

Attachment H: CDCS 2016-2021 Guiding Principles relevant for FP4HD

[USAID/Uganda's CDCS 2016 - 2021](#) establishes a set of fifteen “guiding principles” for the design and implementation of new and ongoing activities. These principles set out what USAID considers to be the most important considerations and preferred practices for accomplishing CDCS goals and objectives. For FP4HD, the following subset of CDCS Guiding Principles are particularly relevant:

- *Apply a holistic approach to Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting:* Collaboration with stakeholders and cross-sector engagement especially at the national level will be a critical component of this activity, enabling systematic learning and adapting in order to be fully responsive to the goals and objectives of the CDCS. FP4HD's vision and strategy for implementation and management should intentionally consider and adapt approaches based on evidence based program learning, global best practices and inputs from internal and external research and evaluations. Learning will be achieved through monitoring, evaluation, and ongoing analyses. FP4HD will regularly re-evaluate actions and assumptions to minimize risk, eliminate what isn't working, and test and scale-up promising and innovative approaches.
- *Seek to “do business differently” when current mechanisms, concepts, operations, and tools do not work:* From the on-set, this activity will develop innovative interventions, take informed risks and propose outside-the-box solutions to achieve desired results, and look to propose management structures that lead to more efficient and effective operations and programming.
- *Prioritize partnerships that enable Ugandan-led development:* The Activity will look to propose sustainable solutions and facilitate partnerships that enable local ownership; working to increase the capacity of local entities to manage and lead FP/RH programs. FP4HD interventions and technical support must be implemented with approaches that develop and/or build on (rather than duplicate) key Ugandan partners' capacity to plan, implement and monitor RH/FP programs.
- *Pursue integrated approaches at various levels when and how it makes sense:* Integration across sectors and linking with both USAID and other USG supported activities as well as other Donor driven (DFID, UNFPA, World Bank, etc.) and Private Sector partners within and beyond the health sector in order to achieve the greatest impact with limited resources. The FP4HD activity will leverage expertise and other resources from USAID activities promoting health service delivery, human resources and systems strengthening, private sector engagement, education and youth development, and biodiversity, civil society engagement, etc.; and participate actively in USAID efforts to layer market-driven livelihood, economic growth, health, education and democracy and governance activities at the district level whenever possible.
- *Facilitate Inclusive Development:* USAID/Uganda and its implementing partner will engage stakeholders at the national, sub-national, and community level in the selected districts where they will be providing FP services throughout the activity life cycle for guidance, feedback, and strengthening local buy-in. FP4HD should actively work with local systems actors to reduce barriers for families, women, youth and other marginalized groups in all stakeholder engagement

processes. The Activity will develop innovative strategies to engage and reach families, community influencers, adolescents, first time parents, young and low-parity women.

- *Reinforce strategic choices with selectivity and focus on multiple dimensions:* This activity will foster synergistic relationships with donors and partners that reinforce the U.S. policies, goals and development strategy, focusing on selective and critical development issues, and geographic focus. USAID and its implementing partner will collaborate with other USAID and non-USAID programs to leverage resources and prioritize areas of convergence.