Impact assessment of WHO/UNFPA Prequalification program (Condoms and IUDs)

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Objectives

- Create a fact-based understanding of the value that UNFPA PQ and systems-supporting activities have created in the global health ecosystem with a 360-degree view across all stakeholders.

- Generate both qualitative and quantitative assessments of the value created by UNFPA PQ and systems supporting activities.

- Give insights that would feed directly into the UNFPA PQ strategic plan to create a greater impact at all levels.

- Recommend the best fit of the WHO/UNFPA Prequalification Programme based on the outcomes of the interview.

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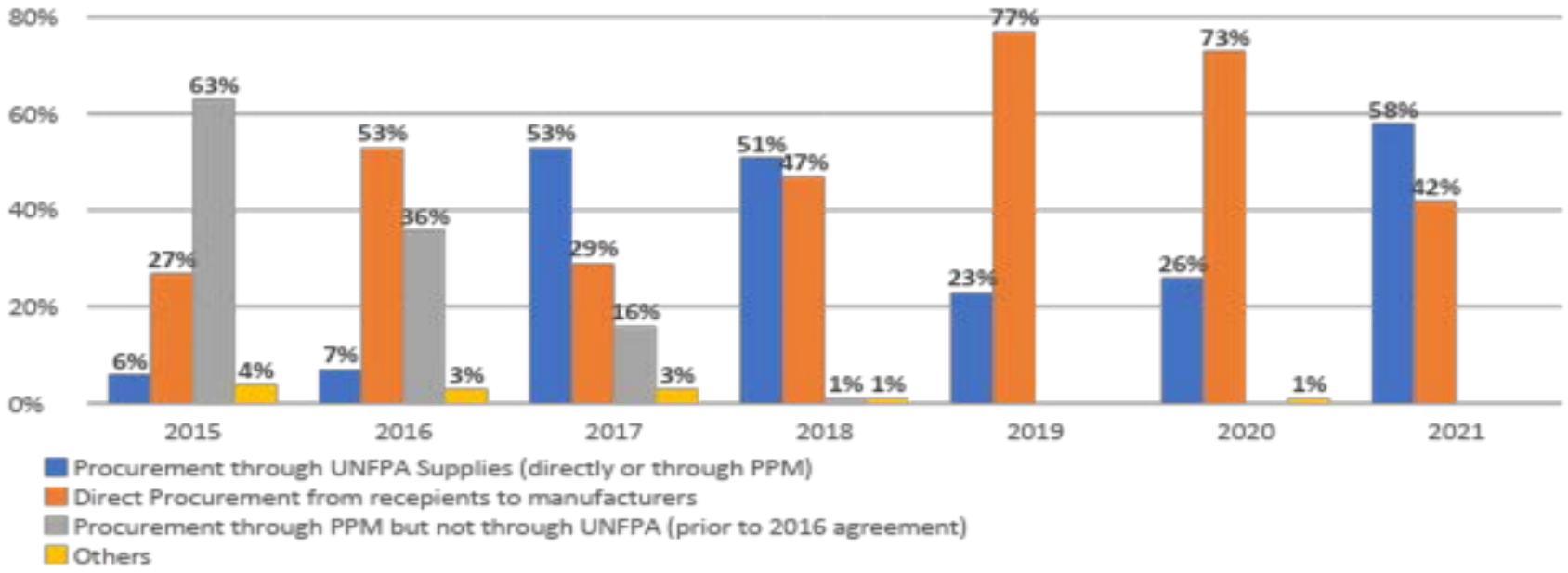

Interviews

- The Impact Assessment of the WHO PQ Programme was structured around **nine metrics** that combined qualitative and quantitative information.

- **12 interviews** were conducted among beneficiaries and contributors to the UNFPA Prequalification Programme including **manufacturers of the three types of products, national authorities and quality control laboratories, donors, international partners, representatives of the WHO PQ Programme, and senior management of UNFPA Supply Management Unit.**

- Only 1 institution did not respond to the invitation

Summary of findings

- The programme has been successful and international organizations, governmental organizations, international NGOs and governments rely on the outcome of this programme for sourcing quality assured condoms or IUDs. This programme also benefits UN Member States developing capacity on regulation and quality assurance of contraceptive devices.

- UNFPA has also been focusing on strengthening regulatory environments that enable access to SRH products that meet internationally acceptable standards. This has been done through providing capacity building to regulatory authorities and national quality control laboratories in order to facilitate alignment of national quality requirements with those that are internationally recognised. There are now 7 accredited laboratories in Sub-Saharan Africa, while prior to 2010 only one laboratory was accredited.

- Prequalification of generic manufacturers of new health products along with pool procurement mechanisms are often associated with increased production capacity and procurement spends, and decreased unit costs.

Summary of Findings 2

- Positioning of the PQ Programme linked to QA within the SCMU does not provide the same visibility and recognition that WHO PQ can have among stakeholders .

- The number of PQ manufacturers remains an open question, as manufacturers may not consider paying annual fees if they don't obtain an LTA.

- PQ manufacturers see an interest in obtaining UNFPA Prequalification as a quality label that differentiates them from other competitors, particularly for public procurement tenders (donor or government funded).

- Limited RH and lack of sustainable funding remains a key issue to maintain the level of service and delivery, especially in terms of updating the guidelines and regulatory capacity strengthening.

Recommendation - Integration of WHO_UNFPA PQ programme into the WHO PQ programmes

- Adequate planning, allocation, and management of the current UNFPA prequalification team members and new hires to ensure a smooth transition.

- Careful consideration of options to integrate the new team into an existing WHO prequalification team or the creation of a new team dedicated exclusively to contraceptive devices.

- Ensuring the continuation of planned activities, with a focus on maintaining adequate oversight and communication with all involved experts and stakeholders until new planning is set-up.

- Adequate communication within UNFPA and WHO, as well as with manufacturers, partners, and other stakeholders, to ensure a coordinated and successful transition.

Thank you

Any questions?