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RHO Mission

We are a center of learning and leveraging that partners to improve the health status of vulnerable populations in West Africa through sustainable, evidence-based solutions.



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What is New and Different

RHO will accelerate progress towards health goals by:

- Emphasizing “regionality” and scale-up of effective programs, as represented in the RDCS
- Serving as a catalyst and building pathways to scale for select High Impact Practices (HIPs)
- Leveraging additional funding and technical resources through innovative collaborations and strategic partnerships with private sector, Global Fund, World Bank, other donors and partners
- Building on USAID Bilateral Missions’ programmatic achievements, investments, and progress in the region
- Replicating and scaling up HIPs through regional & global platforms - WAHO, Ouagadougou Partnership (OP), FP2020, PEPFAR, JURTA
- Developing new activities including Ebola Preparedness, GHSA/One Health and Health Financing



FP

- Provision of FP services through Community-Based Distribution (CBD)
- Postpartum FP, including post-abortion care/ integrated services
- Adolescent and youth friendly contraceptives services

HIV

- Comprehensive Package of Services (CPS)
- Commodity Security Early Warning System
- Unique Identifier Code (UIC)



Snapshot of Health Indicators

- Nine out of the top 15 countries with highest maternal mortality ratio are in WCA
- Highest total fertility rate: more than 5 children per woman in the region
- Contraceptive prevalence rate less than a third of the world average
- HIV rates among key populations are 17 to 30 times higher than the general population
- Over 11,000 deaths from Ebola in West Africa; Preparedness index for the next outbreak in the sub-region averages around 58.7%



Problem Statement and Major Issues

- **With a mCPR annual percent point growth <1%**, population expected to at least double by 2050 in most countries, and triple in some (Niger, Nigeria); More than 45% live in urban areas; More than 40 percent of the population in the sub-region is under 15
- Maternal mortality rates 5x greater than world average and infant mortality almost 2x greater than world average
- HIV is concentrated in key populations, which drives the epidemic, and fewer than 25% of individuals living with HIV have access to treatment
- Health Information Systems in West Africa are fragmented and the unavailability of real time surveillance data impedes response to cross-border epidemics
- Policy, regulatory and financing environment, alongside a weak evidence base for policy formulation, is an obstacle to accelerating progress in health
- Financing and investment are weak - domestic, donor, and private sector.



