Social and Behavior Change Impacts Family Planning through Integrated Interventions

Approximately 30% of database articles describe interventions integrating family planning (FP) with other health areas, including malaria, water sanitation, sexually transmitted diseases, child immunizations and general health. Of these, approximately 80% are FP-HIV integrated programs.



Highlights from the literature: Integrated programs contribute to FP gains

Training staff and peer educators to address FP with clients at HIV clinics increased contraceptive method use from 17% to 37% in Kenya.¹





Water Sanitation volunteers incorporating FP activities, role-plays and referrals into their home visits and educational sessions increased men's FP use from from 44% to 63% in El Salvador.²

Incorporating contraceptive education into a rural farmer's cooperative micro-loan group in Nepal meant 54% of participating members used contraception, compared to only 9.1% of non-participating members.³



By coupling intimate partner violence reduction efforts with activities to increase contraceptive communication among couples, the CHARM project in India led to doubled

contraceptive uptake among those participating in male-only and in male-only and couple sessions, compared to those receiving no interventions. 4



Integrating targeted FP messages via a job aid, and same-day counseling referrals, into vaccination visits in Liberia increased new contraceptive users by 90% and 73%, respectively, in two

intervention sites.⁵



These and more articles on integrated FP SBC interventions are available in the HC3 FP Evidence Database: https://healthcommcapacity.org/family-planning-evidence-database/

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