FACILITY ASSESSMENT TOOL

PURPOSE

The facility assessment tool serves to collect information on access to and availability of Standard Days Method® (SDM) system-wide in order to assess the status of SDM integration and service quality. It allowed IRH and the scale-up resource team to track the pace of scale-up and identify areas where specific interventions were needed or strategies needed to be adjusted.

HOW IT WAS DEVELOPED AND USED

The facility assessment tool was born out of the need to properly measure the multiple, complex dimensions of integration of an innovation into a health system, including service quality, commodities and supply chain, provider knowledge and performance, raising awareness of the innovation, and overall health systems strengthening and advocacy into a comprehensive yet simple tool. The tool was developed by combining principles from EngenderHealth's Supply-Enabling Environment-Demand (SEED) Assessment Guide for Family Planning Programming along with questions and formats from various Service Provision Assessments.

The tool was applied at the beginning and towards the end of the scale-up period in a random sample of service delivery points in intervention areas to allow for generalization of findings. Data were collected by a research organization contracted to undertake the assessment on behalf of IRH.

The tool has three components: 1) a brief interview with facility managers to gauge whether SDM services are offered and to verify

that SDM is included in record keeping and information systems; 2) knowledge questions and observation (using a checklist) of the provider explaining to the interviewer how to use SDM/CycleBeads®1 (not discussed here; see Provider Interview Tool for details); and 3) an audit to assess availability of CycleBeads and IEC materials which include SDM.

Results from the facility assessment were used along with other information, such as stock-out reports, to triangulate service delivery and supervision data related to facility capacity to offer quality SDM services. The baseline/midline findings revealed whether SDM services were affected by systemic issues such as stock outs or poor service quality, and allowed resource organizations to follow up with corrective actions as needed. At endline, the results provided a system-wide assessment of the extent of quality SDM service-provision within a family planning program.

The tool contained eight modules with specific scale-up indicators as listed below:

Section 1: Training and service provision (See Provider Interview Tool)

- Extent of method integration into provider service delivery (offering method at facility)
- Number of providers with capacity to offer method

Section 2: Community health workers (CHW)

- Extent of method integration into CHW service delivery
- Number of CHWs with capacity to offer method

¹ Because the Provider Interview Tool was applied by the same interviewer conducting the facility assessment, it is mentioned here. The compendium treats it as a separate tool, however, to allow more flexibility by organizations or program managers who may choose to use it independently of the provider interview tool.

Section 3: Management and supervision

 Extent of method integration into supervision system

Section 4: Information, Education & Communication (IEC)

- Degree of inclusion of method in IEC materials at facility
- Degree of inclusion of method in IEC activities at facility and/or community level

Section 5: Norms and protocols

 Degree of inclusion of method in facility protocols

Section 6: Logistics and supplies

- Availability of the commodity in facility stock
- Inclusion of the commodity in the facility tracking system

Section 7: Health monitoring information systems (HMIS)

- Level of inclusion of method in HMIS daily register
- Level of inclusion of method's clients in aggregate monthly form
- Level of inclusion of method in user data displayed at facility

Section 8: Costs

 Price at which clients are willing to purchase CycleBeads

IRH defined what constituted SDM services capacity and selected the indicators above to measure different aspects of capacity. Each innovation would need to develop definitions of service capacity and develop indicators accordingly. The tool can easily be adapted to assess integration and service quality for any family planning method.

VALUES

The facility assessment tool helped to monitor the extent to which values inherent in the SDM innovation, such as quality of services and informed choice, were maintained during scale-up. The tool assessed availability and quality of counseling and services for all methods, rather than SDM only, in order to provide a comparison (e.g. is SDM as available as oral contraceptives?) and to monitor fidelity to the value of expanded choice to a range of FP options.

LESSONS LEARNED

- It is essential to share assessment results with user organizations, such as the Ministry of Health, in a timely manner in order to facilitate collective efforts to address identified weaknesses in service provision.
- Careful definition of indicators is critical. For example, one indicator of availability was simply asking the head of the service facility if the method was available. We found the answer to that question not always valid as s/he may say SDM was available while there were no CycleBeads in stock or no providers were trained to offer the method.
- Often, identified areas of weakness were FPprogram related, such as overall commodity stock outs, rather than SDM-specific issues.
 Effective sharing of SDM integration results often resulted in actions to strengthen FP programs more generally.
- The timing of the facility assessments determines their usefulness. While baseline and midline results provided actionable data for program improvement, the endline data served primarily to assess the success of the scale-up effort.
- The sampling strategy in most countries
 (representative at the national level, but not
 by supervision area) limited the usefulness of
 the data for program improvement.
 Periodic data collection with smaller
 samples pegged to supervision areas might
 yield more useful data.