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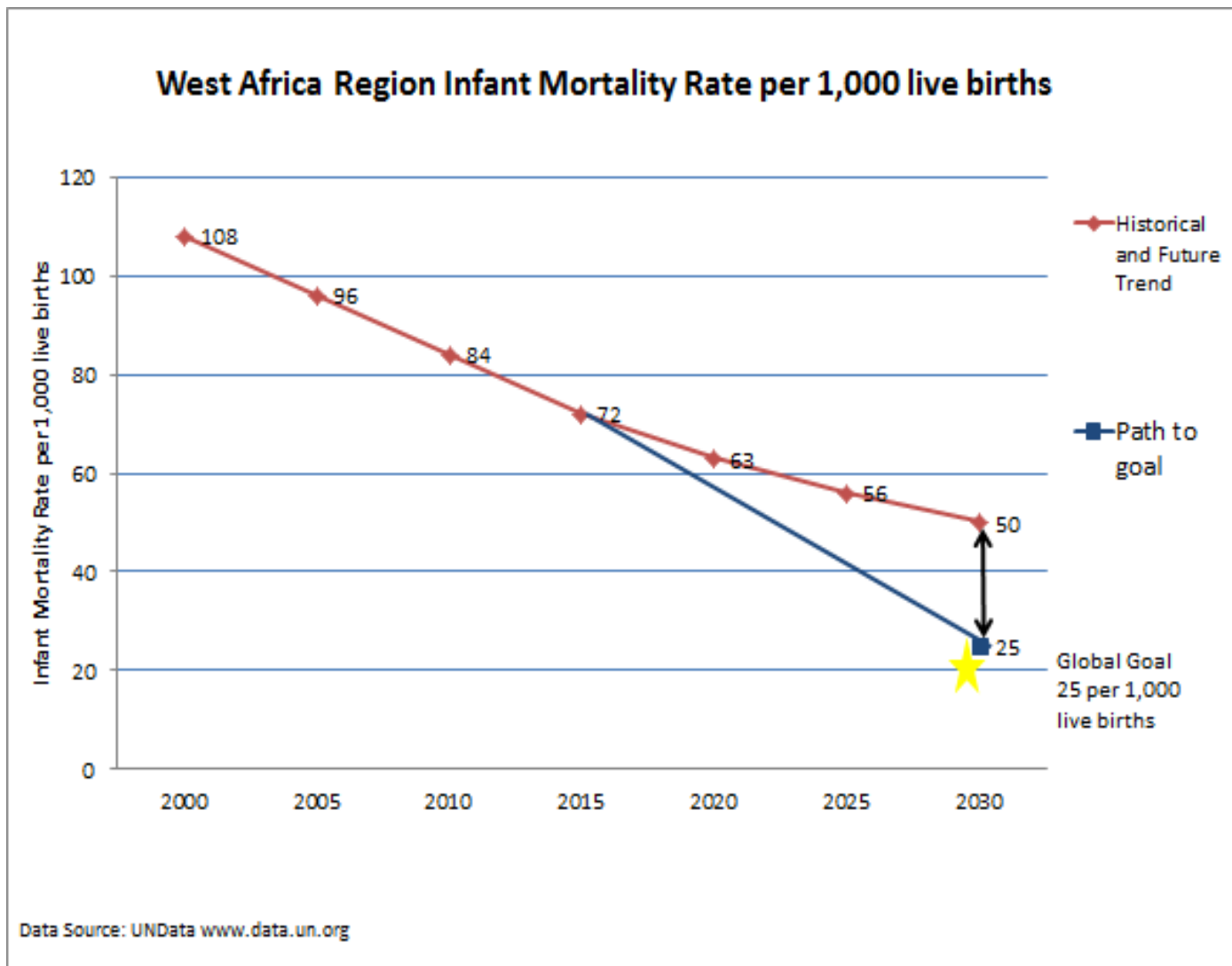
Development Hypothesis

- If high impact practices are scaled up through national and regional partners; and
- If the enabling environment at the national and regional levels is strengthened for health; and
- If more strategic and innovative partnerships are developed to create scale and demand for targeted health services;
- Then utilization of quality health services will be increased, and progress towards regional and global health targets will be accelerated.



