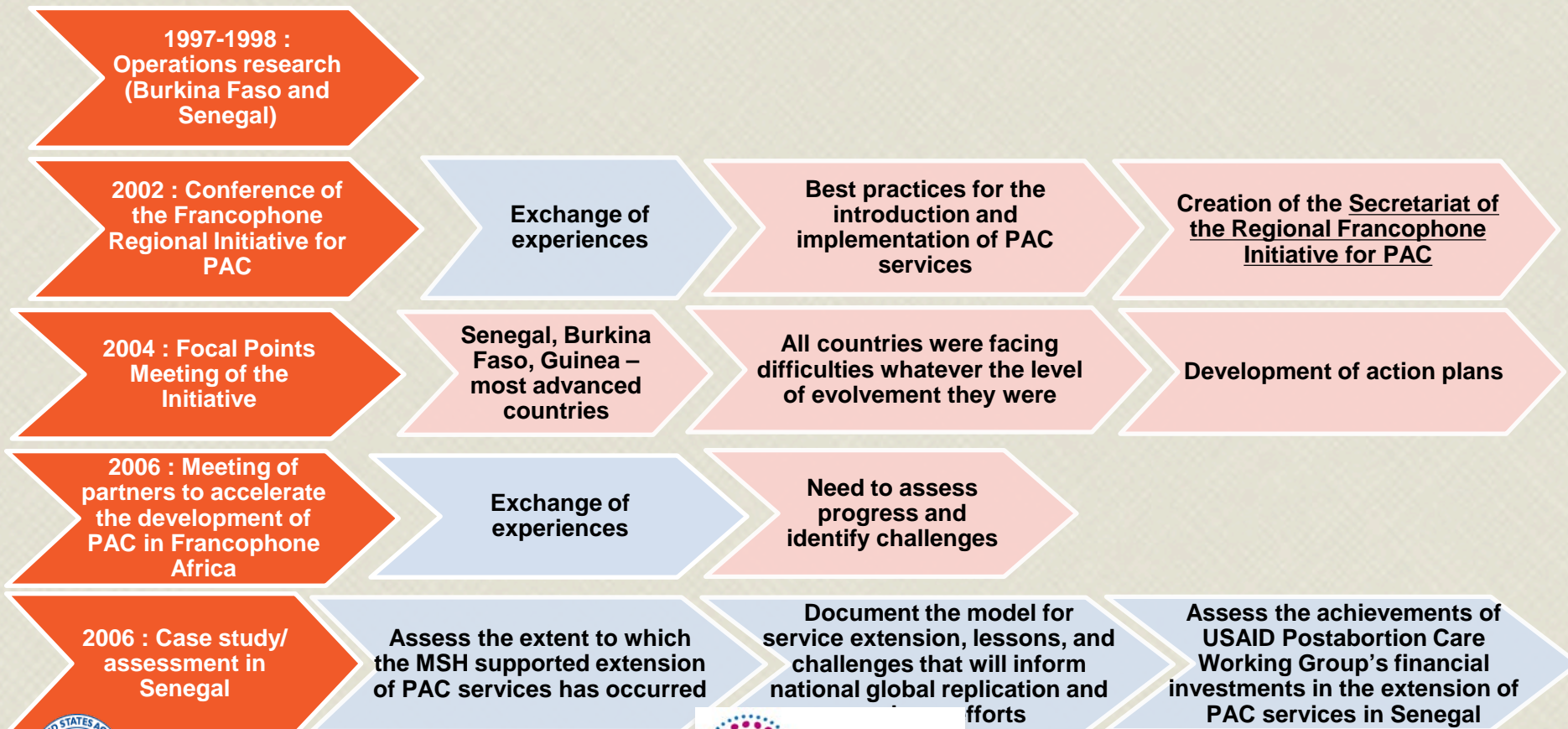


Update on the Francophone PAC Secretariat



Historical Process



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Historical Process

2007 : Assessment of the progress of the Francophone African Initiative for Postabortion Care

