

Contraceptive Security Indicators Survey

Leadership and Coordination

National Contraceptive Security Committees

The leadership and coordination section of the survey recognizes that for contraceptive security (CS)/reproductive health commodity security (RHCS) to become a reality, stakeholders who are involved in contraceptive financing, procurement, and distribution must work together to promote sustainable, effective, and efficient service delivery and supply chain systems.¹ For instance, one of the indicators measures the existence of a national committee that works on contraceptive security, understanding that an active CS/RHCS committee at the national level can play an important technical and/or political role by coordinating stakeholders and showing country commitment towards sustained national CS/RHCS². These committees range from advisory to active decision-making and implementation bodies and may integrate family planning (FP) commodity security with that of other health areas such as maternal and child health or essential medicines.



WHO IS DOING WHAT?

To fully capture the distinct practices and responsibilities undertaken by each country's national CS committee, the CS Indicators survey prompts respondents to submit details on the key functions and roles their committees fulfill. When amalgamated, the answers depict some common themes that reflect certain shared goals across national boundaries:

- ✓ Improve and expand access to family planning services and commodities
- ✓ Forecast, monitor, quantify, and analyze national contraceptive commodity needs
- ✓ Make recommendations for FP and contraceptive commodity needs
- ✓ Review supply plans, procurement status, and distribution channels
- ✓ Monitor stock levels and mitigate stockouts

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
WORKS TO

“Monitor and analyze the stock of products locally and centrally; forecast the country’s annual contraceptive needs; ensure the financing and timely payment of the purchase of products; and guarantee the management and distribution of products to health centers.”

Cape Verde National CS Committee
2021 CS Indicators Survey Response

- ✓ Ensure adequate financing
- ✓ Identify advocacy needs for additional resources and policy change
- ✓ Coordinate between government and FP stakeholders
- ✓ Strengthen M&E procedures for continuous improvement and quality services
- ✓ Oversee the implementation of a national FP plan

The objectives listed above were ubiquitous among all surveyed countries, but two countries also listed these additional responsibilities for their committees:

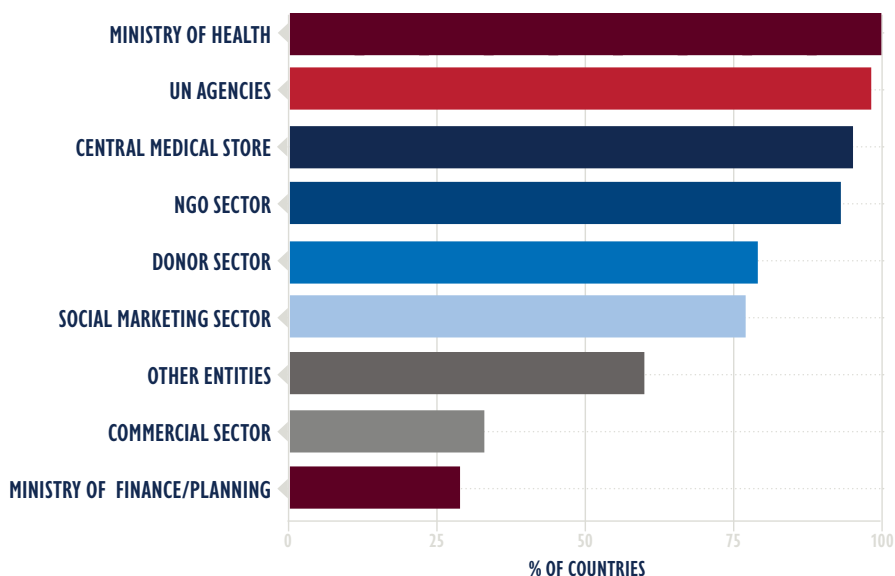
- 1 Sharing best practices, and
- 2 Ensuring the functioning of a Logistics Management Information System.



WHO SITS ON THE COMMITTEES?

Multiple sectors are represented in the contraceptive security committees. These include primarily government ministries of health and ministries of finance, UN agencies and other donors, central medical stores, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), social marketing organizations, and the commercial sector. Government agencies, UN agencies, and NGOs are the entities that most commonly participate in CS committees, while 60 percent of surveyed countries reported the following types of other entities that participate:

- ✓ Educational institutions
- ✓ Research institutions
- ✓ Midwifery and gynecological associations
- ✓ Religious institutions and faith-based organizations
- ✓ Other government agencies such as ministries of education, population, and youth
- ✓ Civil society organizations such as economic development associations, rotary clubs, women's groups, and health advocacy organizations covering areas such as family health, women's health, persons living with HIV, and health consumers.



Each of the visualized indicators related to leadership and coordination is listed below:

- Existence of a committee that works on contraceptive security
- Participation in the CS committee by sector
- Legal or administrative status of CS committees
- Frequency of CS committee meetings in the past year
- CS committee activity



To find more information about how national CS committees are bringing stakeholders together to make CS a reality, visit the Leadership and Coordination section of the CS Indicators Survey online dashboard and the 2021 CS Indicators Survey report.

¹Data For Impact, Family Planning and Reproductive Health Indicators Database. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://www.data4impactproject.org/prh/sexual-and-reproductive-health/> ²Ibid.