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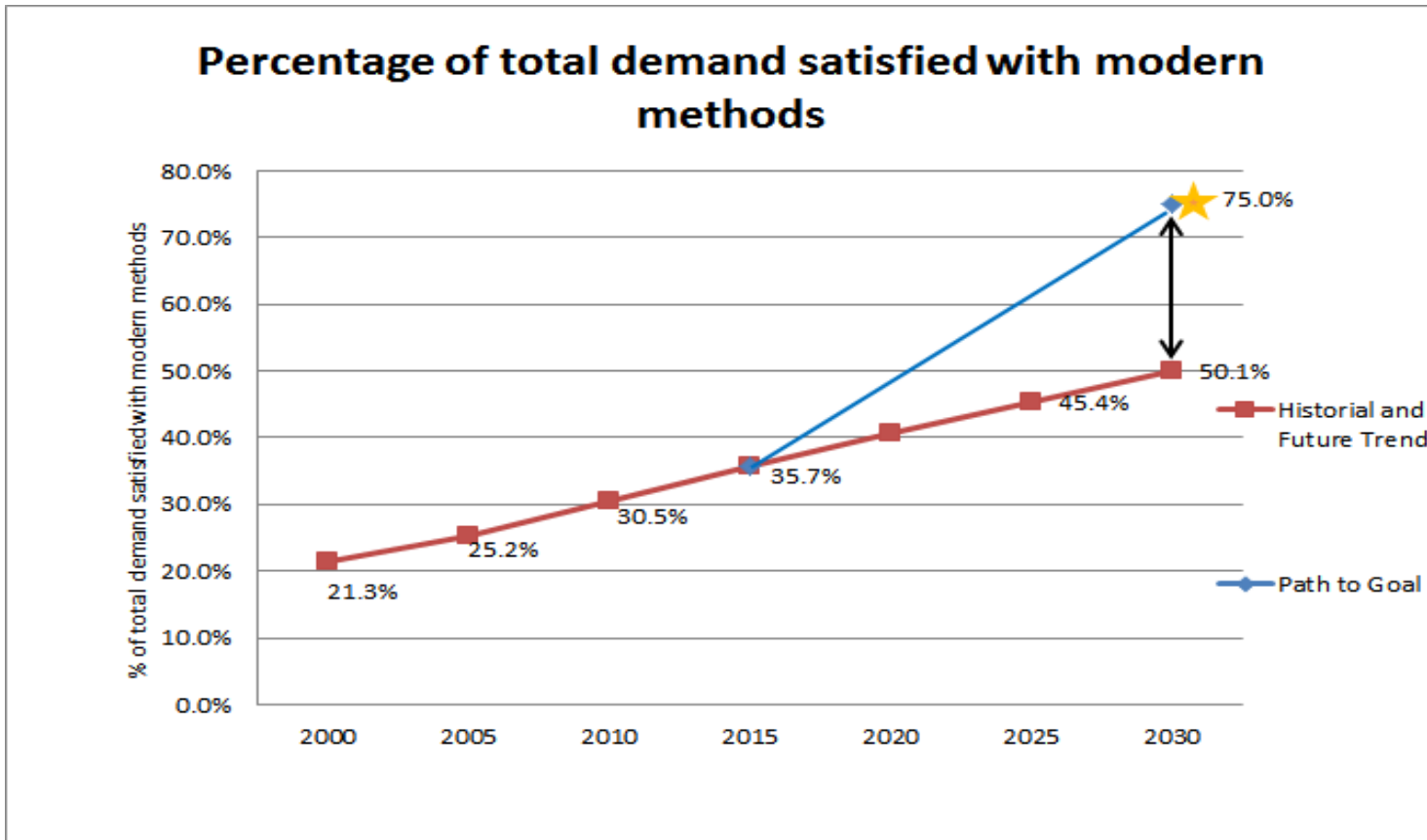
Data from 15 ECOWAS Countries + Mauritania and Cameroon





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FP West Africa Region Indicators

