

Advancing the Family Planning Equity Agenda: Lessons from Uganda

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BACKGROUND

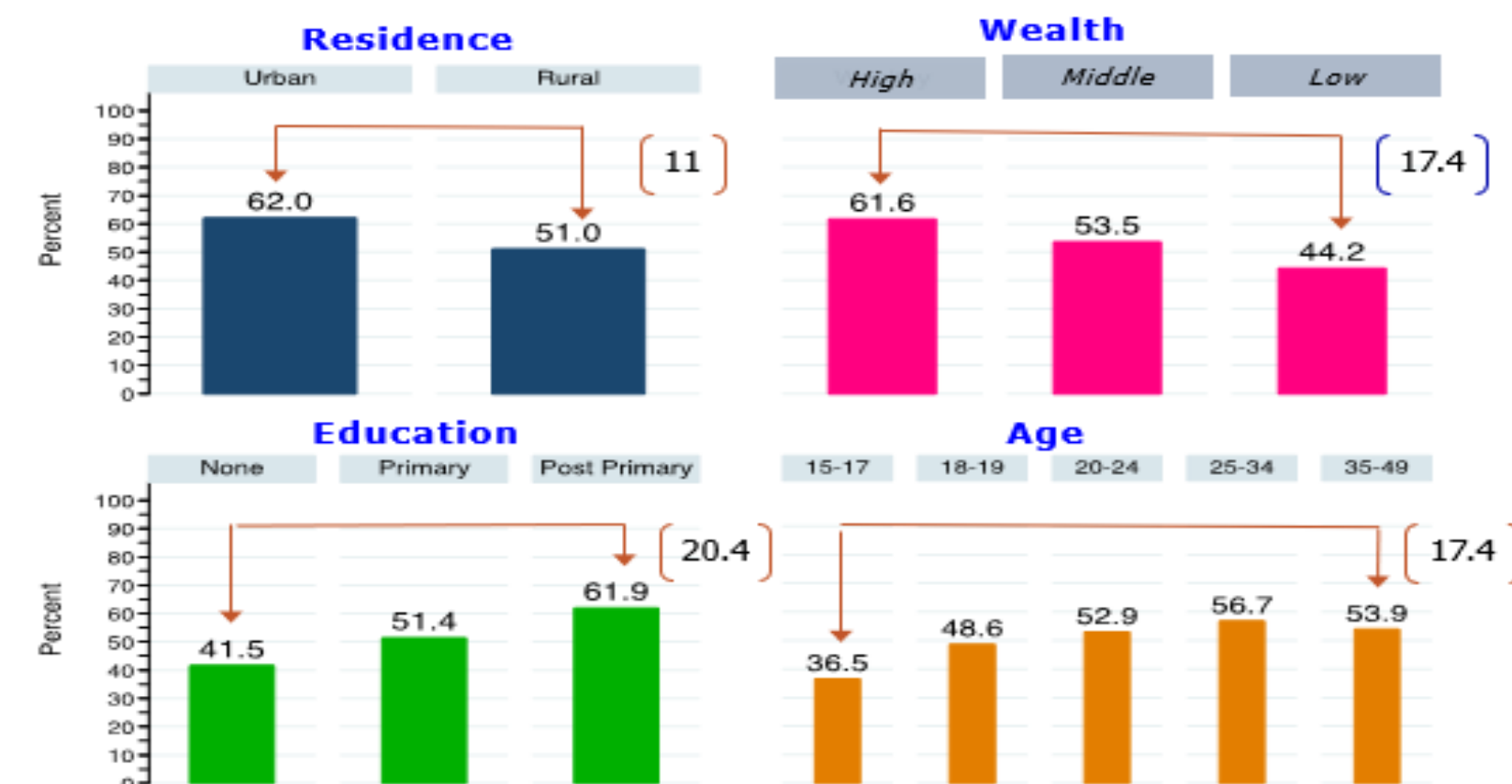
- In Uganda, inequities in FP service provision persist - poor, rural, adolescents, and hard-to-reach residents
- According to UDHS 2016;
 - Teenage childbearing -25%
 - MMR – 343 per 100,000 live births.
 - Unintended pregnancies- 46%
 - Infant Mortality rate -41 per 1000 live births
- Limited focus, momentum and coordination to advance the equity agenda.

