

AFP Tanzania: Learning from Success & Failure

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2014 TZ Current Advocacy Priorities

1. Government/ private sector to allocate resources to FP2020 efforts; *(towards quick win)*

2. The Public Procurement Act Regulations released to fast track procurement and delivery of essential commodities including contraceptives *(not yet)*

3. Health Ministry (MoHSW)/PMoRALG to issue a directive to all district councils to make allocations for FP from their budgets –*(just achieved quick win)*

4. National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) includes FP package in its benefits *(not yet)*

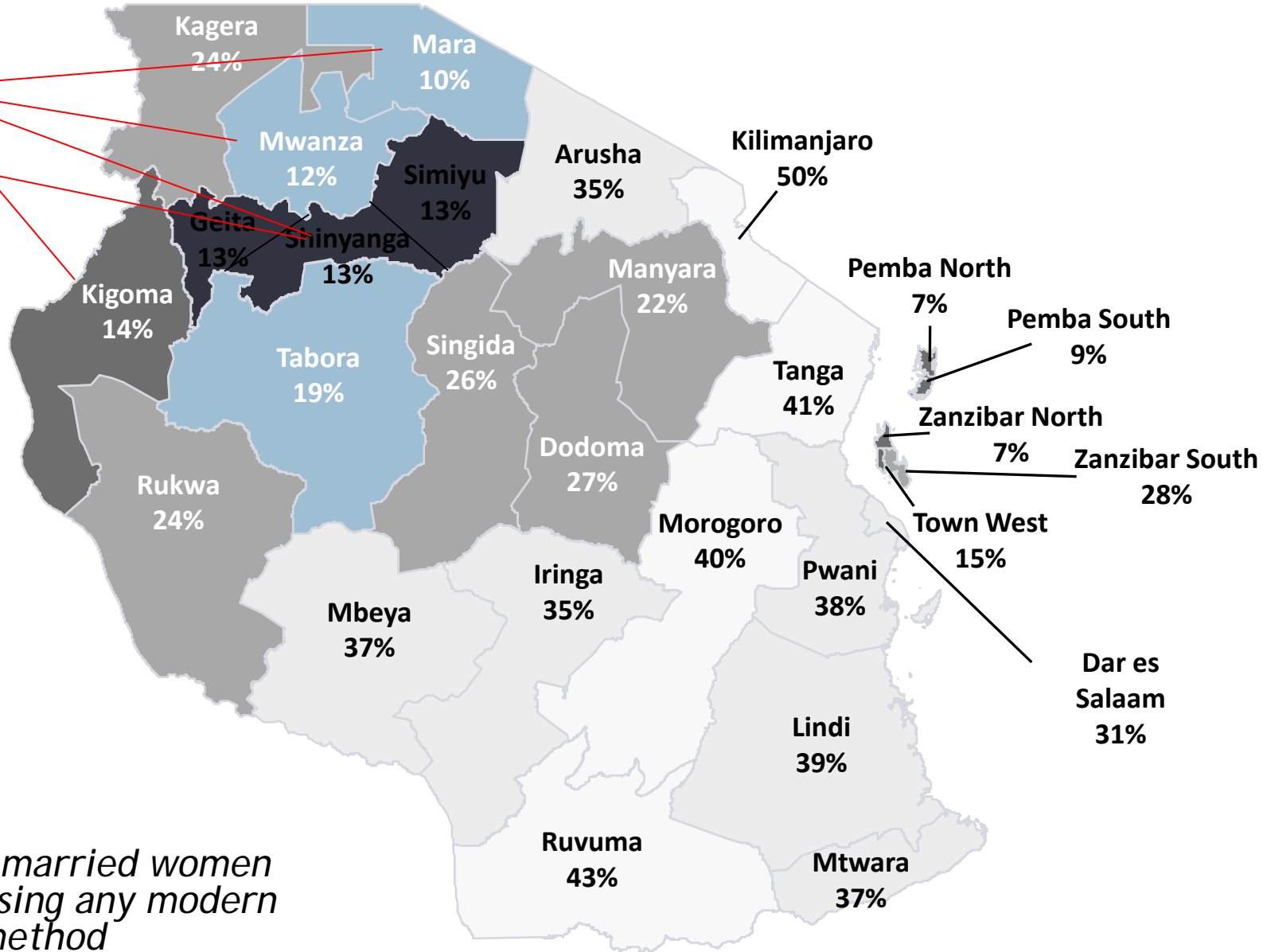
5. Lake Zone districts (3) – Serengeti, Musoma, Tarime – allocate 5% of their annual health budgets by March 2015 (2015/16 fiscal year) - **achieved quick win)**

