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Independent foundation, Universal access to high quality affordable medicines and health products

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Market Dynamics in SRH Next

Goal: Promote access to essential reproductive health commodities

Objectives:

- Understand the market forces
- Study the barriers which affect **availability, affordability, quality, acceptability and delivery** of RH commodities
- In both supply and demand side

Study:

- A survey was carried out in Burundi and Rwanda in both public and private sectors in September 2013 and Mars 2014.
- At national and district level



Challenges (1)

- No study done before in both supply and demand access barriers, so new tools needed to be developed
- Adaptation of tools to the reality of each country including
 - structure of the health system and existing policies
 - essential medicine list
- During the LR : access to up to date information
 - Pharmaceutical profile of Burundi is based on 2011 information
 - Pharmaceutical profile of Rwanda is based on 2011 and 2012
- Logistic issues : access to some health facilities (geographically) or authorization by the authorities.

Challenges (2)

- Collection of information at national level
- Collection of information from the private (commercial) sector:
 - The private sector is not present every where
 - The cooperation with the private sector seems to be more difficult due to the lack of trust
- Sample size did not contain any private hospital
- Bias:
 - information bias :
 - Some errors from data collectors or respondents
 - Confounding : Season or period of the study, geographical area...