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Reached with FP messages & services by age



FP Demand Satisfied, by Equity Dimensions



• Comparing lowest to highest level of the Equity dimensions, education has the largest difference, 20.4%

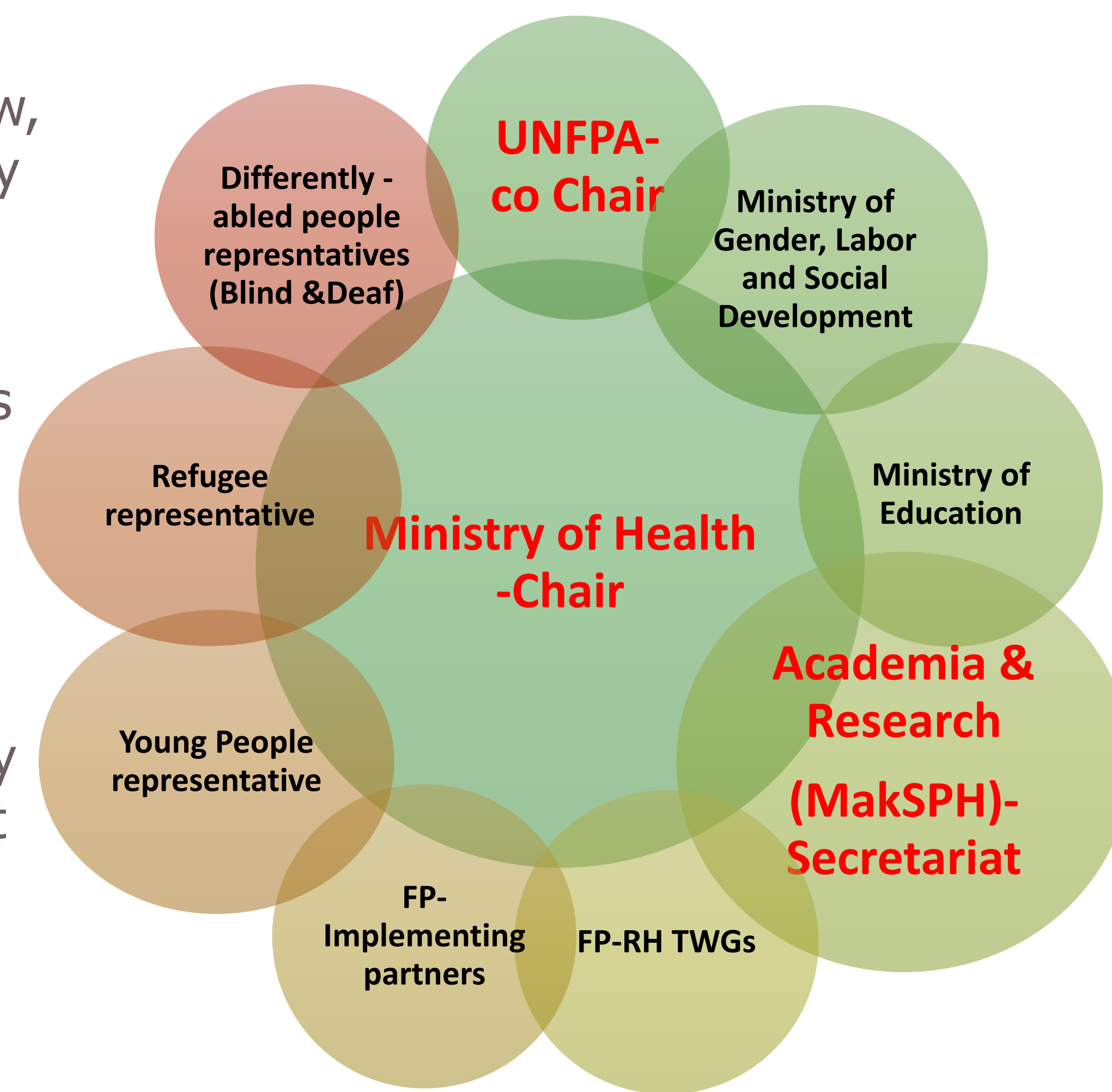
PURPOSE OF THE UGANDA FP-ESC



- Aims at mainstreaming FP to achieve Equity & stimulate changes in FP service delivery
- Through leadership and more advocacy.
- Guide the Equity measurement and monitoring framework development
- With a multidimensional lens, to operationalize a measurement framework for equity in FP
- Contribute to UHC and leave no one behind

