### Template E: Overview of the Health System Building Blocks and Comprehensive SRH Considerations

This template provides a list of what should be considered for each building block of the health system and a checklist for self-reflection. A fully editable version of this template is available as a Word document or Excel worksheet online at [https://iawg.net/misp-to-csrh/templates.](https://iawg.net/misp-to-csrh/templates)



**Health system building block**

**When planning for comprehensive SRH services, collaborate with all stakeholders to:**

**Checklist for self-reflection:**

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| **SERVICE DELIVERY** | Identify SRH strengths and needs in the community  Identify suitable sites for SRH service delivery | * What demand generation activities exist for communities and how are they prioritized? * What are the barriers faced by hard-to-reach populations when accessing services? * How are health care delivery services organized to ensure services are close and accessible to the population? How does the referral system work? * When designing new facilities, how are buildings planned, including their locations and equipment; utilities, such as power and water supply; waste management; transport; and communication and information systems? |
| **HEALTH WORKFORCE** | Assess staff capacity  Identify staffing needs and levels  Design and plan staff training | * How are health workers organized for effective service delivery at the different levels of the system (primary, secondary, tertiary)? Is there a system to monitor and improve their performance? * How are training programs designed? Are they stand alone trainings or integrated into a training larger strategy or program? * If the emergency escalates suddenly in your setting, is there a plan as to how to scale-up the workforce? * Is there a retention plan for an effective workforce, within dynamic local and international labor markets? |
| **HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM** | Build upon estimated demographic data to collect more specific SRH information  Include SRH information in the health information system | * Is it possible to generate population and facility- based data: from censuses, household surveys, civil registration data, public health surveillance, medical records, data on health services and health system resources (e.g., human resources, health infrastructure and financing)? * Do operations have the capacity to detect, investigate, communicate, and contain events that threaten public health security at the place they occur, and as soon as they occur? * Is there capacity to synthesize information and promote the availability and application of this knowledge? |
| **MEDICAL COMMODITIES** | Identify SRH commodity needs ☐ Does the health system that you work in ensure  equitable access to essential medical products, Strengthen sustainable SRH vaccines, and technologies of assured: commodity supply lines - Quality,   * Safety, * Efficacy and cost-effectiveness, and * Scientifically sound and cost-effective use? * Are there efforts to strengthen local supply lines for SRH commodities that meet the criteria listed above? |
| **FINANCING** | Identify SRH short and long- ☐ Are there any plans for raising additional funds  term financing possibilities where health needs are high, and where revenues  have been insufficient?   * Do populations you cater to spend out-of-pocket for health services? Is there an estimate of how much? * Do vulnerable and low-income groups have access to needed services, in the form of social protection/ health insurance? * How would you rate efficiency of resource use in your operations by focusing on the appropriate mix of activities and interventions? * What mechanisms do you have in place to monitor health expenditure? |
| **GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP** | Review SRH-related laws, ☐ Are all specific technical policies/guidelines to  Policies, protocols guide partners available and up to date?  Coordinate with the Ministry of ☐ Are trends analyzed periodically to study patterns?  Health ☐ Are there regular national-level discussions on policy issues?  Engage communities in ☐ How are regulations relevant to your settings accountability enforced?   * Is there duplication of services in your setting which can be avoided? * Are there any mechanism for hearing feedback from clients on services provided? |