Overview:

Going the Extra Mile
Achieving Equity

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EQUITY Framework

Engaging and empowering the poor

Quantifying the level of inequality in healthcare use and health status

Understanding the barriers to access

Integrating equity goals, approaches, and indicators in policies, plans, and agendas

Targeting resources and efforts to the poor

Yielding public-private partnerships for equity
EQUITY Framework

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**Q**uantify the level of inequalities

**U**nderstand barriers to equitable access

**I**ntegrate equity goals, approaches, and indicators into policies, plans, and development agendas

**T**arget resources and efforts to reach the poor

**Y**ield public-private partnerships for equity

Analysis → Advocacy and Dialogue → Action
**EQUITY: Engaging and empowering the poor**

**Problem Identification**
- Kenya: FGDs with poor women and men to identify barriers, followed by dialogue between the poor and policymakers

**Policy Formulation**
- Guatemala: NGOs representing indigenous women identified barriers to access, helped design solutions, and advocated for policy change

**Policy Implementation**
- Vietnam: PLHIV self-help groups organized income-generation workshops and assisted children infected/affected by HIV

**Policy Monitoring**
- Peru: Grassroots organizations—rural women, low-income, indigenous groups—formed citizen surveillance committees
EQUITY: Quantifying the level of inequality

Use of modern methods is lower among the poor

Source: Urban Rural Quintile Analyses for 16 Countries, USAID | Health Policy Initiative, 2010
EQUITY: Understanding barriers to health services

- Mexico: HIV+ women and MARPs
- Guatemala: indigenous women
- Peru: rural and urban poor
- Sierra Leone: refugees, IDPs
- Nigeria: OVC
- Botswana: OVC
- India: rural and urban poor
- Kenya: rural and urban poor
- Malawi and Rwanda: rural communities
- Cambodia: OVC
- Botswana: OVC
- Kenya: rural and urban poor
EQUITY: Integrating equity goals, approaches, and indicators in policies, plans, and agendas

- Integration of equity approaches into population/FP/RH policies and plans

- Inclusion of FP in development plans and agendas
  - Mali and Tanzania: Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers
  - Rwanda: Vision 2020
  - Peru: Social Insurance Scheme (SIS) and the CRECER (“Grow”) initiative
EQUITY: Targeting resources and efforts to the poor

- Peru: $1.8m Regional Public Investment Funds in Junín region

- Guatemala: Operational guidelines to improve indigenous women’s access in 5 districts
  - 4 of 5 districts had provisions for a translator
  - 1 district had broadcast television spots on FP in indigenous languages
  - 2 districts provided information materials in indigenous language
EQUITY: Yielding public-private partnerships for equity

- Peru: public-private partnerships (PPPs)
  - Formed Investment and Development Group for PPPs in Health
  - Designed national strategy for implementing PPPs, endorsed by the government in 2010
  - Launched a website to facilitate PPP initiatives

Highlights

• Good understanding of the policy environment and the market

• Government leadership and ownership

• Continuous process of monitoring, evaluation, feedback, and problem solving

• Sustainable financing

• Linkage between proven models and policies
EQUITY: Country Examples

- New Approaches for Reaching the Poor in India
- Focus on the Poor in Kenya’s FP/RH Strategy
- Integrating Gender Equity in Mexico’s Response to HIV