



PSP-One Scope of Work Ukraine Private Health Sector Assessment

BACKGROUND

Ukraine is experiencing family planning issues that are common to many of the countries in the former Soviet Union, as well as some other countries which fell under the influence of the Soviet Union:

- A very low fertility rate – which gives rise to macroeconomic concerns of a decreasing and aging population.
- A low level of modern contraception. Ukrainian women report a prevalence of 68%; however, only 38% of couples used a modern method. The balance of 30% use traditional methods with a high failure rate.
- A dependence on abortion to control fertility.
- Inequities in access resulting in a large differential between the rich and the poor in use of modern methods.

The report: “Assessment of Reproductive and Maternal Health in Ukraine” sums up the problem:

A one-child family is rapidly becoming the norm in Ukraine. The majority of women do not want additional children, and yet most women do not use the most effective long-term methods. Therefore, there is a significant gap between women’s stated fertility intentions and contraceptive method choice. This gap helps explain why abortion levels continue to be high despite the increasing use of contraception. Furthermore, a large proportion of couples lack adequate knowledge about the effectiveness and safety of modern contraception, resulting in inappropriate method choice given fertility intentions or ineffective or no use of methods.

In short, Ukraine suffers from contraceptive insecurity. Contraceptive security exists when people are able to reliably choose, obtain and use high quality, affordable contraceptives and condoms for family planning and HIV/AIDS/STI prevention. This is a goal to strive for, requiring ongoing commitment and continuous progress. It approaches security from the client’s perspective. Unless people can choose, obtain, and use the contraceptive methods and condoms they want, there is no contraceptive security.

RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEM

From 1995 to 2000, USAID/Ukraine supported the Women’s Reproductive Health Initiative (WRHI) to improve use of modern family planning and to reduce abortion. The institutional infrastructure and availability of reproductive health and family planning services was improved as a result of upgrading providers’ skills, providing contraceptive supplies, facilitating policy dialogue among governmental and nongovernmental entities, and creating a training-of-trainers program. Following the WRHI, USAID/Ukraine’s focus was expanded to maternal and infant care. Attention has continued on national-level policy change and advocacy with the Policy Project, PDG, and URHN, with less focus on implementation of family planning programs. There is some continuing support to Women’s Wellness Centers in the MOH system and Ukrainian Railways clinics through the American International Health Alliance.

Few donors have supported family planning projects in Ukraine, nor have they addressed family planning issues to a comprehensive extent. Few ongoing projects directly address family planning/contraceptive security. For example, UNFPA has developed a program for 2003-2007 and is seeking funds to work with government and non-governmental counterparts in the areas of provider training and IEC in reproductive health. Some provision of equipment and supplies is envisioned, but contraceptive provision is not. UNFPA is also exploring the feasibility of a national-level condom social marketing project that could expand to contraceptives.

The Government of Ukraine has shown its commitment to family planning and reproductive health by having adopted the National Family Planning Program and now the National Reproductive Health Program (NRHP) for 2001-2005. The outlines of this project support the NRHP and are consistent with the findings of a diverse array of surveys, studies, and other analytical work. From them emerges a clear consensus on the way forwards for contraceptive security in Ukraine.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this activity fall under the USAID/Ukraine's Strategic Objective 5 "Improved social conditions and health status". The primary objective of this activity is to better inform the future design of a USAID reproductive health activity aimed at improving contraceptive security in Ukraine.

METHODS

USAID/Kiev requests PSP-*One* to send a team to Ukraine to conduct an assessment of the private sector's capability and capacity to contribute to contraceptive security in Ukraine. The following issues will need to be addressed:

Contraceptive Security:

- Availability of contraceptives through the Private Sector;
- Affordability of contraceptives through the Private Sector;
- Accessibility of contraceptives through the Private Sector;
- Differences between urban and rural areas in market reach of the private sector;
- Recommendations for further engagement of the private sector in promoting modern methods of contraception;
- Options for public/private approaches to contraceptive supply;
- Options for government and private sector collaboration on contraceptive procurement;
- Estimations of future availability, affordability and accessibility of contraceptives through the private sector.

Logistics System:

Existing private sector logistics systems will be evaluated for their current movement of contraceptives through initial procurement to delivery to the end user. Also to be examined will be the potential for adding contraceptives to the distribution systems for other essential drugs.

LOGISTICS

If needed, USAID/Ukraine shall arrange for a logistician/interpreter to work with PSP-*One* and the team in arranging all in-country travel and transportation (including airport pickup), lodging, assistance with providing key documents, scheduling meetings and appointments, and hiring additional interpreters when needed. Once in country, the team shall schedule additional

meetings as appropriate. USAID/Ukraine shall be available to the team for consultations regarding sources and technical issues, before and during the assessment process.

TIMELINE

USAID/Ukraine anticipates that the entire review would be completed within a seven week period. This would include preparation days, in-country work in Kyiv and the regions, and report writing and finalization.

PREPARATORY MATERIALS

USAID/Ukraine will provide to the team a list of background and other relevant materials to be duplicated and distributed to team members. The team members will be expected to review the materials prior to arrival in Ukraine and will be given preparation time prior to departure from the United States. The materials will include, but not be limited to:

- Recent reproductive health assessment;
- Relevant prikazes addressing reproductive health;
- Materials produced under the USAID funded POLICY project;
- Current national reproductive health program and protocols being developed by the Ministry of Health and draft program and protocols currently under development.

MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS

Orientation Meeting with Mission Staff: The first day of the team's visit will include meetings with Mission staff and other relevant personnel. Among other matters, the Statement of Work will be explained, discussed and amended as appropriate.

Debriefing to Mission staff: Exit meeting with the Mission, including presentation of preliminary findings and recommendations.

DELIVERABLES

The first draft of the final report will be due at end of the team's visit. This draft which will form the basis of the Executive Summary will include preliminary findings and recommendations for Mission review.

Final Report: the team will prepare the final draft of the report for submission and processing to their headquarters staff who will, in turn, solicit further input from the Mission before issuing the final edited report. The mission would like 10 hard copies and an electronic version of the final report by or before December 31. This final report will be considered a public document and upon USAID's discretion may be available both electronically and in printed form to all interested parties.