



Quality Assurance  
of Reproductive Health Commodities

Procurement Services Branch  
Copenhagen

# Presentation outline



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# 1. UNFPA: core products



## Lead agency: reproductive health commodities

- \* Barrier methods: male & female condoms
- \* IUDs
- \* Hormonal contraceptives
  - Oral contraceptives (combined and progestin only)
  - Emergency contraceptives
  - Implants
  - Injectables
- \* Other essential reproductive health medicines
- \* Medical equipment
- \* RH Kits

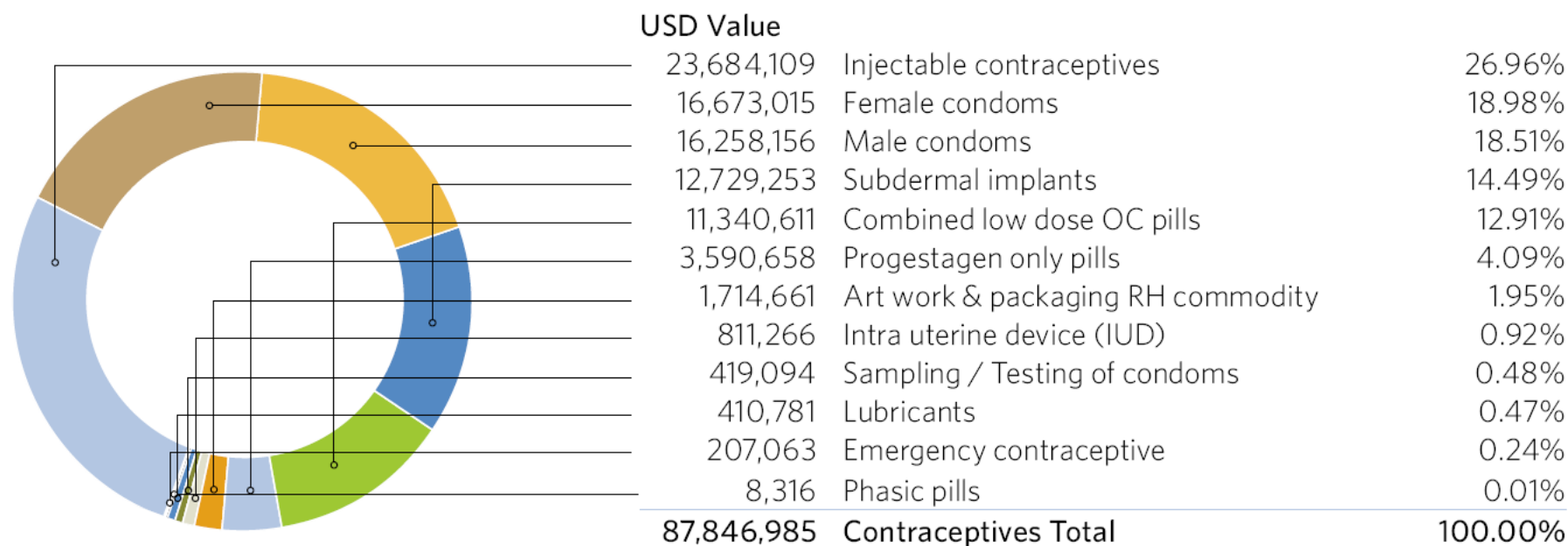


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## 2. UNFPA in figures: contraceptive distribution