Assess the situation of PAC in 6 countries

Analyze the successes and obstacles in the process of introducing PAC in the country

Make recommendations for the key steps for successful introduction and institutionalization of PAC

2008 : First Inter-country workshop on PAC

Restitution of the evaluation's results

Developing country action plans

2013 : Evaluation of the PAC program in Burkina Faso, Guinea, Senegal and Togo

To determine the most appropriate process to strengthen family planning services after abortion at the country level and between countries during the implementation of national action plans defined in 2008

To determine how national action plans have been implemented to determine what worked, what did not and why, at the country level and between countries

2013 : Second inter-country workshop on PAC

Restitution of the results of the evaluation of PAC program: "Saly 2008 to Saly 2013"

Monitoring the implementation of the action plans from the 2008 workshop

New thoughts on the opportunity to revitalize the Secretariat



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Why strengthen Postabortion FP in Francophone Africa?

Comprehensive PAC services imply FP counseling

Situation in 2008 :

Sénégal (56%), Niger (83%), Mali (61%), Burkina Faso (51%), Guinée (46%), Togo (39%)

Pilot studies (1997-1998): counseling for more than 90% of PAC patients → 83% accepted in Burkina Faso while 76% in Sénégal

Current situation (2013) : Sénégal : 47,6%



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Why strengthen Postabortion FP in Francophone Africa?

Potential causes of low use of family planning in PAC in Francophone Africa

- Lack of human resources?
- Disorganisation of services?
- Deficiencies in counseling and provision of contraceptive methods?
- Lack of adapted policies?
- Sociocultural considerations?
- Financial obstacles?
- Geographic barriers?



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Why strengthen postabortion FP in Francophone Africa?



Experiences in Egypt and Kenya have shown that the best PAC-FP integration model was to put contraceptives in the treatment rooms



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What solution?

Create a sub-regional framework for promoting the use of family planning in PAC, particularly long-acting methods



Revitalize the Secretariat, with basically the same mission, but with a new format



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Current goal of the Secretariat (under the PAC-FP Project)

Improve the environment at the national and regional levels for scaling up high quality of Post-Abortion Care Services in the seven countries, by focusing on strengthening the family planning component



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Structure of the Secretariat

Advisory Committee

Includes

Institutions such as WAHO, WHO, USAID, UNFPA, the Ouagadougou Partnership, Multi-country or Regional Projects (EngenderHealth-Agir PF, JHPIEGO, IntraHealth), etc.

Role and objectives

- Advice and assistance to the orientation of the actions of the Secretariat
- Relay with partner institutions in the country
- Support for resource identification

Technical Committee

Includes

Members from research and clinical training institutions as well as gynecologists and midwives professional societies

Role and objectives

- Make recommendations for a harmonized and efficient practice of PAC in the subregion
- Promote research and the collection of evidence to improve the quality of services
- Support advocacy to enhance the accessibility and quality of services

Policies and Funding Committee

Includes

Representatives of the Ministries of Health of the member countries

Role and objectives

- Support initiatives to improve the quality and coverage of PAC in the subregion
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- Promote good practices in the scaling up strategies of PAC
- Propose approaches to increase funding for PAC services
- Support advocacy to enhance the accessibility and quality of services



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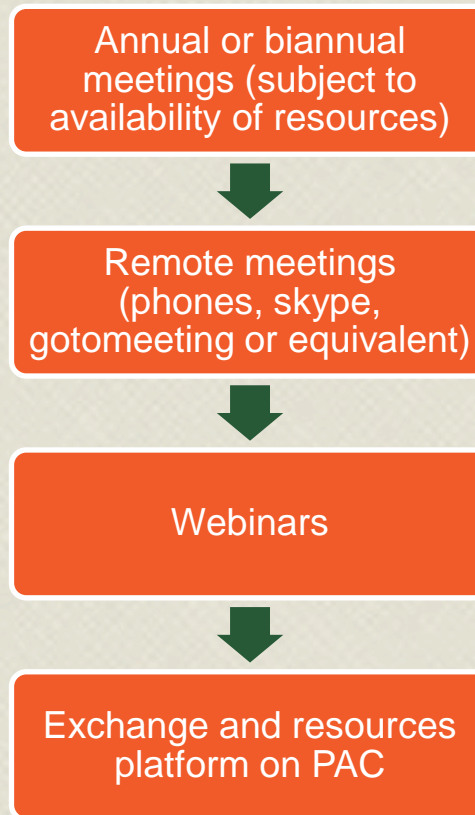


