Data Abstraction Tool

FP, ANC, L&D and Immunization-specific analysis

COVID-19 RMNCH Policy Analysis

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Instructions: Please fill one form in for every policy reviewed.

Name of Country: MOZAMBIQUE

Name of Policy: Guidelines for the Safe Operation of the Extended Vaccination Program (EPI) in Response to COVID-19

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Authority Issuing: Ministry of Health, Department of Public Health

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Any known mechanisms for enforcing policy (please describe): none known

Does this policy include (check all that apply): FP ☐ ANC ☐ Labor and Delivery ☐ **Immunization**

Cross-cutting Health Services ☐ Cross-cutting Population/ Society ☐

Section 1. Key Policy Factors for FP, ANC, L&D and **Immunization**_____

Instructions: Please qualitatively describe specific guidance about the key policy factor described in the policy. Please note any important themes arising under "Other."

1a. Immunization Service Provision

It describes the need to continue offering vaccination services in health units (health facilities), the preventive measures of COVID-19 that should be taken during the execution of the same activities, both for health providers, as well as for clients.

Outreach versus facility-based service provision:

Do not carry out mobile brigades, nor vaccination campaigns, in order to avoid agglomerations of the population. Restructuring of facility-based vaccination services to minimize opportunities for transmission, including integration of vaccination into well-child visits.

Guidance and details provided in this circular are minimal (2 pages).

Other:

1. **Ensure continuity of vaccination services**

- The health unit must continue to offer vaccination services every day of operation, and consultations must be scheduled for each patient.
- Clients must be organized in the concentration area, in an open and airy place, respecting the minimum distance of 1.5 meters.
- Clients should be guided to monitor children and children should remain with their parents.
- Patients queues should be organized so that when in the vaccination room/area, taking weight or for data collection only one person is present at a time.

2. **Ensure the safety of the Client and the Health Provider**

- Health professionals must be properly equipped with personal protective equipment (gowns, masks, gloves and glasses) while exercising their activities;
- Do not collect ("pile up") child health cards. Each mother or companion should take the card of their child and hand it to the health provider at the vaccination desk for the visit to be properly registered, individually;
- Health providers should wash their hands with water and soap / ash, or use alcohol (70%), between one vaccination and another;
- Disinfect the surfaces with alcohol (70%) or other available disinfectant;
- In health facility with Well-Child Rooms, vaccination services can be provided in the same room and at the same time as the respective consultation;
- Suspend collective lectures and prioritize individual lectures, respecting the minimum distance of 1.5 meters;
- Make use of information technology (email, SMS, phone calls) for the flow of information, as well as for the assessment of vaccination activities.

3. **Ensure Integration with the Community**

- Use all possible means of mobilization (community radios, health committees, meetings with community leaders, telephone) to disclose the importance of vaccination and the new approach to the operation of PAV in the middle of COVID-19;

- Avoid meeting with the community, at the Health Facility or in the district, as urgent matters must be handled remotely.