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Infographic: Vouchers are Transforming Reproductive Health Access Worldwide

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**WHAT IS A VOUCHER?**

A voucher is a simple way for women to access reproductive health services for a Normal Delivery at low-cost or no-cost. In Bangladesh, Uganda & Kenya programs, women receive vouchers at low-cost or no cost and redeem them for specific services at their choice of pre-qualified health facility.

**WHAT DOES VOUCHER REIMBURSEMENT TO PROVIDER VOUCHER PRICE FOR A NORMAL DELIVERY MEAN?**

Reimbursement to providers for a Normal Delivery varies by country and the type of service. A Voucher Price is determined by program goals, objectives, and how they plan to use vouchers to improve access to quality reproductive health services for poor women.

**WHO USES VOUCHERS?**

Nearly one third of reproductive-age women die because they don’t have proper access to reproductive health services during pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum. Targeting women who, because they are poor or living in rural areas, cannot access the care they need.

**WHERE ARE VOUCHERS USED?**

Creating demand for services, reproductive health voucher programs target women who, because they are poor or living in rural areas, cannot access the care they need.

**WHEN ARE VOUCHERS USED?**

Facilities participating in voucher programs invest in infrastructure and technology, improve services, and expand their facilities to accommodate the new program.

**WHAT IS A VOUCHER PROGRAM?**

A voucher program is a reproductive health program that provides poor women with vouchers to use at their choice of pre-qualified health facility.

**WHY DO WE NEED VOUCHERS?**

Vouchers help narrow the access gap by bringing reproductive health services to those who would not otherwise use these services.

**REPRODUCIVE HEALTH VOUCHER PROGRAMS**

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**IMPACT OF VOUCHERS**

Among poor women:

- In Bangladesh there were 349,327 safe deliveries thanks to vouchers, between 2009-2011
- In Cambodia, among poor women, the uptake of contraceptive services increased by a factor of 3.7, between 2009-2011
- In Uganda, 170,000 women received health services at no cost

**WHAT IS THE LIFETIME RISK OF MATERNAL DEATH?**

Families participating in voucher programs invest in infrastructure, and the impact that they are having at RHVouchers.org

**ABOUT VOUCHERS**

Investing in infrastructure

- Medical Procurement
- Non-Medical Procurement
- Human Resources
- Repairs
- Facility upgrades and others investing in facility improvements to services.

**WHAT WILL I SEE THIS GRAPH?**

Low-income countries where women are unable to access the care they need during pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum.

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**ARMENIA: OBSTETRIC CARE**

Armenia Obstetric Care

- $2.50
- $39
- $40

**KENYA: TARGETING THE POOR**

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**TANZANIA: OPTIMIZING SERVICES**

- $1.15
- $15
- $25

**CAMBODIA: PROVIDING EACH PARTICULAR SERVICE PERCENTAGE OF DISEASES**

- Cancer
- Depression
- Fertility
- Infections
- Mental Health
- Physical
- Psychosis
- Reproductive Health

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