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Operating Model



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Secretariat relay at country level

Existing national committees which promote maternal health

Support the development of appropriate standards and protocols

Encourage the integration of PAC in national policies and strategies for Maternal Health

Capitalize the opportunities offered by the political, legal and administrative environment, as well as other strategies

Advocate for improving the policy, legal and financial environment for PAC and FP

Advocate for scaling up PAC quality

Promote PAC as a lever for the use of family planning



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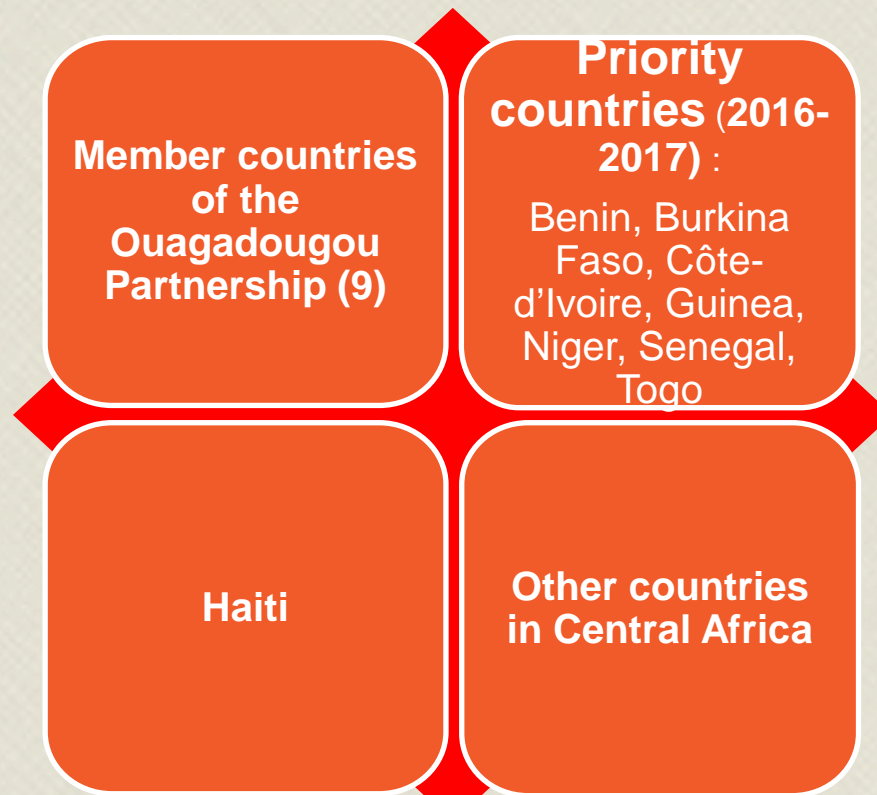


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Target countries



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Activities already done

Several meetings with: WAHO, WHO, ICM, Ouagadougou Partnership, MOH and USAID in Senegal, IBP

Participation to the first follow up visit after the 1st ECOWAS Forum on Best Practices in Health, organized by WAHO and IBP

