FP2030 Regional Hubs: Frequently Asked Questions

Transition of the FP2030 Secretariat

Could you clarify (what/how) the country engagement team will complete the handover to regional hubs during 2022?

The regional hubs will start their staffing process with the launch of the two regional hubs in Africa in March 2022. The Washington DC-based staff will begin handing their portfolio of work over to the regional hub staff as they come on board. We anticipate that all the hubs (North, West and Central Africa; East and Southern Africa; Asia; and Latin America and the Caribbean) will be fully operational by the beginning of 2023.

Will we have contact with the global teams directly? If so, how? How will global, regional, and national level be connected?

For focal points and other commitment makers, your most frequent point of contact may be at your regional hub, but technical resources will convene and be shared at the regional and global level. The details of this structure are still forthcoming, and we will share more as we learn more.

FP2020 was a global secretariat. Is FP2030 as well?

No, FP2030 is a global support network as opposed to a secretariat. FP2030 will work alongside partners globally, through the new regional hub model, to lift up their work and provide needed support to advance their commitments and goals.

How will the Support Network function through the regional hubs?

Where are the hubs going to be based?

So far, three regional hubs have been announced: a North America and European Hub hosted by the United Nations Foundation in Washington, DC; a North, West, and Central African Hub hosted by Population Council Nigeria in Abuja, Nigeria; and a East and Southern African Hub hosted by AmRef Africa in Nairobi, Kenya.

How will the Hub work at the regional level? What will the staff structure be? Will there be a role for youth engagement?
The day-to-day duties and operations of the regional hubs are still being worked out, but we can say that each hub will be led by a Managing Director who will oversee strategy and engagement. In addition, we anticipate there will be a team that includes staff support for advocacy, communications, country engagement, youth engagement, and data and measurement. Staffing decisions will be made primarily by the host institutions of the regional hubs.

What are specific tasks/support of the regional hubs for implementing the country commitment?
Regional hubs' country engagement will be centered around the development, operationalization, and monitoring and tracking of commitments. The specific manner of this engagement will be determined by regional context and need, as well as discussions with each commitment making country. Regional hubs will also work with country focal points to identify technical experts and resources at the regional level.

When will the Africa hubs be operational?
We anticipate that the two regional hubs in Africa will be fully operational in the third quarter of 2022.

Will there still be focal points? Will the same focal points remain?
The Focal Points structure will be sustained for continuity as regional hubs are operationalized in order to maintain and foster relationships at the regional and country levels. Focal Points will connect regularly with the regional hub Managing Director and staff.

Focal Points will continue reporting on progress and raising questions through FP2030 for the global FP community to consider and respond to, as well as exchange information with other country teams through regional knowledge sharing. Focal Points are asked to share important feedback on FP2030’s work with the Executive Leadership Team to continue improving the roles of the regional hubs.

Once regional hubs are fully operational, the focal point structure may be reevaluated and adapted to better serve each regional and country’s need and context.

Is there a mid-term evaluation mechanism that examines off-track achievements, and is there a follow-up/assistance plan? Could we get assistance from the Global Secretariat?
There will be an annual commitment reporting process for both country and non-governmental commitment makers so it can be an opportunity to identify barriers and bottlenecks hindering progress, and to work with partners at the country, regional and global levels for problem solving. The details of these processes are still in discussion and to be determined across the regional hubs.

**What Work Will The Hubs Focus On?**

Many countries face significant funding gaps that threaten their abilities to meet their FP2030 commitments. Does FP2030 have a plan to address this challenge?

Financial has been and will continue to be a priority for the global support network. FP2030 has launched a Donor Engagement Group to align the donor community in addressing funding challenges and opportunities. The group focuses on:

- Alignment of donors in the global family planning ecosystem
- Annual presentation from and discussion of global family planning funding data with Kaiser Family Foundation and the Expert Advisory Group on International FP Expenditures, to inform progress and future alignment
- FP2030 funder engagement, resourcing, and coordination
- Opportunities for advancing the FP2030 agenda (including sustainable financing for family planning)
- Strategies for encouraging wider engagement of funders (including those outside the health sector) with the FP2030 movement
- Other issues relevant to the broader family planning agenda and the intersection with SRHR

**How will FP2030 support countries to address the global challenges on contraceptive supplies in the new partnership?**

FP2030, at its core, is a partnership of dozens of international actors - including many in global supply chains and supply chain coalitions. FP2030 representatives sit on UNFPA Supplies and the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition to advocate for stronger, more resilient supply chains. With this background and strong partnership with major supply chain actors, the FP2030 support network is able to work with commitment makers to help achieve their goals related to supply chains.

**Will FP2030 still develop tools for improving family planning advocacy (e.g the RAPID TOOL)?**
FP2030 already has many tools available for family planning advocacy, and the global Support Network will continue to work closely with advocacy networks - as commitment makers and as other stakeholders and partners. More details around how these relationships will adapt in this new structure are still to be determined.

**Will Track20 continue to support countries in tracking core indicators and other FP data in FP2030?**

Track20 will continue to work with the FP2030 Global Support Network, but the details of this relationship are still being finalized. We will share more details as soon as they are known.

**Family Planning In A Regional Context**

**What support would the FP2030 partnership provide to countries where family planning is a sensitive political topic?**

The FP2030 Global Support Network will be locally led and globally supported; we will work through its regional hubs to ensure countries are given the most relevant support and resources in their own regional context.

**What could the FP2030 partnership do to address growing opposition and attacks on SRHR and FP globally? What kind of work will the partnership implement?**

Our partnership is made up by governments and organizations that represent a diversity of viewpoints. As such, FP2030 has always and will continue to find ways to talk about family planning in a variety of contexts, but advocating for the same thing: a world in which everyone is able to make their own informed decisions regarding their reproductive future. It is our goal that regional hubs will be able to specifically cater messaging to their regional contexts and provide the best support to countries in that region, with added expertise provided from the entire global support network.

Additionally, the Support Network will continue to amplify High Impact Practices (HIP) in Family Planning as well as advocacy best practices when available, to make sure FP2030 commitment makers have the tools they need to advocate for family planning in their country context.

**In the OP region, will the hub be different from the OPCU?**

Yes, the North, West, and Central Africa Hub, located in Abuja and hosted by Population Council Nigeria, will operate as its own entity, separate from the OPCU. However, as the FP2020 Secretariat has worked closely with OPCU to catalyze
progress in the region, the Global Support Network as well as the North, West, and Central Africa Hub will continue to partner with the OPCU.

**Are there any plans to expand the Ouagadougou partnership in regions such as central Africa?**

FP2030 cannot speak to the specific plans of the Ouagadougou Partnership. But, the North, West, and Central Africa Hub looks forward to working closely with the OPCU in a collaborative partnership, and it will also work with countries that are not members of the Ouagadougou Partnership.