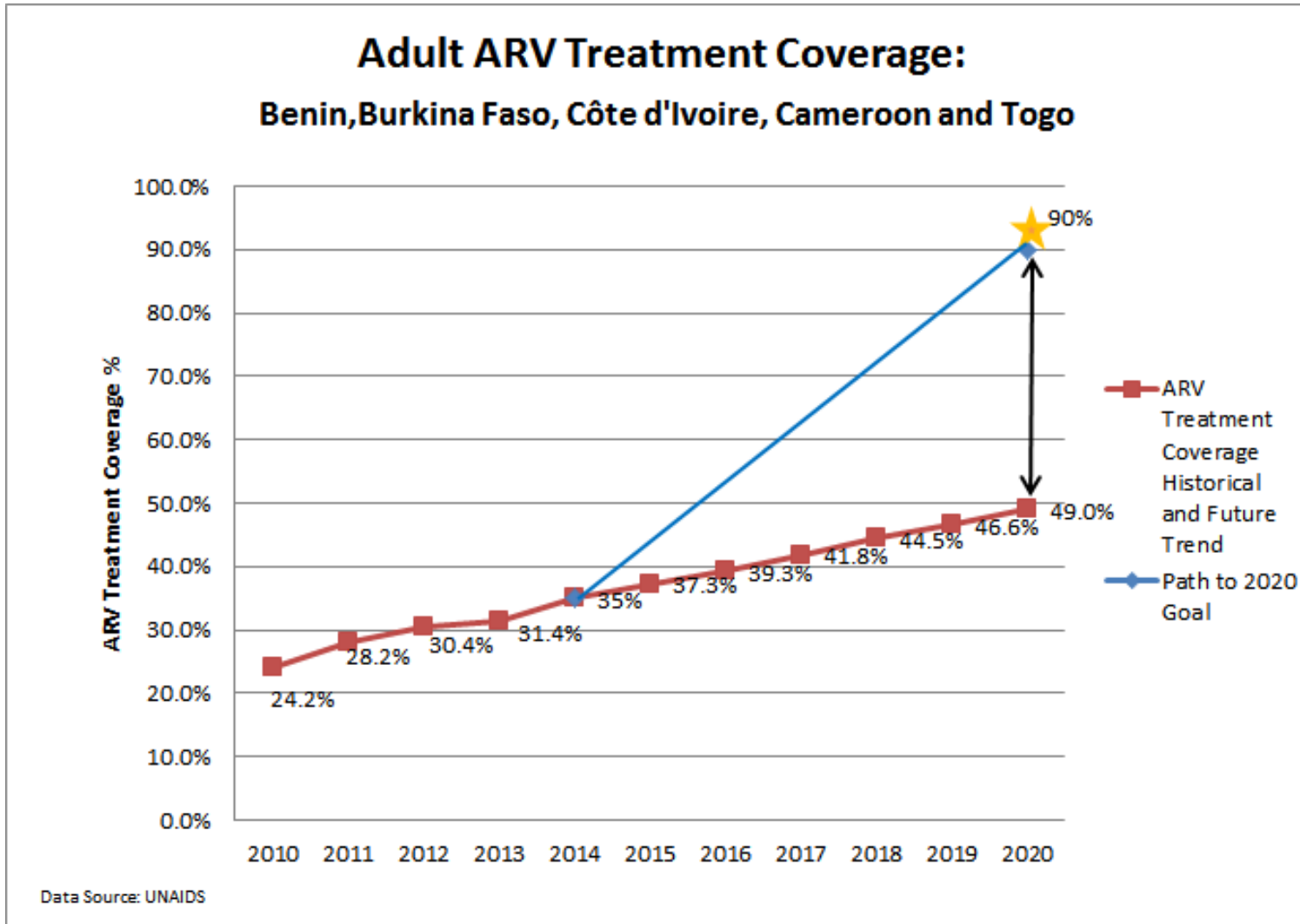


Data Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2015). Model-based Estimates and Projections of Family Planning Indicators 2015. New York: United Nations.