Participation to the biannual FIGO regional workshop on PAC

Rapid assessment in some countries

First workshop for revitalizing the Secretariat



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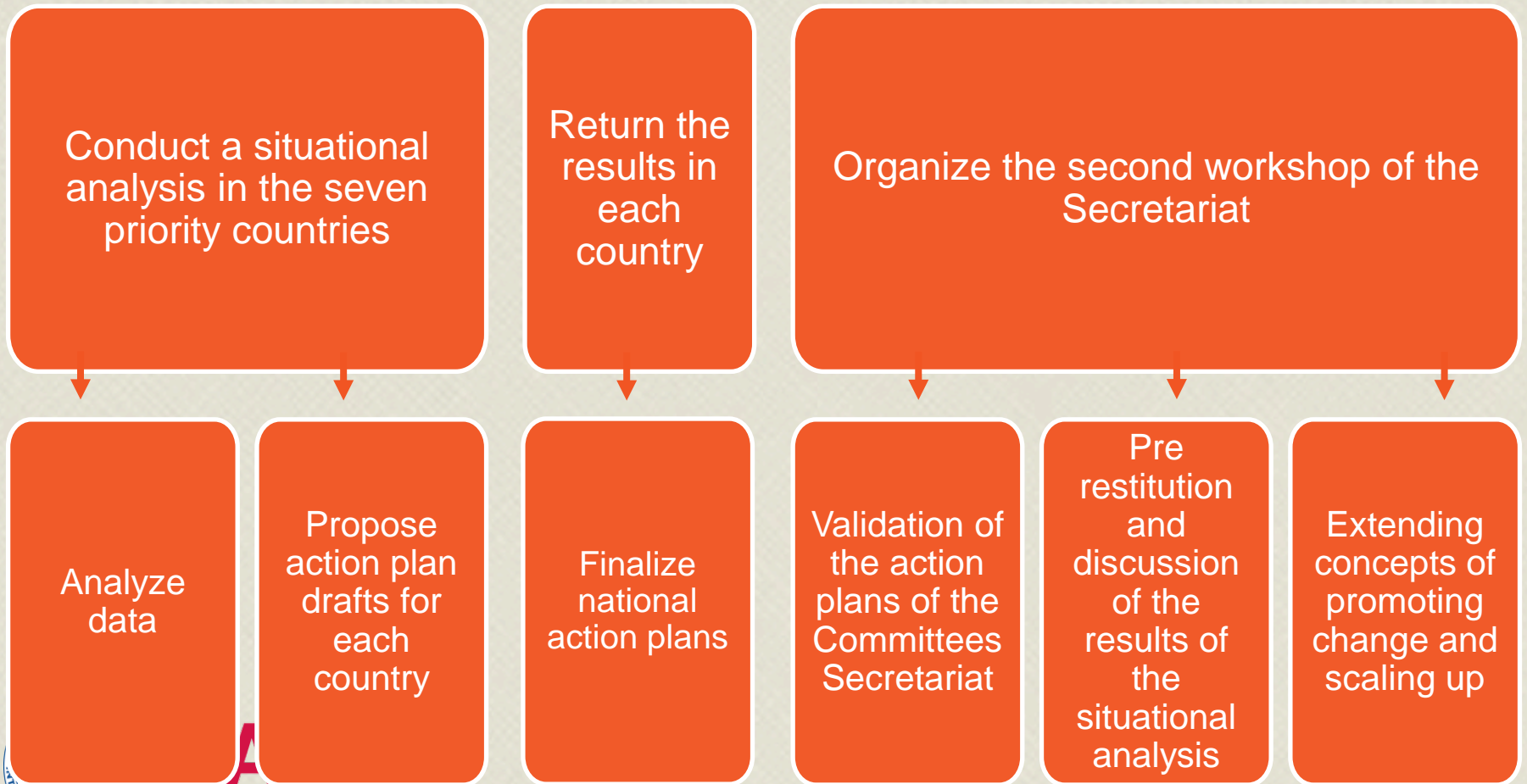


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Next steps



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Follow up and support the implementation of sub-regional and national action plans

Conduct a study on improving the accessibility of contraceptives in PAC services (Senegal)



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Merci! Asante! Thank you!

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