Partnerships for Action

Working with countries to close the knowledge to practice gap
Why create an IBP initiative?

- Overcoming the transfer and application of knowledge gap
- To take evidence into practice
27 Consortium Members

VALUE ADDED

• Expands the reach of individual members
• Complementary strengths
• Power in partnership
• Re-igniting interest and political will for reproductive health
• Reduces duplication of effort
• Harmonizes approaches

• Academy for Educational Development
• CARE
• Centre for African Family Studies, Kenya
• Centre for Development & Population Activities

• WHO/RHR
• USAID
• UNFPA
• EngenderHealth
• FHI
• IPPF
• IntraHealth
• JHPIEGO
• JHU
• MSH
• Pathfinder International
• Public Health Institute

• CORE
• ExpandNet
• Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University
• International Council on Management of Population Programs
• John Snow Inc.
• Partners in Population & Development
• Population Council
• Program for Appropriate Technology in Health
• Regional Centre for Quality of Health Care, Makerere University, Uganda
• University Research Corp.
• White Ribbon Alliance

• Founding Members
IBP Partners work at the global, regional and country levels

• Global Level:
  – Development of **Fostering Change Guide**
  – Focus on integrating **scaling up** approaches into regional and country activities
  – Knowledge Gateway

• Regional level:
  – Development of a **FP advocacy** tool kit for Africa
  – Assess programmes and share effective **post abortion care** practices in West Africa, Francophone region
IBP Partnership in Kenya:
Reducing maternal mortality in Kenya through FP advocacy, training, and logistics management

- Formation of country team: April 2004
- Development of performance goal: May 2004
- Launch of the IBP initiative: June 2004
- Development of country action plan: June 2004
- Dissemination of results: Dec 2005
- 18 months implementation period: Oct 2006

IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICES IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
Outputs

• **Advocacy**
  – Secured budget line item for RH
  – Increased support for FP at national level

• **Demand creation**
  – Increased awareness on FP at community level
  – Created demand for FP services
  – Improved perception of FP in the communities

• **Training**
  – Enhanced FP and IP knowledge and skills
  – Enhanced adherence to FP service provider standards and guidelines

• **Logistics management**
  – All districts reported no stock outs in at least 3 modern FP methods at any given time
  – Created awareness of value of timely data for decision making
  – District reporting rate went up from 38% to 71% although facility reporting remained low; moved from 16% to 20%
Partnerships...if they work...what do they do?

- Partnering produces a result more than the sum of the parts
- Get a jump on things...don't have to start from scratch
- Can learn from each other
- Waste less money
- Waste less time

To sum up…

*Get longer lasting better results, faster, cheaper*