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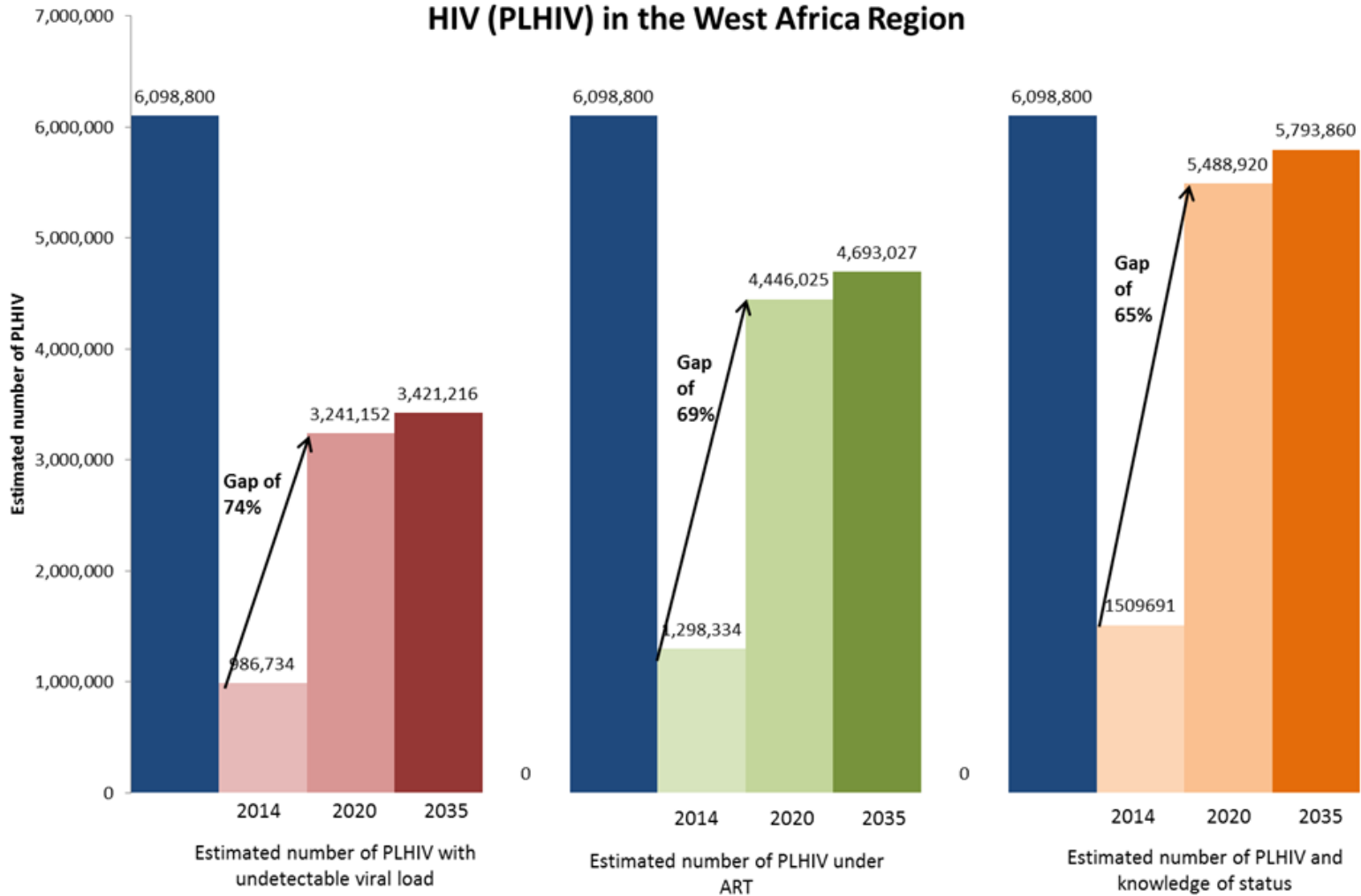
HIV Focus Country Indicators: Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon and Togo





Progress towards 90/90/90

Current indicators and future goals of estimated number of people living with HIV (PLHIV) in the West Africa Region



Data Source: UNAIDS



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Stakeholder/Strategic Partner Ownership



*Transforming our world: the
2030 Agenda for
Sustainable Development*



Mission: The attainment of the highest possible standard and protection of health of the peoples in the sub-region through the harmonisation of the policies of the Member States, pooling of resources, and cooperation with one another and with others for a collective and strategic combat against the health problems of the sub-region



A global partnership that supports the rights of women and girls to decide, freely, and for themselves, whether, when, and how many children they want to have.



PLANIFICATION FAMILIALE
Le Partenariat de Ouagadougou

To reach at least one million new users of family planning methods in the nine francophone West African countries by 2015.



