PMA2020 Publishes Results From Ethiopia

Findings from the first round of the Performance Monitoring and Accountability (PMA2020) Ethiopia survey, an innovative mobile-phone-based survey, show impressive progress for Ethiopia’s national family planning programs. Since the most recent Ethiopia Demographic and Health Survey (EDHS) in 2011, the modern contraceptive rate among married women has increased markedly from 27 to 33%; representing a 6% increase in just three years.

Gains in contraceptive use are highest in rural areas and among the poorest segments of the population. PMA2014/Ethiopia also found marked increases in the use of more effective long-term methods, such as implants, with an increase from 12% to 16% of the method mix.

Moreover, the survey’s findings reveal that the average number of children per woman in Ethiopia has steadily declined from 5.5 in 2000 to 4.4 in 2013. Furthermore, the unmet need for family planning has sharply declined from 25% in 2011 to 19% today. Unmet need is highest for women in the poorest wealth quintile.

These results were announced yesterday at a national dissemination workshop held at Elily International Hotel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The study is being implemented by the Addis Ababa University School of Public Health, College of Health Sciences in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health of Ethiopia and the Central Statistics Agency. Drs. Solomon Shiferaw and Assefa Seme are the co-Principal Investigators from Addis Ababa University. Financial and technical support is provided by the Bill and Melinda Gates Institute at Johns Hopkins University.

You can read the full two-page brief at: http://www.pma2020.org/sites/default/files/PMA2014Ethiopia_Round%20One_FP_Brief.pdf

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Performance Monitoring and Accountability 2020 (PMA2020) is a 5-year project, implemented by the Bill & Melinda Institute at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The survey is being conducted in 10 countries in Africa and Asia and supports the FP2020 commitment to meeting the family planning needs of 120 million women by 2020. Ethiopia is one of the first countries that successfully launched the program in relatively short period of time. The survey is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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