



## Health Sector PROJECT PROFILE

July 2013



*Building on its predecessor, the Health Policy Initiative, HPP helps to create an enabling environment for FP/RH through multisectoral engagement and coordination.*

### PROJECT SNAPSHOT

*Implemented by:* Futures Group, CEDPA, Futures Institute, PPD ARO, PRB, RTI, and WRA

*Duration:* 2010 – 2013

*Total Funding:* \$4.0 million

*Beneficiaries:* All Jordanians, especially women of reproductive age and all socioeconomic groups

*Geographic Coverage:* Nationwide

### BACKGROUND

The Health Policy Project (HPP) is a five-year program aimed at establishing an enabling environment for the provision of high quality family planning and reproductive health (FP/RH) services by increasing political commitment and resources for addressing population issues and FP/RH service provision. HPP supports the Higher Population Council (HPC), Ministry of Health (MOH), and other key stakeholders to create an enabling environment for FP/RH service delivery through improved multisectoral engagement and coordination, data use, and policy reform. Ultimately, Jordanian women of reproductive age in all socioeconomic groups will benefit from an enhanced policy environment that facilitates access to a wide range of contraceptive choices and encourages continuation of modern FP use. Ensuring health equity is a key consideration to the approach and annual milestones for all HPP program activities.

### ACTIVITIES

- Strengthen the Government of Jordan (GOJ) policy environment and support policy implementation for FP/RH
  - Develop the National RH/FP Strategy for 2013–2017
  - Reduce policy barriers to FP/RH service delivery by supporting the MOH and other stakeholders; address socioeconomic policy-related barriers to FP uptake; and strengthen the stewardship role of the MOH
  - Support financial analysis and planning for FP/RH for strategic planning purposes with the MOH; monitor the budget process; and address regulatory barriers to contraceptive registration, distribution, and procurement
- Strengthen the advocacy capacity of HPC, MOH, and key stakeholders to increase support for FP through awareness-raising and policy reform initiatives
  - Strengthen the HPC's capacity to develop and implement a joint advocacy strategy with partners
  - Provide ongoing technical assistance to HPC to develop its organizational advocacy strategy and communication skills
- Support the HPC and MOH to develop and use tools and data to inform advocacy efforts and policy planning
  - Assist HPC to update, disseminate, and use existing advocacy tools



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*HPP supports the HPC and MOH to develop and use tools and data to inform advocacy efforts and gain greater political support of FP/RH issues.*

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- Document the RAPID Model (Resources for the Awareness of Population Impacts on Development) methodology, to institutionalization RAPID use at HPC
- Develop RAPID/Land Use and Energy Models to meet the demand for sustainable development and program planning

## PROGRESS & ACHIEVEMENTS

As of July 2013, the project has completed the following key activities:

- Assisted the HPC in developing its Reproductive Health Action Plan II, adopted in January 2012.
- Supported HPC in developing a National Strategy for increasing RH/FP uptake in 2013–2017 to ensure sustained progress and consistent policy monitoring and accountability.
- Formed the MOH FP policy task force to support its efforts to create and operationalize policies for improving FP/RH uptake and service delivery, and target advocacy at reducing policy barriers to service delivery.
- Assisted the HPC in organizing and coordinating the first National FP/RH Symposium in Jordan, in September 2011.
- Trained MOH staff to use FamPlan and DemProj software to estimate contraceptive and budget needs for strategic planning and mobilizing financial support.
- Held advocacy and communication trainings for the HPC, MOH, Jordan Association for Family Planning and Protection (JAFPP), media representatives and key stakeholders across the country.
- Assisted the HPC in disseminating sector-specific advocacy tools such as the RAPID models developed under the HPP predecessor, the Health Policy Initiative.
- Co-developed a Birth Spacing brief and educational booklet with HPC, as part of the national advocacy strategy to promote healthy birth spacing.
- Provided logistical analysis to support streamlined procurement policies and initiated the process to operationalize more efficient procurement of MOH contraceptives through the UNFPA.
- Conducted two policy analysis workshops to build national stakeholders' capacity in collaborating across sectors to implement RH/FP and Demographic Opportunity policies.

## PARTNERS

- Higher Population Council
- Ministry of Health
- Jordanian Association for Family Planning and Protection