**EVERY WOMAN
EVERY CHILD**

A global movement to save and improve the lives of millions of women and children around the world



Investing in our future

The Global Fund

To Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

A partnership organization designed to accelerate the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as epidemics

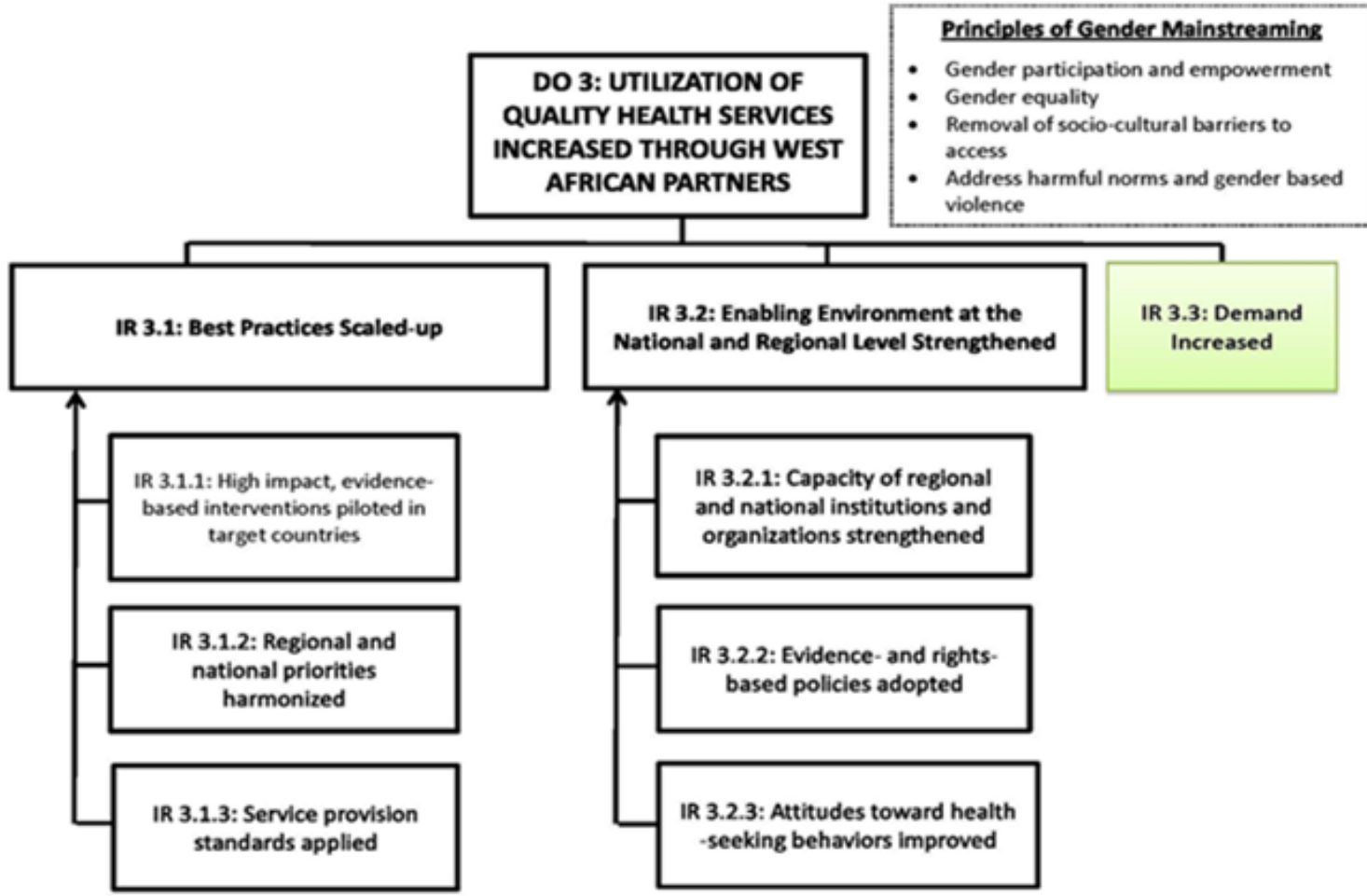


**ENDING PREVENTABLE
CHILD AND MATERNAL DEATHS**
A PROMISE RENEWED

Brings together governments, civil society, the private sector and individual citizens to stop women and children from dying of causes that are easily avoidable.



