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Mozambique Family Planning Emergency Distribution Project

Strengthening supply chains to ensure rapid and reliable delivery of family planning commodities during supply disruptions.

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Introduction

Mozambique's family planning supply chain experienced major disruptions in 2025 following reductions in external financing, including cuts to U.S. Government support. These disruptions exposed gaps in emergency distribution capacity and threatened access to essential family planning commodities, particularly for rural and under-reached communities. Health facilities across the country experienced shortages and challenges distributing available commodities. As a result, many women and girls faced reduced access to family planning services.

Further, family planning commodity stocks declined substantially between 2024 and 2025 across several key provinces. The largest reductions were observed in:

- Nampula - 81% decline
- Inhambane - 77% decline
- Maputo City - 68% decline

Without improvements to supply chain performance and emergency distribution capacity, disruptions in the availability of family planning commodities increase the risk of unintended pregnancies, reduce access to condoms that help prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and erode trust in public health services among women and girls.

IMPACT STATEMENT

By strengthening emergency distribution systems, the project helps ensure that women and girls continue to access essential family planning services, even during funding disruptions or supply chain shocks.

Project Response

To address these disruptions, the **Central Medical Stores (CMAM)** and **VillageReach**, with support from the **Gates Foundation**, are implementing an emergency distribution initiative to strengthen the delivery of family planning commodities to health facilities. The project aims to stabilize commodity availability while strengthening the Government of Mozambique's capacity to manage outsourced transport systems.

Key areas of work include:

- Commodity distribution,
- Strengthening management and monitoring of outsourced transport services and
- Capturing operational lessons and cost data to inform long-term supply chain improvements.

"The project was initiated at a critical moment, as floods in Mozambique underscored the urgent need to invest in integrated solutions—both public and private—that ensure the timely delivery of medicines and medical products to the most under-reached communities." –

Rotafina Donco, Country Director, VillageReach Mozambique

The evidence generated through this work will support the Government of Mozambique in evaluating transportation models and engaging stakeholders in selecting an affordable, effective, integrated and sustainable national approach to health commodity distribution.

"Before this project, we often lacked basic family planning supplies. But now with the project in place, we have a variety of contraceptive methods available, giving clients the opportunity to choose the family planning method that best suits them." Judite Mapandzene, Pharmacy Technician, Goba Health Center, Maputo Province.

Strengthening Access for Rural Communities

Through this partnership, family planning commodities and family planning commodities are delivered reliably on time and in full to health-facilities serving rural and under-reached communities.

This work helps maintain access to reproductive health services for millions of people and strengthens the sustainability of Mozambique's health supply chain systems through improved tools, accountability mechanisms and decision-making processes.

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