

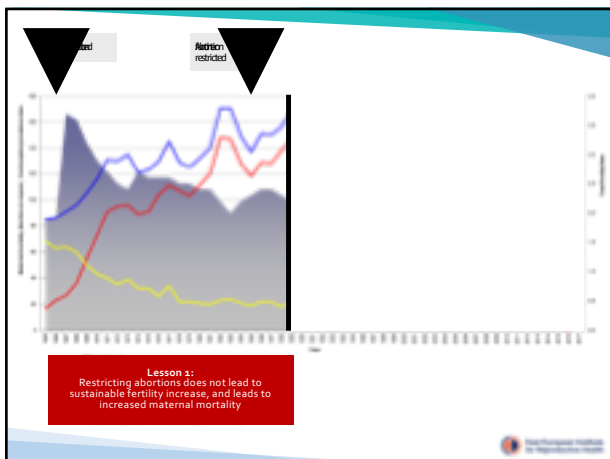
Family planning and contraception in Romania

27 years of experience: results and challenges

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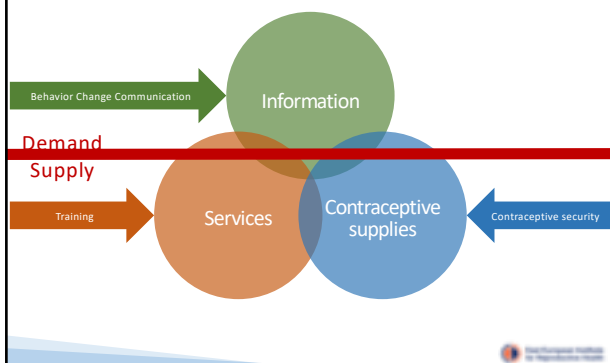
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National Family Planning Program

- Improve regulatory framework and health policies
- Increase access to modern contraceptive methods
- Improve providers' skills for quality services
- Improve management and information systems
- Stimulate demand for family planning services
- Develop innovative models for reaching people in vulnerable groups

A three-pillar approach



Three pillars for a high impact



Free of charge contraceptives

- Decreasing contraceptive donations > public procurement
- Eligibility criteria for free contraceptives
 - Unemployed
 - Women in families that receive social assistance
 - Other people who have no income
 - Students
 - Women with permanent residence in rural areas
 - Women who undergo abortion on request in a public health unit



Targeting the population most in need

Quintile	Urban	Rural	
Poor	3.6%	16.4%	} 92.5%
Near Poor	7.0%	13.1%	
Middle	17.2%	2.7%	
Upper Middle	18.4%	1.6%	} 7.5%
Rich	19.0%	1.0%	
Total	65.2%	34.8%	

Women of reproductive age in need for contraception.

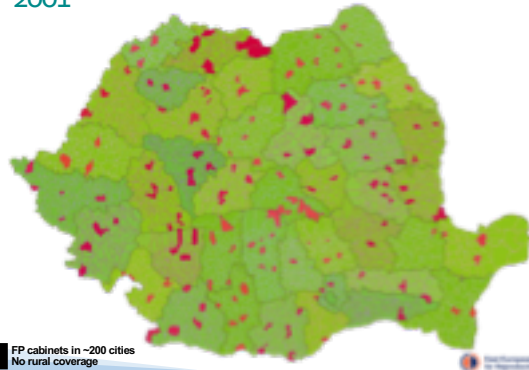


Training of health professionals

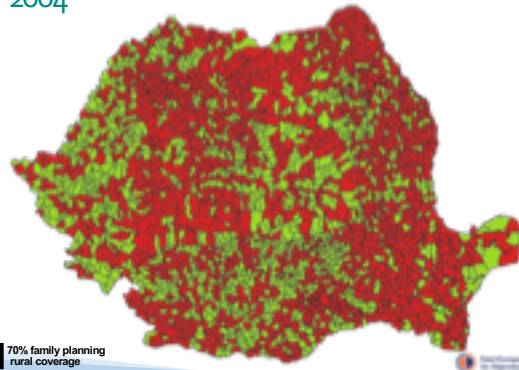
- Curricula developed and accredited for
 - Training techniques / training of trainers
 - Family planning advanced counseling for trainers
 - Family Planning training for PHC Providers
 - MIS/Logistic Management training
 - Postabortion contraception training
- WHO guidelines included into the training packages (eligibility criteria for contraceptive use, evidence-based dispensing protocols for contraceptive methods)



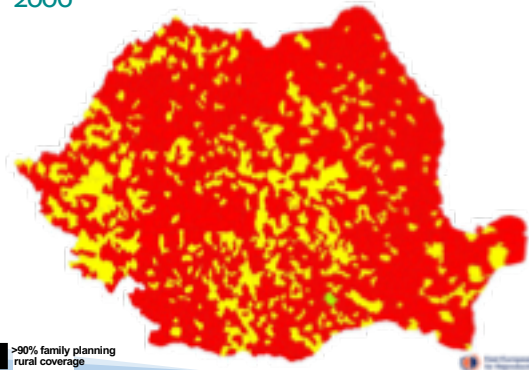
Coverage with trained FP providers 2001



Coverage with trained FP providers 2004



Coverage with trained FP providers 2006

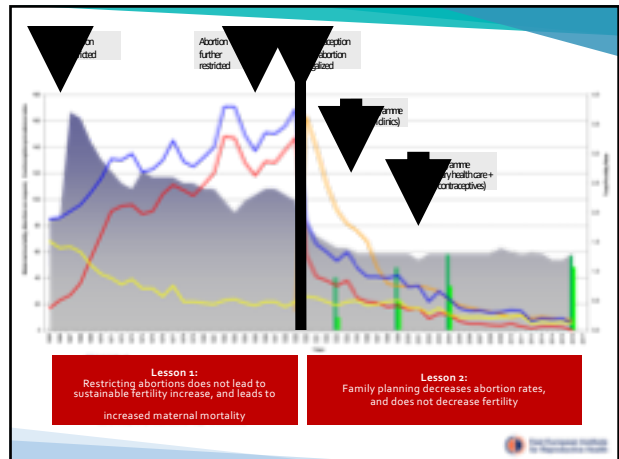


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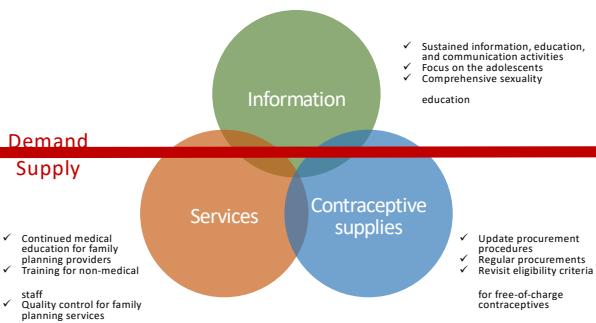
- Local information campaigns – unique message
- New family planning service marketing – posters, campaign logo
- Information campaign for target population about modern methods – brochures, flyers
- Campaign targeting mass media – “Contraception – a daily subject” included WHO guidelines presentation and distribution to media professionals
- Mandatory health education in Romanian schools, including education on reproductive health issues



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Challenges and priorities



thank you!