KEY REFERENCES & RESOURCES

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	FAM PRO	JECT SITE ASSESSMENT	ENDLINE
NTERVIEWER:	WHEN YOU ASK THE CONSENT OF TH YOU IDENTIFY WHICH PERSONS WO TO ANSWER EACH OF THE SECTIONS	OULD BE APPROPRIATE/HAVE TH	
SECTION		NAME	ROLE/TITLE
1. TRAINING	AND SERVICE PROVISION		
2. COMMUN	NITY HEALTH WORKERS		
3. MANAGEN	MENT AND SUPERVISION		
4. INFORMA	TION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICA	TION	
5. NORMS A	ND PROTOCOLS		
6. LOGISTICS	S/SUPPLIES		
7. HEALTH M	ONITORING INFORMATION SYSTEMS		
8. COST			
INTERVIEW T	HE RELEVANT PERSONS THAT CAN ANS	WER THE QUESTIONS TO THESE	MODULES
CONSENT W	ILL BE REQUESTED OF EACH RESPOND	DENT	

FAM PROJECT ENDLINE: SITE ASSESSMENT					
[NAME OF COUNTRY]					
		IDENTIFICATION	<u> </u>		
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				MONTH	
interviewer's Name				YEAR NAME	
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	SECTION 1: TRAINING AND SERVICE PROVISION				
NO.	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES	SKIP		
	TITLE OF RESPONDANT FOR SECTION				
100	Are family planning services available to clients at this facility?	YES	→ END		
101	What family planning methods does this facility offer? READ ALL AND CIRCLE THOSE MENTIONED	FEMALE STERILIZATION A MALE STERILIZATION B PILL C IUD D INJECTABLES E IMPLANTS F CONDO! G FEMALE CONDOM H DIAPHRAG! I FOAM/JELL J LAM K SDM (CYCLEBEADS) M OTHER X			
102	Typically, how many days per week are family planning serv ices offered?	(SPECIFY) DAYS PER WEEK			
103	Is this the only unit where tamily planning is offered in this facility?	YES 1 NO 2	→ 105		
104	If not, please tell us which other unit/section of the facility provides family planning?				
	PLEASE ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PARTY OF THE	 AID STAFF IN THIS FACILITY			
105	How many providers have been trained to offer family planning services?	NUMBER OF PROVIDERS			
106	How many providers have been trained to offer SDM (CycleBeads)?	NUMBER OF PROVIDERS			
107	Have providers received refresher training on the SDM (CycleBeads) in the last 1 year?	YES			

108	CHECK 101: SDM NOT OFFERED SDM OFFERE	ED	110
109	CHECK 106: AT LEAST ONE NO PROVIDED TRAINED ON SDI		► END
110	How long ago did this facility start offering the SDM (CycleBeads)?	YEARS MONTHS DON'T KNOW	
111	During those days you offer family planning, are there days when SDM (CycleBeads) is not offered?	YES	→ 113
112	Why is SDM (CycleBeads) not offered every other day family planning services are offered?	NO TRAINED PROVIDER AVAILABLI 1 NO ELIGIBLE WOMEN VIS 2 NOT OFFERED BY PROVIDERS 3 OTHER	
113	Do you ever receive referrals for SDM (CycleBeads)?	YES	→115
114	From where does your facility receive referrals? Any other place? CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	REFERRAL HOSPITAL	
115	Do you refer clients for SDM (CyclcBeads) services elsewhere?	YES	118
116	Why?		
117	Where do you refer clients for SDM (CycleBeads) services? Any other place? CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED	REFERRAL HOSPITAL	

SECTION 2: COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS NO. **QUESTIONS AND FILTERS** CODING CATEGORIES SKIP TITLE OF RESPONDANT FOR SECTION 201 this facility? **→** 301 NO..... 2 202 What type of services do Community Health Workers FAMILY PLANNING...... A (CHW) associated with your facility offer? IMMUNIZATI(.....B CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED WELL-BABY CARE Any other service? HEALTH EDUCATION E (SPECIFY) 203 Is SDM (CycleBeads) part of the package of **→** 205 family planning services offered by CHWs? NO..... 2 204 If not part of the package, why not? CHWs HAVE NOT BEEN TRAINED 1 SDM HAS NOT BEEN INTRODUCEE.. 2 DO NOT HAVE CYCLEBEADS...... 3 OTHER _____ (SPECIFY) 205 How many staff or CHWs have been trained to offer ALL..... 1 **→** 207 SDM (CycleBeads): all, most, some, or none? MOST..... 2 **→** 207 SOME..... 3 NONE..... 4 206 207 Is LAM part of the package of family planning YES..... 1 services offered by CHWs? NO..... 2 208 **→** 301 MOST..... 2 **→** 301 all, most, some, or none? SOME..... 3 NONE..... 4 209 Please explain.

