

Overview of FRONTIERS and its Legacy on Family Planning

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Strengthening Family Planning
Services through Operations Research

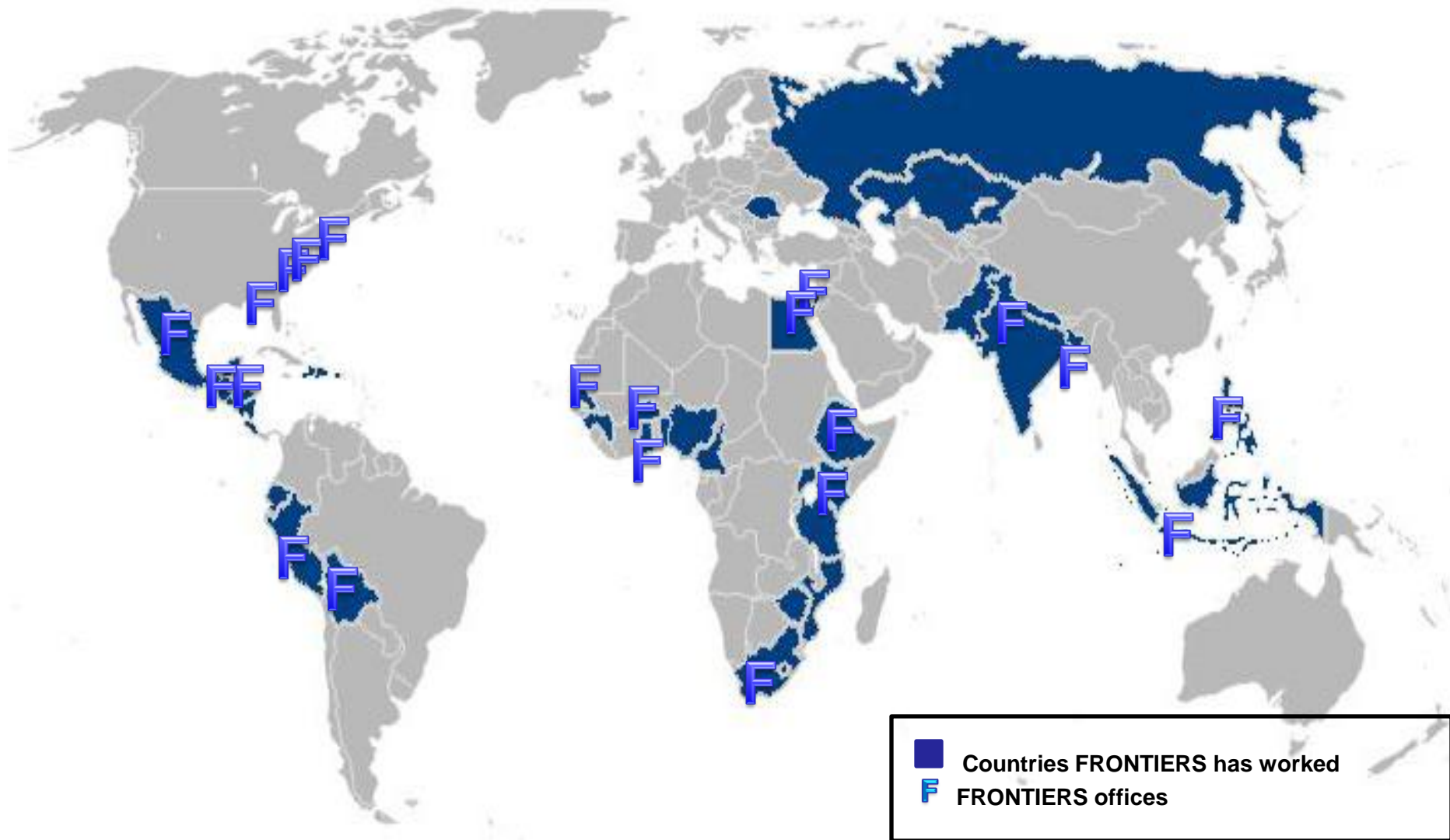
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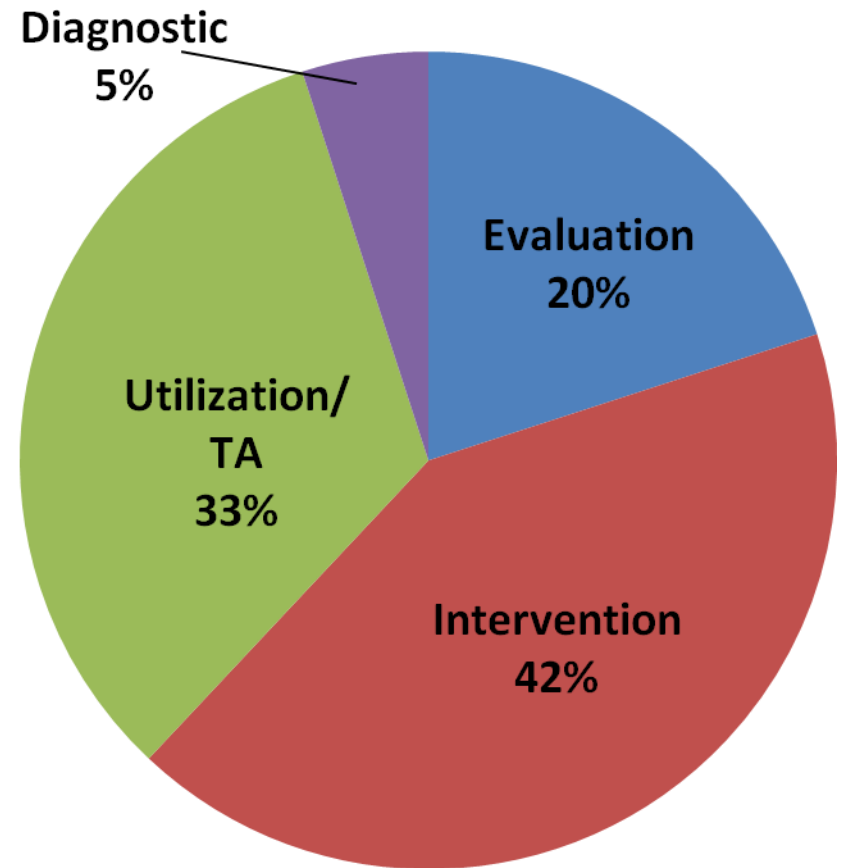
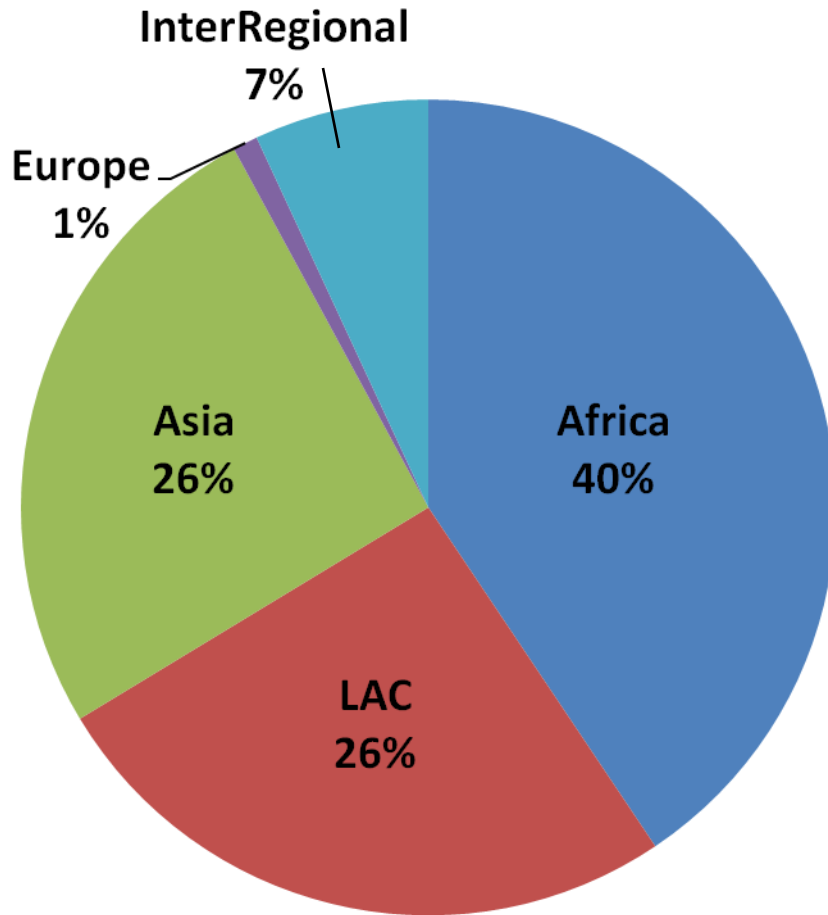
Overview of FRONTIERS

