

Concept Note

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Title: Implementation of Integrated Intervention Packages to Strengthen Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Service Provision in Primary Health Facilities of Arba Minch Town, Southern Ethiopia

Background / Problem Statement

Although adolescent sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services are available in primary health facilities in Arba Minch Town, utilization among adolescents remains suboptimal. Key barriers include limited privacy, negative provider attitudes, fragmented service delivery, and inadequate access to reliable information, which collectively discourage adolescents from seeking care. Addressing these challenges by strengthening adolescent-friendly service models is essential to improve accessibility, quality, and uptake of SRH services among young people.

Objective: To employ implementation research methods to identify barriers and evaluate the feasibility, acceptability, and effectiveness of integrated intervention packages aimed at enhancing adolescent SRH service provision in primary health facilities of Arba Minch Town.

Implementation Research Approach: This project will adopt a participatory implementation research design, actively engaging adolescents, healthcare providers, and facility managers in the co-design, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive intervention package. Key components of the package will include:

- **Provider Training:** Enhancing healthcare providers' skills in delivering adolescent-friendly, nonjudgmental SRH services.
- **Peer Navigator Program:** Supporting adolescents in accessing services and providing continuous guidance.
- **SRH Call Hotline:** Offering confidential counseling, information, and referrals.
- **Service Integration:** Linking SRH services with outpatient departments (OPD) to improve accessibility and reduce stigma.

Data on feasibility, acceptability, and adolescent service utilization will be systematically collected and analyzed to inform recommendations for scaling and sustaining adolescent-friendly SRH services.

Expected Outcomes: The project is anticipated to:

1. Improve adolescent access to and utilization of SRH services.
2. Enhance provider competence and responsiveness to adolescent needs.
3. Deliver a practical, scalable model for integrated, adolescent-friendly SRH service delivery in primary health facilities.

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