	SECTION 3: MANAGEMENT AN	D SUPERVISION				
NO.	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CA	TEGOR	RIES		SKIP
	TITLE OF RESPONDANT FOR SECTION					
301	How many times in the last 6 months has a supervisor co to the family planning unit for supervisory purposes?	NUMBER OF TIME!			0 0	→ 401
302	When visiting the facility, which of the following does the supervisor do: READ ACTIVITIES BELOW, CIRCLE 1 FOR YES, 2 FOR NO, 3 FOR SOMETIMES a. Observe delivery of tamily planning services? b. Is SDM (CycleBeads) observed? c. Is LAM observed? d. Asks about family planning counseling? e. Does he/she ask about SDM (CycleBeads) counseling? f. Does he/she ask about LAM counseling? g. Examines family planning registers/books? h. Examines family planning client charts? i. Uses tool to supervise providers? j. Is SDM (CycleBeads) included on the tool? k. Is LAM included on the tool? I. Provides reintorcement training?	YES OBSERVES 1 SDM (CBs) 1 LAM 1 ASKS 1	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3		

	SECTION 4: INFORMATION, EDUCATION AN	ID COMMUNICATION (IEC)	
NO.	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES	SKIP
	TITLE OF RESPONDANT FOR SECTION		
	QUESTIONS 401-404 ARE BASED ON OBSERVATION		
401	CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY	Av ailabl Clearl; Includes Includes Visible SDM (CBs) LAM	
	SIGN/POSTER ANNOUNCING FP SERVICES: INSIDE THE BUILDING OUTSIDE THE BUILDING	SIGN INSIDE A B C D SIGN OUTSIDE A B C D	
	WALL MURALS/DISPLAYS (INCLUDING POSTERS)	DISPLAYS A B C D	
	FAMILY PLANNING BROCHURES/HANDOUTS	BROCHURES A B C D	
	FLIP CHART TO SUPPORT FAMILY PLANNING COUNSELLING	. FLIP CHART A B C D	
	*Clearly visible means that posters are logically placed, in a non-cluttered environment and not blocked by other print materials		
402	OBSERVE IF THERE IS A SIGN/POSTER STATING COST OF FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES.	YES	→ 404
403	IF COSTS OF EACH METHOD ARE INCLUDED ON THE SIGN/POSTER, PLEASE WRITE THEM HERE.	FEMALE STERILIZATION MALE STERILIZATION PILL IUD INJECTABLES IMPANTS CONDOM FEMALE CONDON DIAPHRAGM FOAM/JELLY LAM SDM (CYCLEBEADS) OTHER	
404	WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING SDM POSTERS ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE AT THIS FACILITY?	DEVELOP ACCORDING TO LOCAL CONTEXT COLLAPSE INTO ONE LIST , OBSERVATION	_
	ASK THE FOLLOWING (405-414):		
405	Are talks on family planning provided at this facility?	YES	→ 409
406	How often are these talks held?	EVERY WEEK 1 EVERY MONTH 2 EVERY 3 MONTHS 3 ONCE A YEAF 4 OTHER 6 SPECIFY 6	

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407	Is SDM included in the talks?	YES	
408	Is LAM included in the talks?	YES	
409	Does the facility provide family planning education through outreach activities such as community talks and visits?	YES	→ 501
410	Is the SDM (CycleBeads) included?	YES	413
411	What outreach activities include SDM (CycleBeads)? Any other activity?	COMMUNITY TALKS A HOME VISITS B LOUD SPEAKER C HEALTH FAIRS D RADIO SPOTS/TALKS E STREET THEATER F	
	RECORD ALL MENTIONED.	OTHER X (SPECIFY)	
412	Who conducts these activities? RECORD ALL MENTIONED.	COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER: A COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS B FACILITY BASED PROVIDERS C CURRENT USERS D MIDWIVES	
		OTHERX (SPECIFY)	
413	Is LAM included in outreach activities?	YES	→ 501
414	What outreach activities include LAM? Any other activity?	COMMUNITY TALKS A HOME VISITS B LOUD SPEAKER C HEALTH FAIRS D RADIO SPOTS/TALKS E STREET THEATER F	
	RECORD ALL MENTIONED.	OTHER X (SPECIFY)	
415	Who conducts these activities? RECORD ALL MENTIONED.	COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER: A COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS B FACILITY BASED PROVIDERS C CURRENT USERS D MIDWIVES E NGO EXTENSIONIST: F	
		OTHERX (SPECIFY)	

	SECTION 5: NORMS AND PROTOCOLS					
NO.	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES	SKIP			
	TITLE OF RESPONDANT FOR SECTION					
501	Does the facility have written norms and protocols?	YES	→ 601			
502	Can I see a copy of FP protocol or norms CHECK YES OR NO IF PROTOCOLS OR NORMS ARE AVAILABLE	YES AVAILABLE				
503	Is SDM (CycleBeads) included in the family planning protocol ot your tacility?	YES	> 505			
504	How do you know SDM (CycleBeads) is included in the protocol?					
505	Is LAM included in the family planning or other protocols ot your tacility?	YES				
506	How do you know LAM is included in the protocol?					