- Addresses USAID's strategic objectives to reduce unintended pregnancy, improve maternal health and reduce HIV/STI transmission
- Intermediate results:
 - Global leadership demonstrated in FP/RH policy, advocacy, and services
 - Knowledge generated, organized and communicated in response to program needs
 - Support provided to the field to implement effective and sustainable FP/RH programs
- Partnerships with FHI, Tulane University and WHO
- June 1998 – June 2008; \$100 million; 193 projects
- Up to 85 staff in 21 offices

Country-level activities to inform global leadership



Distribution and types of activities



What FRONTIERS contributed: Our “bread and butter” work

- Diagnosed needs and potential responses
- Evaluated existing models
- Developed and prospectively tested new or modified service delivery models
- Built capacity to produce and to use data for programmatic decisions
- Communicated lessons learned nationally, regionally and globally
- Provided technical assistance and expertise to leadership committees and groups

Other major themes

- Global Agenda—answer big questions (FHI and Council)
 - Quality of FP services
 - RH needs of and services for adolescents
 - Male involvement in maternity care
- Costs and sustainability (FHI and Council)
- Small grants program (Tulane and Council)
- Evaluation of OR (Tulane)
- Address USAID's global priorities ('GLPs')
- Utilization of data produced
 - Programmatic norms and policies
 - Adaptation of service delivery and research tools
 - Replication and scale-up through institutionalization

“Legacy is what we have contributed to the strategic objectives and produced as promising results for the stakeholders who have both invested in and benefited from FRONTIERS work.”

- **Repositioning family planning**
- **Integration of services**
- **Meeting needs of adolescents and youth**
- **Financial sustainability of RH programs**
- **Addressing gender issues in RH programs**
- **Abandonment of FGM/C**
- **Building capacity to undertake OR**
- **Maximizing utilization of knowledge generated**

Family planning legacy: What you will hear about at this forum

- Underutilized contraceptive methods (IUD, vasectomy, EC, LAM)
 - Increasing availability, access and use
 - Facility- and non-facility-based delivery
 - Method mix
- Quality of family planning services
 - Definitions, interventions, evaluation, rights and effectiveness
 - Gendered dimensions of service quality
 - Ensuring quality of care through **client counseling tool and facility assessment tool**
- The bigger picture: FP, population and the World Bank

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- Linking FP with other services
 - HIV counseling and testing, PMTCT, ART
 - Antenatal care, immediate and extended postpartum care
 - Assessing integration of FP and other services
 - Increasing access to FP through systematic screening
- Postpartum family planning (with ACCESS-FP)
 - Rationale for integration?
 - With clinic-based maternal health services
 - With community-based maternal health services
 - Contraceptive methods and the postpartum period