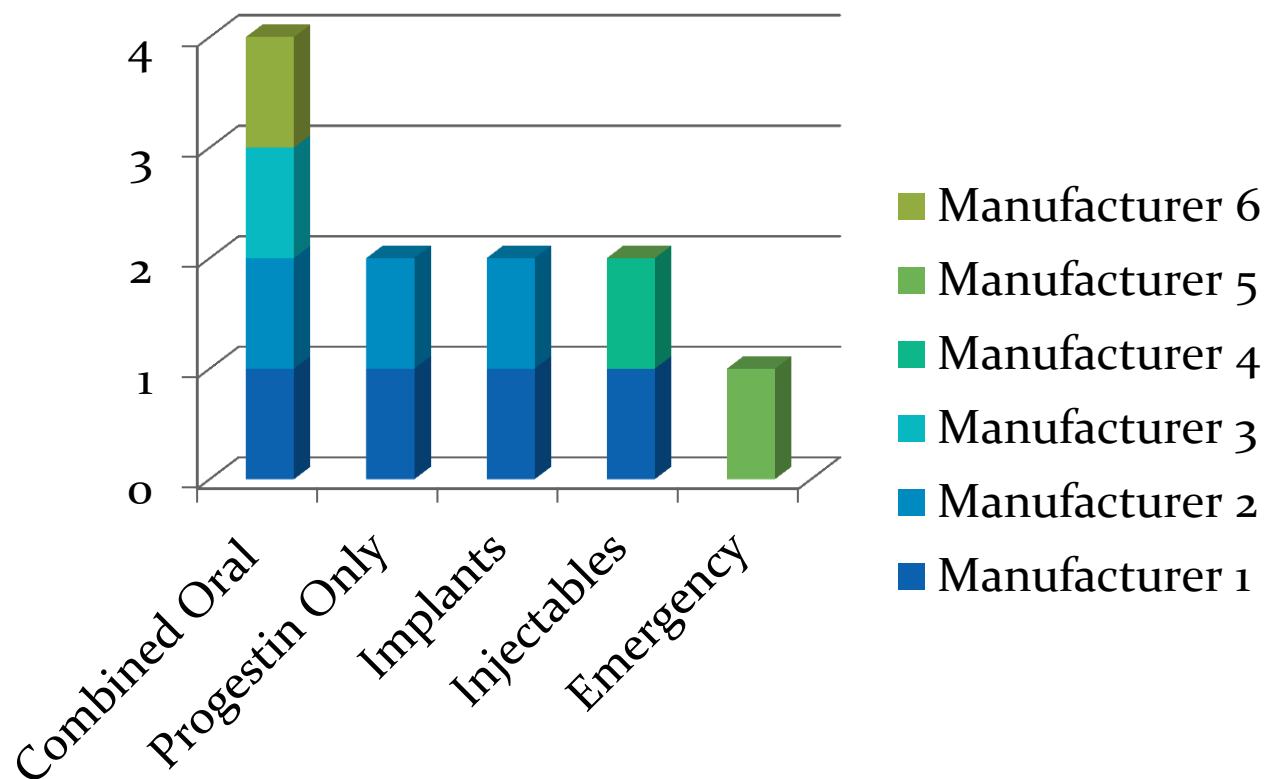
### Contraceptive Distribution

Relative expenditure versus contraceptive methods



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### 3. Current status (1)





### 3. Current status (2)



#### UNFPA largest procurement agency for RH commodities

- WHO PQ Progr. does not include all the RH medicines procured
- List of RH medicines prequalified/SRA approved limited
- Cases with one unique supplier for a product

➡ recurrent complications

Need for expanding supplier base assuring quality standards.

Safety ⇨ Efficacy ⇨ Quality

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## 4. UNFPA Quality Assurance Policy (1)



### Quality criteria applied

#### Pharmaceuticals under WHO Prequalification Programme

- WHO Prequalification
- Approval by an SRA
- Recommendation by WHO Expert Review Panel (ERP)

#### All other pharmaceuticals (not under Prequalification Programme)

- Systematic standardized review by technical experts (Internal Technical Review)

## 4. UNFPA Quality Assurance Policy (2)



### Classification of medicines

-Medicines included under WHO Prequalification Programme:

- Oral hormonal contraceptives
- Injectable hormonal contraceptives
- Implantable contraceptives
- Uterotonics
- Magnesium Sulphate

-Medicines not included under WHO Prequalification Programme:

- Analgesics
- Anaesthetics
- Anti-inflammatory drugs
- etc.

