



# USAID | DELIVER PROJECT

## Success Story

# Mauritania: Collaborates with UNFPA to Leverage Resources



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Moor women enter a clinic in the Trarza Region of Mauritania.

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In 2013, in Mauritania, the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT (the project), in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and partners, conducted a contraceptive security assessment. The assessment revealed several key challenges for the country to achieve contraceptive security. They need a defined logistics system for contraceptives, capacity in supply chain management and quantification, and coordination around contraceptive security. These shortcomings have led to widespread stockouts of contraceptives at service delivery points.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the primary donor for contraceptives in the public sector, is also a primary supporter of family planning activities in Mauritania. The project has developed strong coordination mechanisms with UNFPA in Mauritania, including developing a joint work plan for fiscal year 2014.

### Results of coordination:

- UNFPA saved approximately **U.S.\$317,000** on contraceptive procurement in 2014 and 2015.

In January 2014, 2015, and 2016, the project provided technical assistance to the MOH to revise the national contraceptive quantification. The quantification results in 2014 and 2015 enabled UNFPA to reduce their preliminary orders, which saved money and avoided significant overstocks for several products.

- In 2015, USAID committed to funding for Implanon and Jadelle for Mauritania to avoid stockouts.

Strong collaboration with UNFPA, both globally and in Mauritania, allowed the project, in early 2015, to identify the risk of stockouts of Jadelle and Implanon. To avoid stockouts, USAID then stepped in and funded both products.

- UNFPA agreed to provide **\$19,000** toward training in logistics and quantification for **20** MOH and nongovernmental organization (NGO) staff.

The project and UNFPA jointly funded training in logistics and quantification for 20 central- and regional-level MOH and NGO representatives. One training participant stated, “. . . this workshop gave me the necessary skills in logistics management to assure the availability of health products.” The funding commitment, part of the joint work plan, allowed the project to expand the scope of its planned activities.

- UNFPA has been supporting integration of contraceptives into the storage distribution network of essential medicines, and to support that process the project designed a new logistics system for contraceptives. This system was piloted in two regions starting in 2014. Following an assessment of the pilot conducted by the project in July 2015, required updates were made, and the MOH is rolling the new system out.

To support the rollout of the new system, the project funded the training of 20 national trainers and the training of health system staff in four regions, and continued to partner with UNFPA to monitor the roll out of the new system. The MOH is meeting with UNFPA and other partners to mobilize funds for scaling up to other regions.

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