6. 15 out of the 34 Higher Learning Institutions integrate or support FP access to youth in Mwanza and Shinyanga Regions – **(achieving quick wins)**

FP2020 Action Plan In Progress

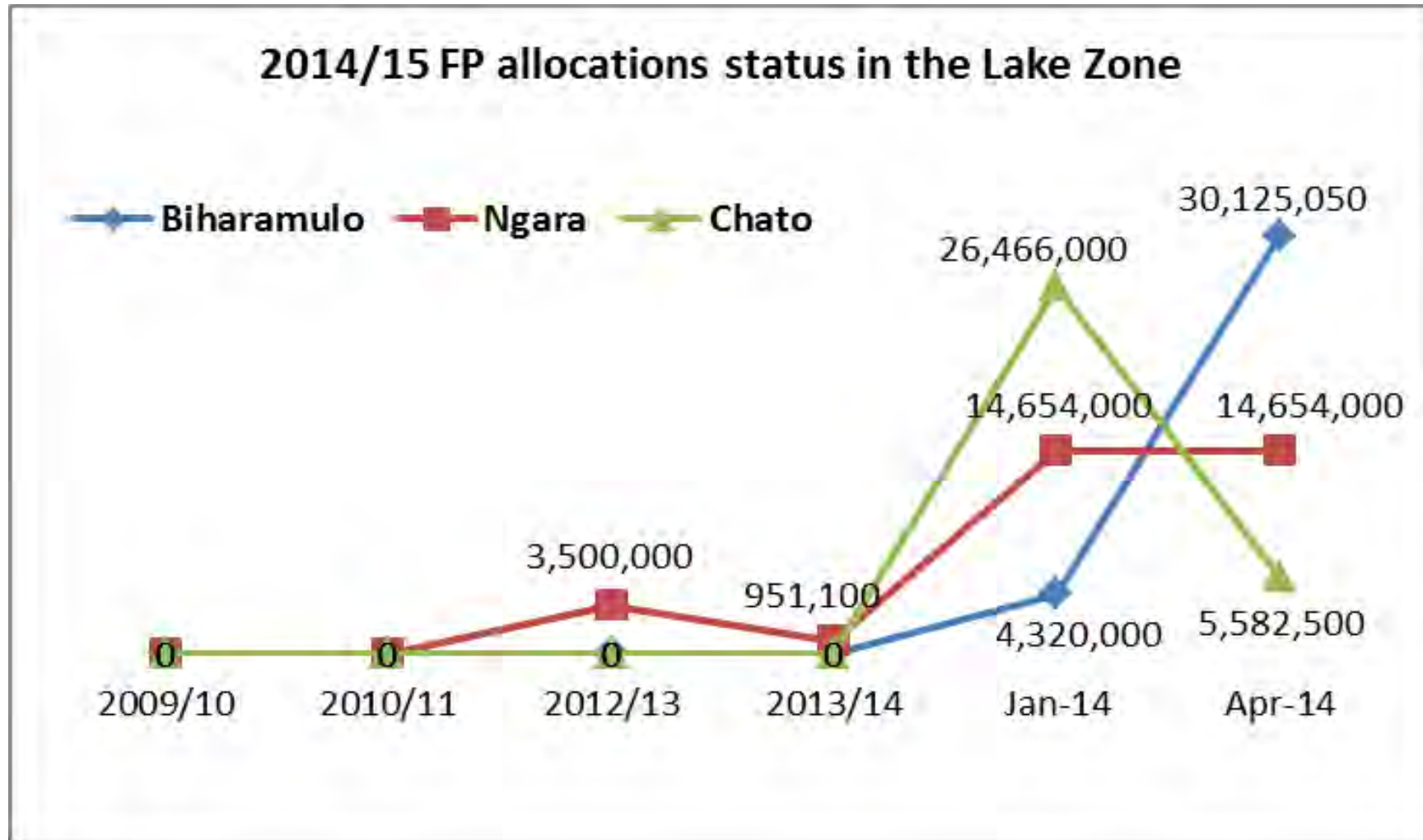
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27%