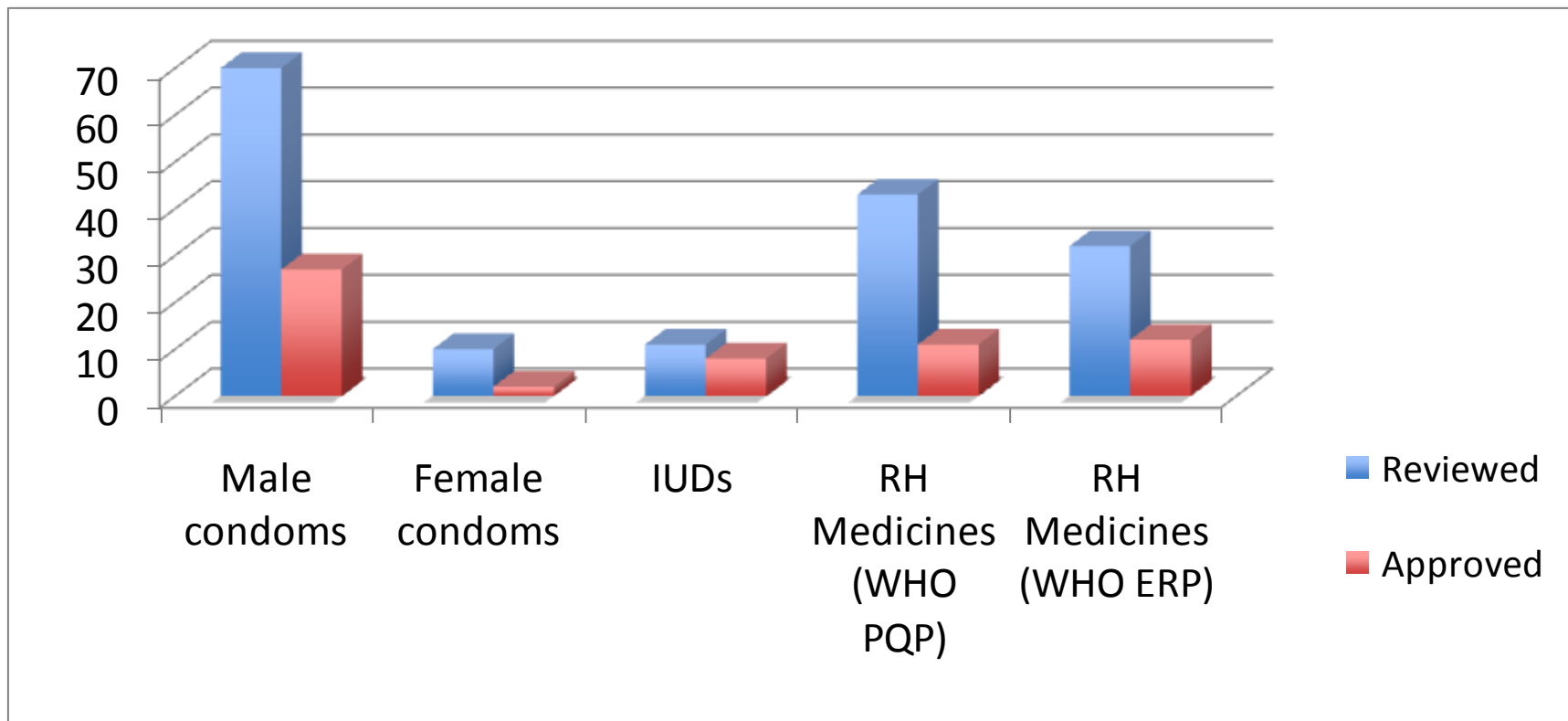
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## 5. Progress to date



- UNFPA published an EOI in the UNGM in Apr 12 (see [www.UNGM.org](http://www.UNGM.org))
- Over 30 dossiers were presented, 20 assessed
- ERP is reviewing the submissions
- Positive outcome: expand quality manufacturers supply base (to date: 10 medicines recommended, some still pending)

# Prequalified RH Commodities



Thank you

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