Keeping Watch: Accountability for FP/RH Laws in Guatemala

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Favorable Policy and Legal Environment

2000–2008

More than 10 policy changes

- Social Development Law
- Social Development and Population Policy
- Law of Universal Access to Family Planning
- Other laws, policies, and guidelines developed or promulgated
Moving Forward to Implementation and Monitoring

Proyecto VICAS
Guatemala, Octubre 2001
Vigilancia Ciudadana y Auditoría Social del Derecho a la Salud Reproductiva

RH social auditing and monitoring project

Policy environment changes
Capacity building
Strategic information

2001 2002-2007 2008

Guatemala

Observatorio
Salud Reproductiva
De la Formulación a la implementación de las políticas públicas

RH Monitoring Boards
OSAR
Monitoring RH Policy Implementation

Policy Implementation Assessment Tool (PIAT)

- Consensus on the importance of the policy
- Lack of clarity among respondents about leadership and responsibilities for implementation
- Insufficient dissemination and capacity building to support policy implementation
- Inability to access funds for implementation
- Lack of a cohesive implementation plan and M&E framework
Memorandum of Understanding

Between
National Congress
and
Multisectoral Monitoring Group
for
Implementing the
RH Monitoring Board

March 8, 2008
OSAR Scale-up

Indigenous Women Create Departmental OSARs

www.osarguate.org/
Combined Power of Voices and Evidence
Demanding Accountability and Taking Action

...bringing laws to life, protecting health

Monitoring Maternal Health
Combined Power of Voices and Evidence
Demanding Accountability and Taking Action

Intercultural Healthcare Unit

...bringing laws to life, protecting health.
Key Results and Contributions

Evidence and dialogue promote policy and law implementation

The monitoring boards:

✓ operationalize a national mandate
✓ and empower communities
✓ to monitor implementation and demand accountability
✓ and spark change at the local level

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... RH Monitoring Boards Work!

Partnerships

Networks

Strategic information

Advocacy skills

Policy implementation assessment

Policies and laws