ADVOCACY INTERVENTION/ACTIVITY TESTED

- Stakeholder consultations- a desk review, key informant interviews, and secondary DHS data analysis.
- Examined FP inequities over time across the dimensions of; wealth, Age, Education, Marital status, residence- Rural/urban and geographical region.
- Ministry of Health collaborated with Key stakeholders and initiated Uganda's first Equity Steering Committee (ESC)

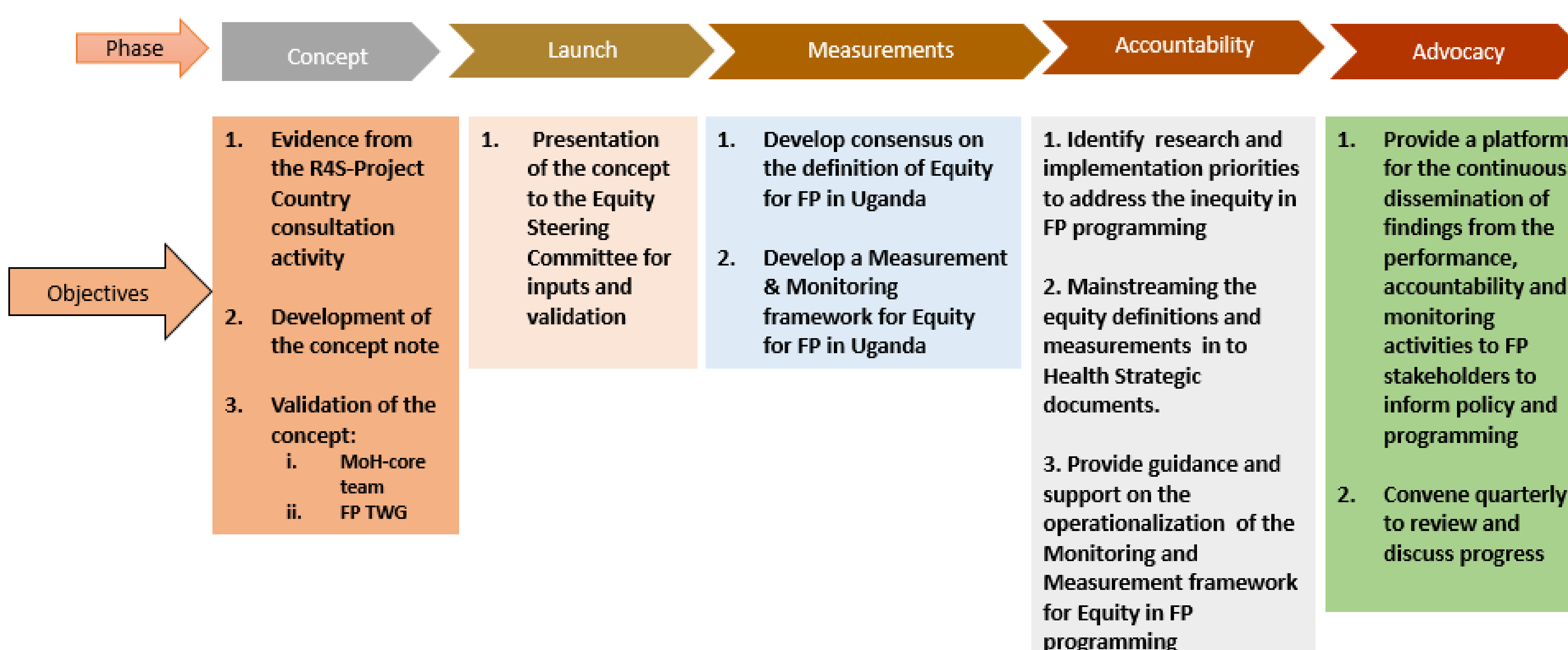


POLICY/PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS/LESSONS

- ESC regular engagements to remind all implementers to prioritize equity within program designs.
- To agree on a sustainable equity monitoring framework
- A multi-sectoral collaboration to advance FP access



ROADMAP FOR THE UGANDA FP-EQUITY STEERING COMMITTEE



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