

Contraceptive Security Indicators Survey

# Policy

## Strategic objectives related to contraceptive security



National strategies can help indicate the level of government commitment to contraceptive security (CS) and influence national practices that can promote or hinder CS. Countries with national strategies dedicated to CS or reproductive health (RH) can make the sectors more accessible and available and ensure clients know they can reach them. The indicators in this section attempted to gather information on which countries have national strategies in place and what objectives were targeted by the strategies. Depending on the nature of the RH sector, some countries may emphasize different priorities, such as aiming to increase sustainability, meeting supply and demand, increasing contraceptive prevalence, etc.

### WHAT ARE WE AIMING FOR?



To fully capture whether contraceptive security is being promoted by each country's national strategies, the CS Indicators survey prompts respondents to submit details on the key objectives related to RH, CS, or family planning (FP). Within the countries surveyed, **96%** of respondents indicated that their **national strategy included objectives for CS**. Only two respondent countries indicated that their national strategies did not specifically include objectives for CS.



Many of the CS strategic objectives highlighted by countries included similar themes and priorities:

- ✓ Improve the modern contraceptive prevalence rate (mCPR)
- ✓ Increase availability and access to FP services
- ✓ Maintain or decrease stockout rates
- ✓ Ensure an adequate variety of FP contraceptive methods (method mix)
- ✓ Reduce unmet need for FP
- ✓ Promote coordination between government and stakeholders
- ✓ Maintain or increase FP/RH budgets
- ✓ Decrease maternal, neonatal, and childhood mortality rates
- ✓ Promote access points to FP services

THE GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF THE FAMILY PLANNING STRATEGY 2021\*2025 IS TO

**“guarantee universal and equitable access to all family planning methods (traditional and modern), in order to reduce the [FP] need, particularly within vulnerable populations, and under the framework of human rights and with a total market approach.”**

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To find more information about how policy and strategy can help determine country contraceptive security priorities, visit the Policy section of the CS Indicators Survey online dashboard.



Online Dashboard