

Update from the Accountability Workstream



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Why Accountability Learning Objective

- Factors that cause supply shortfalls remains a challenge - how much of the problem is under-resourcing, procurement problems, inefficiency in delivery systems, bias in distribution vs. leakage?
- Methodologies and interventions developed in the transparency, participation and accountability (TPA) field to improve effective service delivery provide a new ways to tackle these questions.

Our Definition of Accountability

Accountability is a process to ensure that governments, donors, the private sector, and civil society fulfil their obligations regarding the delivery of reproductive health supplies.

It is about citizens holding their leaders and governing institution to account for delivering commitments. This includes formal processes (such as elections, hearings, consultations) or bottom-up strategies (such as participatory budgeting, social mobilization, and citizen monitoring) . It is a process of awareness raising, monitoring and enforcement.

Learning Objectives:

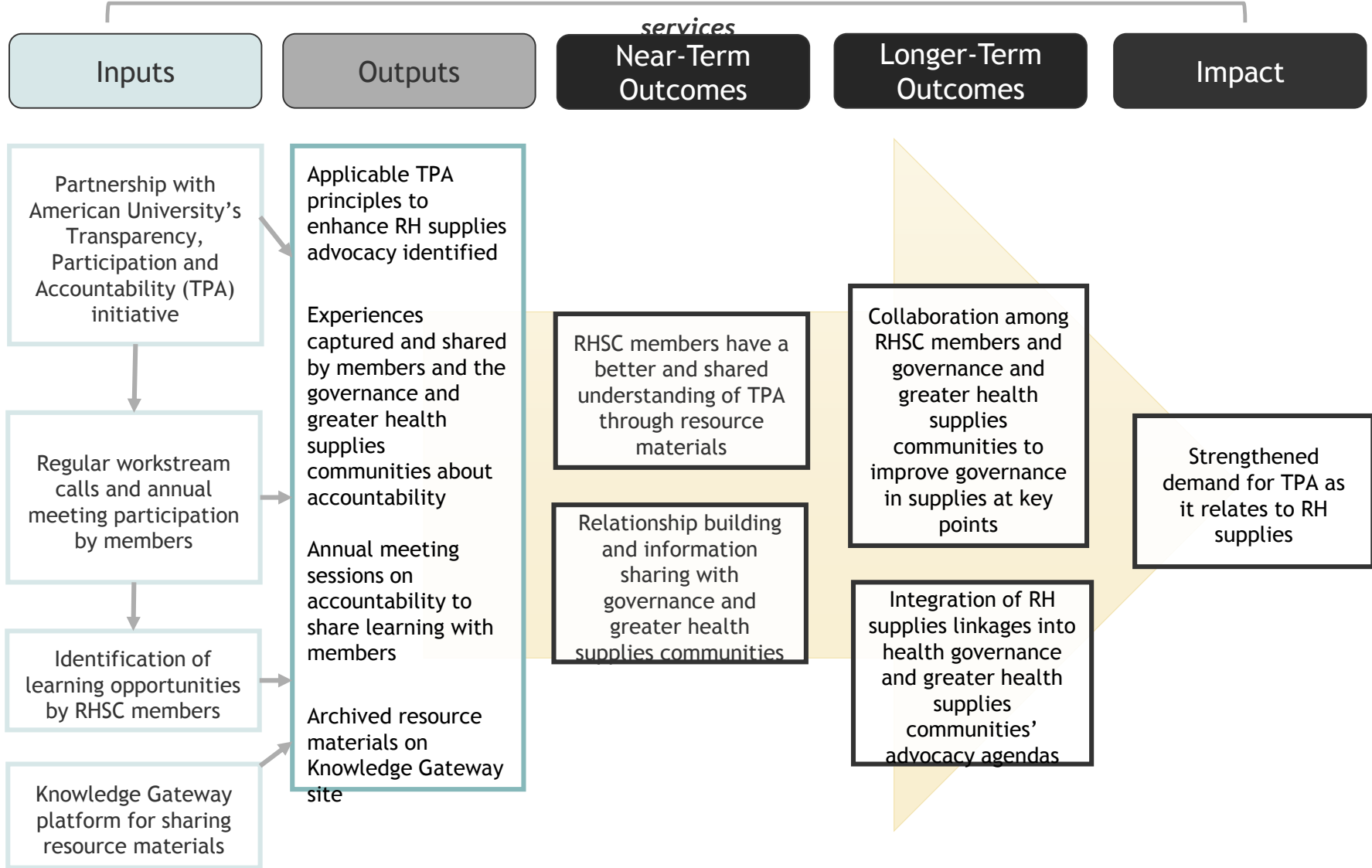
Overall: To ensure A&A WG members have access to the learnings from TPA and how it is relevant and applies to RH supplies. With the aim to disseminate more broadly in the RHSC.

1. To develop a shared understanding/definition of accountability and explore how it applies to reproductive health supplies; including sharing undocumented activities underway already such as mHealth.
2. Identify emerging practices and learnings from TPA that contribute to and strengthen supply chain

| Activity | Status |
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| Share and update Knowledge Gateway resource: | ✗ |
| Develop diagram of ToC of how accountability have improved RHCS – with possible implementation matrix based on working definition | ✗ |
| To better use existing tools and identify gaps in resources, survey Membership to capture experience in accountability and RH supplies. | ✗ |
| To better use existing tools, develop a series of ‘implementers’ notes’ | ✗ |
| Learning Exchange to start to apply learnings of how governance and accountability sector can improve RH commodity security. | ✗ |
| Prepare a Webinar/ learning event for RHSC AGM 2016 – AAWG and side sessions | ✗ |
| In 2017, updated literature review compiled on accountability and RH supplies in first half of 2017; | ✗ |

Theory of Change- RHSC AAWG Accountability

Accountability work on RH Supplies globally and in countries, will aim to contribute to the overarching goal of:
Ensuring equitable access to a broad-range of affordable, quality assured, and sustainable FPI/RH supplies and



Learning Exchange

How the insights from TPA could inform new initiatives to diagnose and address both supply chain issues and implementation challenges that limit citizens' full, free and informed contraceptive choice.

Objectives:

- Share analytical insights, key concepts and practical developments from both transparency, participation and accountability and the reproductive health systems, including commodity security;
- Learn from experiences with addressing issues of supply chain challenges in various sectors
- Identify research gaps and/or questions for addressing the monitoring challenges involved in tracking the determinants of access to contraceptive services;

Key Takeaways from the Exchange

- **Conceptual and Methodological Shifts Required**
- **Politicizing RH Supplies**
- **Reframing existing resources**
- **Anticipated challenges of applying transparency/accountability strategies to reproductive health delivery systems**

New Developments

- Power Mapping of supply chain
- Equity Analysis of Supplies by type

An optional slide, to be used
for conclusions, quotes, etc.