Update on the Francophone PAC Secretariat
Historical Process

1997-1998: Operations research (Burkina Faso and Senegal)

2002: Conference of the Francophone Regional Initiative for PAC
- Exchange of experiences
- Best practices for the introduction and implementation of PAC services
- Creation of the Secretariat of the Regional Francophone Initiative for PAC
- Development of action plans
- Senegal, Burkina Faso, Guinea – most advanced countries
- All countries were facing difficulties whatever the level of evolution they were
- Need to assess progress and identify challenges

2004: Focal Points Meeting of the Initiative

2006: Meeting of partners to accelerate the development of PAC in Francophone Africa
- Exchange of experiences

2006: Case study/assessment in Senegal
- Assess the extent to which the MSH supported extension of PAC services has occurred
- Document the model for service extension, lessons, and challenges that will inform national global replication and scale-up efforts
- Assess the achievements of USAID Postabortion Care Working Group’s financial investments in the extension of PAC services in Senegal
Historical Process

2007: Assessment of the progress of the Francophone African Initiative for Postabortion Care

- Assess the situation of PAC in 6 countries
- Analyze the successes and obstacles in the process of introducing PAC in the country
- Make recommendations for the key steps for successful introduction and institutionalization of PAC

2008: First Inter-country workshop on PAC

- Restitution of the evaluation's results
- Developing country action plans

2013: Evaluation of the PAC program in Burkina Faso, Guinea, Senegal and Togo

- To determine the most appropriate process to strengthen family planning services after abortion at the country level and between countries during the implementation of national action plans defined in 2008
- To determine how national action plans have been implemented to determine what worked, what did not and why, at the country level and between countries

2013: Second inter-country workshop on PAC

- Restitution of the results of the evaluation of PAC program: “Saly 2008 to Saly 2013”
- Monitoring the implementation of the action plans from the 2008 workshop
- New thoughts on the opportunity to revitalize the Secretariat
Why strengthen Postabortion FP in Francophone Africa?

Comprehensive PAC services imply FP counseling

Pilot studies (1997-1998): counseling for more than 90% of PAC patients → 83% accepted in Burkina Faso while 76% in Sénégal

Situation in 2008:
- Sénégal (56%), Niger (83%), Mali (61%), Burkina Faso (51%), Guinée (46%), Togo (39%)

Current situation (2013):
- Sénégal: 47.6%
Why strengthen Postabortion FP in Francophone Africa?

Potential causes of low use of family planning in PAC in Francophone Africa

- Lack of human resources?
- Disorganisation of services?
- Deficiencies in counseling and provision of contraceptive methods?
- Lack of adapted policies?
- Sociocultural considerations?
- Financial obstacles?
- Geographic barriers?
Why strengthen postabortion FP in Francophone Africa?

Experiences in Egypt and Kenya have shown that the best PAC-FP integration model was to put contraceptives in the treatment rooms.
What solution?

Create a sub-regional framework for promoting the use of family planning in PAC, particularly long-acting methods.

Revitalize the Secretariat, with basically the same mission, but with a new format.
Current goal of the Secretariat (under the PAC-FP Project)

Improve the environment at the national and regional levels for scaling up high quality of Post-Abortion Care Services in the seven countries, by focusing on strengthening the family planning component.
Structure of the Secretariat

**Advisory Committee**

*Includes*
- Institutions such as WAHO, WHO, USAID, UNFPA, the Ouagadougou Partnership, Multi-country or Regional Projects (EngenderHealth-Agir PF, JHPIEGO, IntrahHealth), etc.

*Role and objectives*
- Advice and assistance to the orientation of the actions of the Secretariat
- Relay with partner institutions in the country
- Support for resource identification

**Technical Committee**

*Includes*
- Members from research and clinical training institutions as well as gynecologists and midwives professional societies

*Role and objectives*
- Make recommendations for a harmonized and efficient practice of PAC in the subregion
- Promote research and the collection of evidence to improve the quality of services
- Support advocacy to enhance the accessibility and quality of services

**Policies and Funding Committee**

*Includes*
- Representatives of the Ministries of Health of the member countries

*Role and objectives*
- Support initiatives to improve the quality and coverage of PAC in the subregion
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- Promote good practices in the scaling up strategies of PAC
- Propose approaches to increase funding for PAC services
- Support advocacy to enhance the accessibility and quality of services
Operating Model

- Annual or biannual meetings (subject to availability of resources)
- Remote meetings (phones, skype, gotomeeting or equivalent)
- Webinars
- Exchange and resources platform on PAC
Secretariat relay at country level

Existing national committees which promote maternal health

- Support the development of appropriate standards and protocols
- Encourage the integration of PAC in national policies and strategies for Maternal Health
- Capitalize the opportunities offered by the political, legal and administrative environment, as well as other strategies
- Advocate for improving the policy, legal and financial environment for PAC and FP
- Advocate for scaling up PAC quality
- Promote PAC as a lever for the use of family planning
Target countries

Member countries of the Ouagadougou Partnership (9)

Priority countries (2016-2017):
Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte-d’Ivoire, Guinea, Niger, Senegal, Togo

Haiti

Other countries in Central Africa
Activities already done

Several meetings with: WAHO, WHO, ICM, Ouagadougou Partnership, MOH and USAID in Senegal, IBP

Participation to the first follow up visit after the 1st ECOWAS Forum on Best Practices in Health, organized by WAHO and IBP

Participation to the biannual FIGO regional workshop on PAC

Rapid assessment in some countries

First workshop for revitalizing the Secretariat
Next steps

- Conduct a situational analysis in the seven priority countries
  - Analyze data
  - Propose action plan drafts for each country

- Return the results in each country
  - Finalize national action plans

- Organize the second workshop of the Secretariat
  - Validation of the action plans of the Committees Secretariat
  - Pre restitution and discussion of the results of the situational analysis

- Extending concepts of promoting change and scaling up
Next steps

Follow up and support the implementation of sub-regional and national action plans

Conduct a study on improving the accessibility of contraceptives in PAC services (Senegal)
Merci! Asante! Thank you!

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