Alignment to RDCS



Contribution of Other Partners



To increase the utilization of quality health services in West Africa through West African Partners

Purpose

1. To identify, replicate, and bring scale to high impact practices in multiple countries through a variety of approaches and through engagement of national and regional partners

2. To advocate and support policies, standards and regulations at national and regional level which establish a supportive enabling environment for the implementation and scale-up of high impact health programs and practices

3. To increase the demand for quality health services

Illustrative Outputs Across Technical Areas

- Selected HIPs piloted
- Increased capacity of national and regional partners to identify, pilot, implement and scale up HIPs.
- Evidence on HIPs collected, analyzed and disseminated
- Governments and private sector replicate HIPs
- One Health Approach promoted/endorsed in West Africa.

- Increased technical and financial resources for FP
- Implementation of the Dakar Declaration
- Institutional and individual capacity strengthened to develop, implement and monitor policies
- Regional Health Information Systems Center of Excellence established
- Targeted policy barriers removed

- Increased demand for FP/RH services
- New approaches using technology piloted and evaluated
- Increased demand for HIV Testing and Counseling (HTC) services

Illustrative Inputs Across Technical Areas

- Provide TA and capacity building to identify and implement selected HIPs
- Conduct research and analysis to build the evidence base for implementing and scaling up HIPs
- Facilitate regional and south-to-south learning
- Expand and develop partnerships with both the public and private sector to scale -up HIPs

- Support advocacy for improved policies and financing for FP and HIV/AIDS
- Provide technical assistance to regional and local partners for the development, harmonization, monitoring and implementation of policies
- Develop opportunities and establish regional public private partnerships for sustainability and scale

- Expand partnerships with stakeholders to increase the demand for quality health services
- Utilize technology to strengthen demand for FP/RH services for youth and HIV/AIDS services for KP

RHO Leadership

USAID/RHO staff to establish strategic partnerships, synthesize and disseminate lessons learned, facilitate communication among USAID missions/offices in the region and leverage technical and financial resources from key stakeholders, (other missions, private sector, bilateral and multilateral donors).



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Analytical/Consultation Requirements

The approach will be informed by:

- Global knowledge of family planning/reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, GHSA, health financing, and capacity building of local partners
- Lessons learned from ongoing programming
 - **Performance monitoring data**
 - **Performance evaluations:** Performance Evaluation of USAID's Contributions in the Strengthening of the Institutional and Technical Capacity of the West African Health Organization 2003-2011; PACTE-VIH Mid-Term Evaluation 2015, USAID AWARE II Internal Performance Evaluation Aug 2012
 - **Assessments:** FP Costed Implementation Plans, mHealth in West Africa: A Landscape Report, DHS Reports, mHealth for Family Planning in West Africa: A Needs Assessment and Costed Solutions,
 - **Studies:** Examining Risk Factors for HIV and Access to Services among KP in West Africa; AgirPF Baseline Study (Burkina Faso, CDI, Niger, Togo)
- **Consultations and lessons learned from bilateral missions, implementing partners, private sector, other USG Agencies/Departments & UN organizations**
- Still needed: Environmental Analysis, Sustainability Analysis, Gender Analysis, Geographic Analysis (GIS, Ripple Effect)



External Stakeholder Input

- Based on inputs and comments from stakeholders/implementers in the region, this concept may be adapted or changed.
- Stakeholders may also have evaluations or data to share to inform the development of this concept.
- Stakeholders may have input as to effective partnerships which would advance these strategic goals
- Stakeholder input will be sought with a) stakeholder meeting and b) various consultations as appropriate and c) electronic sharing