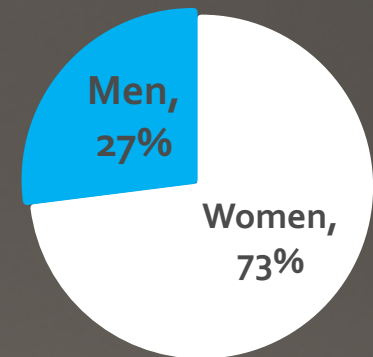


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Why vasectomy? Why now?

- 2015 ICFP search
 - 49 presentations including the term “Male Involvement”
- Demand for permanent methods is increasing
 - Desire to limit family size exceeding desire to space in 18 countries
 - Limiters are getting younger
 - Van Lith, et al., 2013
- **We will never reach the FP 2020 goals without increasing the role of men as users and/or supportive partners.**

Men's global share of contraceptive use



It hasn't changed since 2005, and may be going down

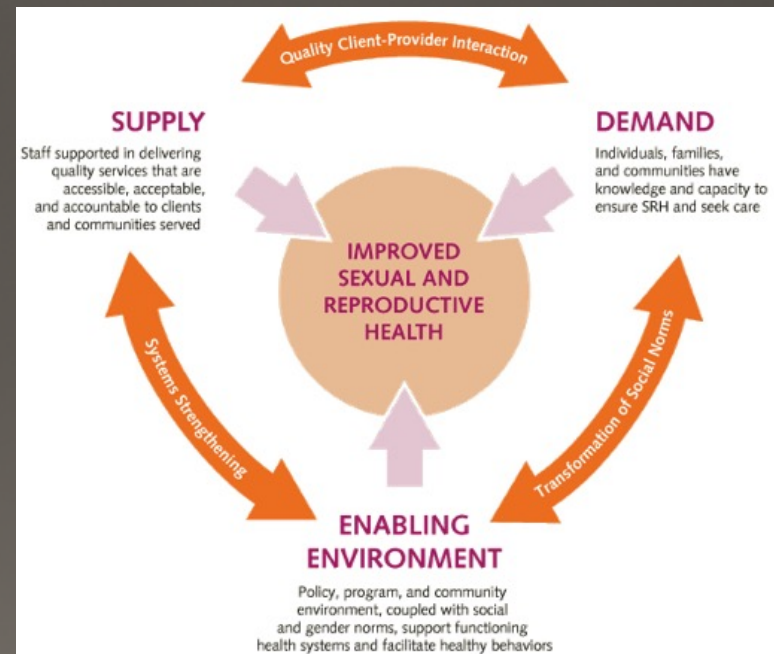
Where do men fit into this picture?



Review of Literature

Goal: Synthesize common barriers and facilitators to vasectomy uptake and identify recommendations to strengthen future vasectomy promotion efforts

- Extensive review conducted
 - Dynamic search terms,
 - Multiple search engines,
 - Personal outreach by team to implementers
- 75 documents reviewed (peer-reviewed and gray literature)
- Applied SEED model to several documents



Demand

- Knowledge, attitudes, and intention
- Examples of increasing demand
 - Promote the benefits, community-based and mass-media campaigns, employer-based promotion, group counseling
- Market segmentation
 - Different messages with different goals for different audiences



Supply Findings

- **Providers' knowledge and attitudes**
- Increasing/improving provision
 - Promoting the evidence-based techniques, whole site trainings (**male friendly services**), exploring task shifting, cascade training, mobile outreach, tools to assist in program planning



Enabling Environment Findings

- Barriers to adoption
 - Social norms against vasectomy
- Facilitators
 - Multi-level engagement, gender transformative messaging

	Current Method Mix*	Method Mix* including 5% vasectomy CPR
Cost per CYP	\$5.51	\$4.70
Total CYP	9,036,214	10,485,275
Unintended pregnancies averted	2,602,430	3,019,759
Maternal deaths averted	17,592	20,414
Infant deaths averted	153,543	178,166
Unsafe abortions averted	467,917	542,953
Abortion case-fatalities averted	2,433	2,823

Costed Implementation Plans: Strengthening investments in family planning
Tools and guidance to develop and execute multi-year family planning plans
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The image shows a green banner for the 'CIP Resource Kit'. It features a clipboard icon with a checklist, a dollar sign, and a bar chart. The text includes the title 'Costed Implementation Plans: Strengthening investments in family planning', a subtitle 'Tools and guidance to develop and execute multi-year family planning plans', a 'Learn More' link, and the text 'Aussi en français' at the bottom left. A 'CIP Resource Kit' logo is on the right, and a progress indicator with five dots is at the bottom right.

Discussion

- Need to include men in a comprehensive RH agenda, without undermining the gains made for women
 - Increase reproductive health education for young men on the range of methods, their side effects and effectiveness
- Improve intake counseling
 - Reduce provider bias and ease conversations about men's reproductive health
- Explore new demand generation activities
 - Explore social media's full capacity
 - Serial dramas
 - World Vasectomy Day