	SECTION 6. LOGISTICS AND SUP	PLIES	
NO.	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES	SKIP
	TITLE OF RESPONDANT FOR SECTION		
601	CHECK Q. 101 AND MARK METHODS THAT ARE PROVIDED IN THE FACILITY	PILL C CONDOM! G SDM (CYCLEBEADS) M	
602	IF THE METHOD IS PROVIDED, CHECK IF IT IS AVAILABLE IN INVENTORY	PILL	
603	ASK TO SEE THEIR CYCLEBEADS INVENTORY AND OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:		
	a. CORRECT INSERT? (HAVE ONE AVAILABLE TO COMPARE) SPECIFY (LITERACY, LANGUAGE, ETC)	YES	
	b. EXTRA RING IN PACKAGE?	YES	
	c. ARE THIS YEAR'S (2012) AND NEXT YEAR'S (2013) CALENDARS IN THE PACKAGE?	YES	
604	Has there been any stock outs in the last 3 months of any of CycleBeads, condoms, or pills?	PILL CONDOM! SDM (CYCLEBEADS)	
605	Does your facility have a system for recording contraceptive supplies?	YES	▶ 609
606	How do you track supplies?		
607	Which methods are included in the tracking system: CycleBe condoms, pills, injectables, foam/jelly or any other?	ac PILL C INJECTABLES E CONDOM! G FOAM/JELLY J SDM (CYCLEBEADS) M OTHER X (SPECIFY)	

608	Which methods have been added to the tracking system in the last three months: CycleBeads,condoms, pills, or any o	PILL C theINJECTABLES E CONDOM! G FOAM/JELLY J SDM (CYCLEBEADS) M OTHER X (SPECIFY)	
609	ASK TO SEE THE CARD/REGISTER AND RECORD THE NUMBER OF EACH SUPPLY IN STOCK.	PILLS	
610	When you need more CycleBeads, how do you order them?		
611	When you need more pills, how do you order them?		
612	Do you supply CycleBeads to CHWs or community-based organizations?	YES	

	SECTION 7 HEALTH MONITORING INFO	RMATION SYSTEMS	
NO.	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES	SKIP
	TITLE OF RESPONDANT FOR SECTION		
701	Are family planning clients recorded in the daily register?	YES	→ 710
702	Are SDM (CycleBeads) clients recorded in the daily register	? YES	→ 706
703	How are SDM (CycleBeads) clients recorded in the daily register?	SEPARATE COLUMN FOR SI 1 CODED UNDER NATURAL 2 SEPARATE FORM	
704	AFTER ASKING Q703, OBSERVE HOW IT IS DONE ASK TO SEE THE REGISTER/BOOK.	SEPARATE COLUMN FOR SDN 1 CODED UNDER NATURAL 2 SEPARATE FORM 3 WRITTEN IN MARG 4 OTHER 6 (SPECIFY)	
705	Are SDM (CycleBeads) clients recorded in the aggregate (monthly) form that is used to report to the next level?	YES	
706	Are LAM clients recorded in the daily register?	YES	7 10
707	How are LAM clients recorded in the daily register?	SEPARATE COLUMN FOR SDN 1 CODED UNDER NATURAL 2 SEPARATE FORM	
708	AFTER ASKING Q707, OBSERVE HOW IT IS DONE ASK TO SEE THE REGISTER/BOOK.	SEPARATE COLUMN FOR SI 1 CODED UNDER NATURAL 2 SEPARATE FORM 3 WRITTEN IN MARG 4 OTHER 6 (SPECIFY)	
709	Are LAM clients recorded in the aggregate (monthly) form that is used to report to the next lev el?	YES	
710	Does the facility display data on the number of FP users in the facility?	YES	→ 801
	a.ls it broken down by method?	YES	→ 801
	b. Are SDM (CYCLEBEADS) users displayed?	YES	
	c. Are LAM users displayed?	YES 1 NO 2	

	SECTION 8: COST		
NO.	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES	SKIP
	title of respondant for section		
801	Does the facility charge for family planning v isits?	YES	→ 803
802	If so, how much is each v isit?	COST PER VISIT	
803	For which of the following methods does the facility charge for supplying: CycleBeads, condoms, pills, injectables, any others	CYCLEBEADS A CONDOMS B PILLS C INJECTABLES D OTHER X (SPECIFY)	
804	How much does the facility charge for CycleBeads?	CYCLEBEADS	
805	How much does the facility charge for Condoms?	CONDOMS	
806	How much does the facility charge for Pills?	PILLS	