



Technical Brief: Aligning country objectives to FP2020

Why do country objectives need to be aligned to FP2020?

FP2020 seeks to enable an additional 120 million women to use modern contraception by 2020. This progress is being monitored at both the global and country levels. The success of the global movement is fully dependent on country achievements. Most FP2020 countries already have country strategies in place that are driving their family planning programs, and FP2020 seeks to build from these existing strategies. However, in some cases, country objectives need to be aligned to allow for monitoring of the key FP2020 objectives. There are three areas that require alignment—countries may need all three, or, none of these depending on their objective.

Aligning country objectives: time period

The FP2020 objective monitors progress towards an end goal in the year 2020. Depending on when country strategies were developed, they may end before the year 2020. In these cases, countries can develop a 2020 goal that is in line with their existing goal. This can be done by:

- Extrapolating mCPR growth from the strategy goal to 2020, based on growth rates suggest by the strategy
- Holding the mCPR goal constant from the strategy to 2020, especially if the existing goal is already highly ambitious
- Developing a new 2020 goal based on sub-national analysis of progress, and expected acceleration.

Aligning country objectives: modern CPR

The FP2020 objective is based on increasing the number of *modern* contraceptive users. Some countries have a CPR goal that relates to use of any method (including traditional and folk). In these cases, a sub-mCPR goal can be developed based on the proportion of the overall CPR expected to be made up of modern methods by 2020. For example, if a country has set a goal to reach 60% CPR (all-women) by 2020, their goal for modern use may be 50%, assuming 10% use of traditional and folk methods.

Aligning country objectives: all-women mCPR

The FP2020 objective is based on use of modern contraceptives by all women, not just married women. Some countries have a CPR goal that relates to married-women contraceptive use. In these cases, this goal can be adapted to an all-women mCPR goal based on the ratio of all women mCPR to married women mCPR. See the Technical Brief of All versus Married Women mCPR for more details of this alignment.

Updating country FP2020 objectives

Country aligned FP2020 objectives will be updated based on policy changes in country. For example, if a new strategy is released in 2015, the goal from this strategy will replace any prior goal for the country. The aim is to ensure that countries can monitor their own progress against their country-owned objective, while also monitoring their contributions to the FP2020 initiative. The creation of an FP2020 goal is not meant to replace country goals, indeed, many countries decide to monitor both. The important concept is to understand that the two are related.