SUPPORT TO THE DOH IN EVIDENCE-BASED POLICIES TO PROTECT VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

One aim of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) 2018 to 2021 strategic plan is to strengthen national data systems and improve demographic intelligence. This will help provide governments with critical information in decision making, especially in crisis situations such as Covid-19. In the Philippines, UNFPA contracted ThinkWell for the project, “Support to the DOH in Evidence-based Policies to Protect Vulnerable Populations: Mapping Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Funds Flow and Evidence Generation for the COVID-19 Response.”

MAPPING SRH FINANCIAL FUND FLOWS

As part of the project, ThinkWell supports the Philippines' government to quantify and map fund flows for sexual and reproductive health (SRH), specifically for family planning (FP). This mapping will help estimate the additional resources needed for reaching the national goals. Because of the devolved delivery of essential primary care services such as FP, there is also a need to understand and document funds flows at a local level. The mapping of the FP fund flows at a local level is also a first for the Philippines and has the potential to become a model for global fund flow mapping.

As the Philippines strives to improve its delivery of family planning services, especially for the underserved, mapping the financial flows for family planning is timely and significant.
STRENGTHENING EVIDENCE GENERATION AND USE

We provide technical assistance to the Department of Health (DOH) to strengthen their coordinating role in evidence generation and utilization during the pandemic. This demographic intelligence will help ensure that marginalized population groups, whose pre-existing vulnerabilities are compounded by Covid-19, do not become more marginalized because of the pandemic.

To generate evidence around the Covid-19 response, we assist the DOH in mapping and addressing knowledge gaps for effective policy making and programming during the pandemic. We’re developing a system to identify priorities for data analysis, coordinating contributions from stakeholders, and communicating to decision-makers data analysis insights.

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