### PMA CORE

**FOCUS**
Examining the effect of COVID-19 on women and their households.

**POPULATION**
Representative sample of women age 15-49

**COUNTRIES**
Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, India, Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, Uganda

**DESCRIPTION**
In four countries (Kenya, Burkina Faso, DRC, Nigeria), phone follow-up surveys took place in June-July 2020, approximately six months after women participated in face-to-face interviews for the baseline panel survey. For the second set of four countries that had not completed the baseline PMA survey by March 2020 (Uganda, India, Niger, Côte d’Ivoire), a COVID-19 module was incorporated into the baseline survey in late 2020.

**SURVEY QUESTIONS**
The PMA female survey measures COVID-19 awareness; perceived risk; mitigation behaviors; effect on household economic status; impact on fertility intentions, family planning (FP) use, and health service access and use. The PMA service delivery point survey includes: pandemic-related closures or reductions on facility hours; COVID-19 related impact on the availability of FP personnel and contraceptive supplies; disruption of FP services or support for community health work; disruption of record keeping; and change in demand for FP services.

**GOAL**
PMA research focuses on the effect of COVID-19 on fertility preference, contraceptive use, method discontinuation and switching, socio-economic status and intra-household decision making, and the service delivery environment.

### PMA ETHIOPIA

**FOCUS**
Examining the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on maternal, newborn, and reproductive health in Ethiopia

**POPULATION**
A cohort of pregnant and recently postpartum women followed through first year postpartum.

**DESCRIPTION**
PMA Ethiopia is focused on reproductive, maternal and newborn health (RMNH) indicators and was designed to follow a cohort of women at four time points – during pregnancy and at six weeks, six months and one year postpartum. The COVID-19 pandemic emerged approximately halfway through data collection for the six-week postpartum survey (March 2020).

**SURVEY QUESTIONS**
PMA Ethiopia paused data collection for approximately two months and during this time updated the survey questionnaires to collect data on the pandemic. All three questionnaires (six-week, six-month and one-year) were updated to include questions on: COVID-19 awareness, personal risk assessment, mitigation behavior, socio-economic impacts, and impact on health seeking behaviors related to delivery, maternal and newborn postnatal care, and vaccine care for infants.

**GOAL**
This work enables us to describe and assess the impact of COVID-19 and related restrictions on movement on maternal and neonatal health and to compare women who delivered before and after the pandemic in Ethiopia.
**FOCUS**
Looking at the gendered impact of COVID-19 on youth in Nairobi, Kenya

**POPULATION**
A panel of young women and men in Nairobi who were enrolled in 2019 at ages 15-24 in a youth respondent-driven sample (YRDS) study of contraceptive awareness and use.

**DESCRIPTION**
This YRDS COVID-19 work takes advantage of an ongoing planned phone-based follow-up (August-October 2020) with young with young men and women in Nairobi to add survey questions and also conduct focus group discussions and in-depth interviews that unpack the gendered dynamics of COVID-19. While this work also covers family planning, it expands focus to the socioeconomic and gendered impacts of COVID-19 on health, safety and economic stability of young people.

**SURVEY QUESTIONS**
The quantitative survey work includes questions on: COVID-19 mitigation behaviors; economic and educational impacts; impact on health services access and use, including for contraception; impact on youth privacy, mobility and autonomy; impact on personal safety; and mental health impacts and social support.

**GOAL**
This work will shed particular light on the gendered impacts of COVID-19 for young people. Because participants had already been interviewed prior to the pandemic, it will also allow for valuable study of the impact of COVID-19 on trajectories of young women and men as they navigate late adolescence and early adulthood.

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**ADAPTING THE WAY WE WORK**

We aren't just adapting the questions we ask, we are also adapting the way we collect data to ensure the safety of enumerators and respondents. Our approach involves conducting phone-based data collection where feasible, implementing remote and/or socially distanced training procedures, providing fieldworkers with personal protective equipment and infection prevention training, and providing respondents with COVID-19 factsheets containing local resources for additional COVID-19 information.