Percent of married women currently using any modern method

Allocation status / Leveraging Resources:



Youth access to contraceptives

- 10 Higher Learning Institutions (HLI) in Shinyanga, Mwanza – committed to invest in providing SRH services including contraceptives:
 - MoU in Shinyanga between 5 HLI being developed;
 - Bugando willing to establish youth RH services to offer contraceptives to youth;

UNA: Advocacy for ICPD 2014

- Tanzania delegation planned to withdraw from ICPD because of abortion issue, LGBTI;
- UNA advocacy – in the official govt delegation;
- UNA – developed policy briefs / talking points/ delegation briefings for negotiators to remind govt officials of prior country commitments

Tanzania did not withdraw from ICPD negotiations

CHALLENGES

- ❑ Tracking release and use of funds, access to funding information
- ❑ Perceptions still strong on youth accessing contraceptives
- ❑ Constitutional process impacting on other policy decisions & current priorities

Advocating for Family Planning

What's Going Well

- Improved policy environment – launch of RMNCH Sharpened Plan (2014-15) – FP a key strategy/intervention
- President Kikwete's drive for accountability at regional level;
- Enhanced FP/RH partnership

What's Not Going Well

- Transparency with respect to budget and other critical data from government sources



Family planning campaign
(MoHSW/CCP Tanzania)

President's drive for Accountability

“Let the Green Star
shine on you” –
*President Kikwete when
launching the RMNCH
May 15, 2014;*

Family Planning - among
three key strategic
interventions in RMNCH
Sharpened Plan (2014-15)

AFP Tanzania: When You Hit the Wall...

