Faith-based organizations (FBOs) are key healthcare providers and advocates, delivering a significant proportion of primary health care services, including reproductive, maternal and newborn care. These organizations also hold a special place in their societies, bringing credibility and moral authority to policy discussions. Yet, they frequently lack adequate support and investment—especially as vocal advocates for family planning.

Faith + Family Planning is a flexible source of advocacy funding and technical support for Southern FBOs. It is underpinned by the AFP SMART approach and aims to hold governments accountable for providing quality family planning (FP) and reproductive health (RH) services.

**SNAPSHOT**

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USD 950,000 DISBURSED

27 AWARDS IN 10 COUNTRIES

OVER THREE YEARS, FAITH + FAMILY PLANNING FUND PARTNERS ACHIEVED:

- **Five** subnational FP budget allocations amounting to USD 562,205
- **Three** subnational FP costed strategies approved in **two countries** (with pending strategies in **two additional countries**)
- **Two** wins to expand FP access at service delivery points
- At least **17 internal advocacy** wins within religious institutions or commitments generated from religious leaders to support FP in **seven countries** and at regional level

**COMMON ADVOCACY THEMES:**

- Internal advocacy within religious structures and commitment from religious leaders
- Development of FP tools and resources from a faith-based perspective
- Subnational FP costed implementation plans
- Adolescent and youth access to contraceptive information and services
- Budget allocations for FP

**ADVOCACY WINS**

**BENIN**

- Mayor of rural commune of Adjarra allocates approximately USD 1,500 in fiscal year 2016 for the promotion of FP in the commune.

**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

- Three corporations—each with over 1,000 employees—commit to working with the Ministry of Health to include FP in their employee health services.
- Parliament of South Kivu province approves a RH budget with USD 210,000 allocated for the purchase of contraceptives in fiscal year 2017.

**KENYA**

- Nakuru County develops comprehensive Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health framework, leading to the creation of a five-year FP costed implementation plan (2017-2021) launched in March 2017.
- Nakuru County allocates KES 34.8 million (USD 338,000) for reproductive health in 2016/2017 budget.
- Kilifi County allocates KES 5 million (USD 48,000) for family planning in 2016/2017 budget.

**UGANDA**

- Mityana District approves and launches FP costed implementation plan (2016-2021) in September 2016. Additionally, the district establishes a FP technical working group to coordinate and monitor execution of the plan.
- As a result of advocacy with district officials in Mityana District, sub-counties increase FP budget allocations from UGX 6.8 million (USD 2,000) in 2015/2016 to UGX 36.7 million (USD 10,000) in 2017/2018.
- Namayingo District establishes a dedicated FP budget line with an allocation of UGX 16 million (USD 4,705).
- Namayingo District recruits 16 additional midwives, appoints a FP expert to support midwives and places a government health worker at Catholic St. Martia Health Centre II to provide patients with information on the full FP method mix.
- Namayingo District health officer approves FP costed implementation plan, with formal approval by the District Council expected in 2018.
- Kiko sub-county of Kabarole District passes a bylaw to prevent early marriages and early pregnancies.

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