Overview: Making Policy Work

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How Do We Know Policy Is Working?
How Do We Get There?

- Problem Identification
- Policy Formulation
- Policy Implementation
- Policy Monitoring
- Action
Moving Policy to Action
Action Planning

• National level
  – Jordan RH Action Plan II (including costed plan and M&E plan)

• Subnational level
  – Uttar Pradesh HIV District Action Plans

• Sectoral
  – Roadmap for Public-private Partnerships in Peru
Addressing Barriers

• Policy and operational barriers
  – Analyze implementation barriers for OVC programs (Botswana)

• Financial constraints
  – Improve Financial Information System (Kenya)

• Health systems issues
  – Assess task shifting policies (Uganda and Swaziland)

• Sociocultural, economic, and political factors
  – Health Facility and Provider Stigma Measurement Tool
  – Identify gender-related barriers to treatment adherence (Tanzania)
M&E and Accountability

- M&E indicators, plans, capacity, and systems
  - M&E indicators and units (Ukraine)

- Policy monitoring
  - Policy Implementation Assessment Tool

- Accountability and good governance
  - Citizen monitoring (Mali, Vietnam)
  - Social watch (Tanzania, India)
Bringing All the Elements Together

Guatemala

Malawi

Vietnam
Conclusion

• The Art of Moving from Policy to Action
  – Policy work does not end with the policy’s adoption; this is only the beginning
  – Attention needed throughout the policy to action process

• The Way Forward
  – Building and sustaining capacity
  – Linking policy and health systems strengthening
  – Fostering country ownership