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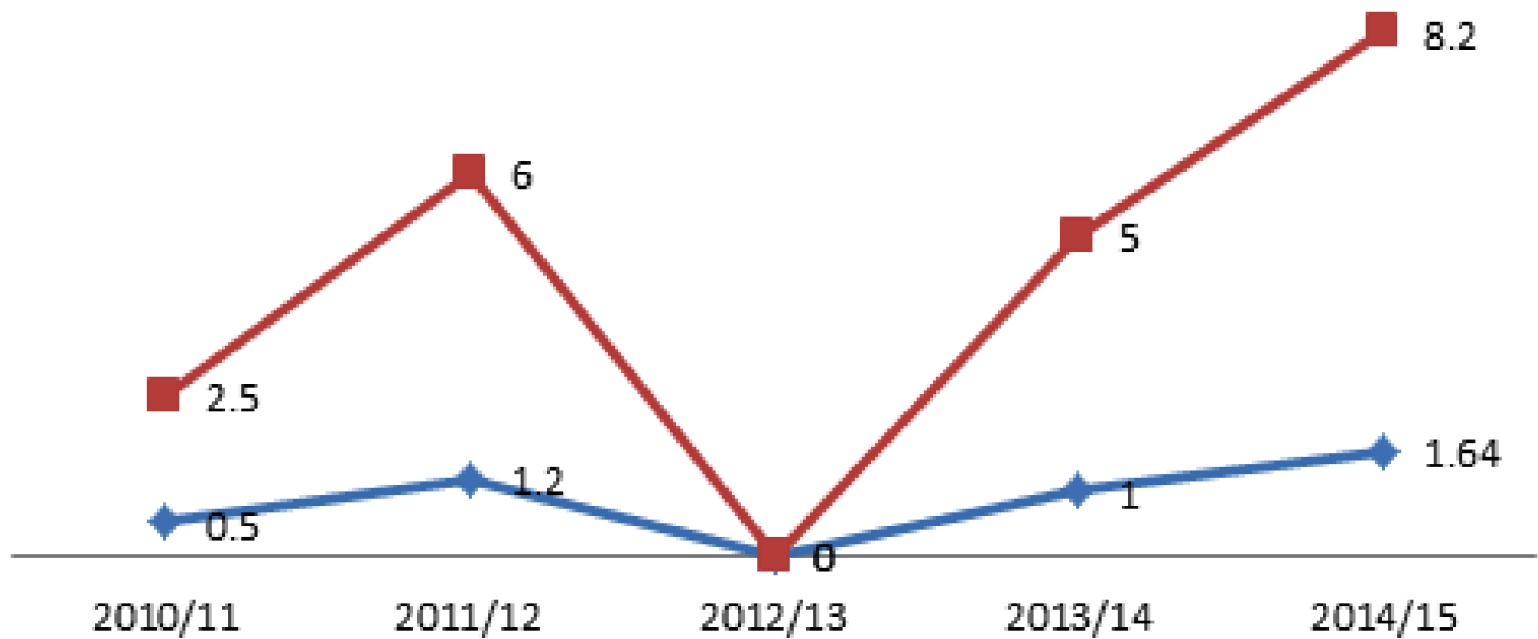
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A heart ache not a heart failure.....

Trend of National FP Budget

◆ Own source (B. Tshs.) ■ Percent of annual needs



Building on Achievements (2012/13)

We made assumptions – We saw success

- Favourable budget trend in past years, govt **would** allocate more;
- FP2020 initiative – **stimulant** to govt support to FP
- Great **support** from PFPC;
- Great and strengthened FP **partnerships**

Advocacy tactics Jan-April 2012

- Meetings with key people in ministries (*Jan-March*);
- Meetings with MP champions – strengthened policy arguments for increased funding – dialogue with MoH Minister, PM; petition to PM (*March-April*); prepared questions for MPs;

Building on Achievements (2012/13)

Working with FP partners: United Voice

- Held meetings with partners – joint sessions with MPs
- Input on TZ commitments to London (April-June)

Breaking News May 2012: No cash for FP

- May 2012 – read “0” shillings on MoH 2012/13 budget
- Abandoned meetings with MPs; ministry officials

Picking the piece - Moving forward

- Facilitated FP stakeholders & MoH Minister – after London Summit – FP actions highlighted (Aug 2012);
- Follow-up on govt pledges/commitments:
 - *Make incremental increase in FP allocations from 2013/14*
 - *Put in place framework contract system to facilitate sustained availability of contraceptives*
- Make FP2020 Global Initiative - AFP's key objective in 2013 scope of work onwards

Reflections....Should we have known?

- **FP2020 Global Initiative** – Govt assumed more donor money coming..... *we did not know that!*
- **Appeal to the heart** - MPs chose funding to support heart center *who else was advocating with MPs?*
- **Budgets are political decisions** – susceptible to all manner of risk – corruption; a private agenda of PM, President; Pressure from above.
- **Heart disease vs family planning** – a middle/upper class problem; a matter of life and death

What should / could we have done?

- **Timing** – Did we have time to turn the asks around and package them within their (MPs) core concern (at that time – heart disease?)
- **Data & Evidence** – Even with these resources, would we have convinced the MPs to pick FP instead of heart disease center issue?
- **If MPs picked FP** – would the govt (PM) consent or would heart disease center decision override MPs request?



Tanzania has the potential to save lives

We mingle...we smile... as we push for change And end up with a heart ache!