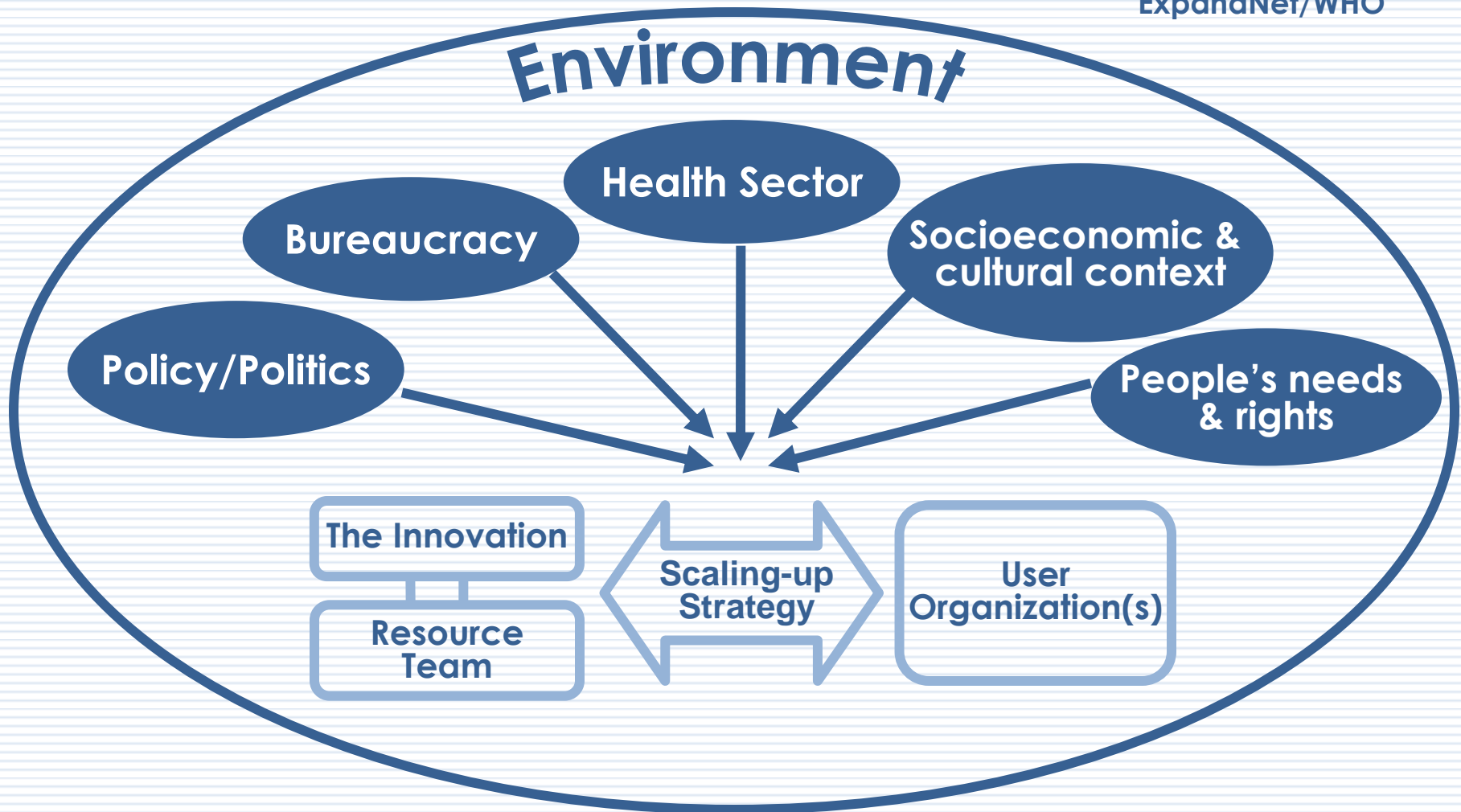
- Large country with very poor infrastructure
- Federal system devolves health authority to provinces
- Post-conflict, revitalization of FP goal is 100% HZs by 2017
- Over 242 languages
- Many gaps in health system support by donors



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- Compact country with good infrastructure
- Strong central & district coordination of health system and system actors
- FP is part of national development plan
- One language
- Until recently, donors supported health activities in all districts

**DISTINCT PHYSICAL, POLITICAL,
SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTS**



THE ENVIRONMENT refers to conditions and institutions which are external to the user organization but fundamentally affect the prospects for scaling up.

Positive

- Strong govt/MOH support for family planning revitalization includes SDM
- NFP/SDM well accepted in cultural-religious social context
- Strong USAID Mission support

Less positive

- Pronatalist culture values large families
- European and multi-lateral donors have not made strong commitment yet to ensuring SDM is part of FP programs they support
- Relatively weak MOH bureaucracy & health systems to support scaling up

DR CONGO: ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN OF FP STAKEHOLDERS





Positive

- Family planning part of national development agenda
- Strong MOH support for SDM in family planning programs
- Strong Catholic Church support for SDM option
- USAID procurement of CycleBeads

Less positive

- Relative preference among donors and govt for Long-Acting and Permanent Methods
- Other govt entities (eg, Performance-Based Financing) not supportive of SDM option
- Neutral USAID Mission support for non-commodity aspects of scale up

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**MAXIMIZING POSITIVE
ENVIRONMENTAL FORCES**



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**MITIGATING LESS POSITIVE
ENVIRONMENTAL FORCES**



Both have strong positive environmental forces that are stronger than negative forces



Key challenge: ensuring bureaucracy and health system environment continues to support scale up of FP and SDM

REACHING A 'TIPPING POINT' OF SUSTAINABLE SCALE-UP



National level scale-up status likely makes it more assured of sustained scale-up



DO ENVIRONMENTAL
FORCES HAVE AN
INFLUENCE?

YES.

- **Environment changes all the time.**
Different forces come into play on the scale-up field at different moments.
- **A multi-organizational resource team led by the MOH is advantageous.** It allows different actors to lead response within their domain of influence.
- **Be vigilant.** Seize opportunities and mitigate threats!



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