Scenario Tool

TIME
60 minutes per client or client group

DIFFICULTY
Participants: MEDIUM
Facilitator: MEDIUM
Facilitator will have to lead the conversation and continuously make follow-up questions to dig deeper into the root causes of the challenges and opportunities.

GOAL
The Client Visual Scenario tool will allow facilitators to:

• Further understand clients’ perceptions of the family planning experience.
• Gather specific details on their experience of receiving family planning, counseling and health talks about contraception and pregnancy.
• Have a better understanding of clients’ motivations for seeking family planning services and their barriers to adopting and maintaining use of family planning methods.

HOW DOES IT WORK?
1. During this discussion, a member of the Core Implementation Team shows client(s) images of the provider’s behaviors of interest.
2. The facilitator and client(s) then talk about how each image compares to the client’s recent family planning experience, their perception of these services/behaviors, and their motivations for seeking family planning.

MATERIALS NEEDED
□ Good quality large print-outs of each visual scenario (A4).
□ A copy of the scenarios and discussion questions
□ Audio recorders, if using/allowed
□ Pen

PARTICIPANTS & ROLES
□ Number of Participants: Three to four family planning clients. For group formats, no more than three or four participants who meet the selection criteria (see the Select Samples section).
□ Roles: (both fluent in the preferred languages of the client)
• One facilitator
• One notetaker
# Client Information

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**Current Family Planning Status:**

CURRENTLY USING / PREVIOUSLY USED / NEVER USED

**Type of Family Planning Method Client Uses (if applicable)**

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**Notes**
Scenario 1

Health Literacy

SCENE DESCRIPTION

Mary is a 21-year-old woman who lives in a rural area. She is illiterate and has not heard much about contraception. Today, she went to the closest health facility to get more information about family planning after hearing some of her neighbors talking about it. She had to travel 1.5 hours to get to the facility.

The provider took Mary to a private area for a consultation. During her consultation, the health provider recommended that Mary start taking oral contraceptive pills to prevent pregnancies. However, the provider didn’t explain many details about side effects she might experience or how often she would need to return to get more pills. The provider did not let Mary know about other family planning options.

Mary didn’t have the space to ask questions or seek more guidance. She felt shy to talk about her concerns, needs, and preferences with the provider. She left feeling uncertain about what to expect and whether she wanted to use oral contraceptive pills.
Scenario 1 - Health Literacy

QUESTIONS AND PROMPTS

How was your family planning consultation similar?

How was your family planning visit different?
**Scenario 1 - Health Literacy**

**QUESTIONS AND PROMPTS**

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Scenario 2
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Norms & Misconceptions

SCENE DESCRIPTION

Grace just got married and hopes to go to university. She is not ready to have a child yet, as she hopes to graduate from university and get a job. She is curious about family planning but she believes her religious leaders would oppose. Her mother-in-law wants her to have a child soon and she feels embarrassed talking to her husband about sex and contraception. She has also heard that family planning can make it so she won't be able to get pregnant later on.

She finally decides to go with her cousin to the health facility and inquire about family planning. During the consultation, the provider scolds her for believing false ideas about contraception. The provider addresses Grace's misunderstanding but advises against using family planning since she should not wait to have her first child. The provider is not willing to provide Grace with contraception without her husband's consent. She suggested that Grace come back next time with her husband.

Grace leaves feeling frustrated and defeated. Her concerns were not addressed and she doesn't know how to talk to her husband about using family planning.
Scenario 2 - Norms & Misconceptions

QUESTIONS AND PROMPTS

How was your family planning consultation similar?

How was your family planning visit different?
Scenario 2 - Norms & Misconceptions
QUESTIONS AND PROMPTS

How did the provider treat you?

What barriers do you face related to family planning?

What do you think influenced the way the provider treated you?

What could have been done to improve your interaction with the provider?

How did the provider respond to your questions or concerns?
Scenario 3

Rushed but available provider

SCENE DESCRIPTION

Doris is 34 years old and started to use contraceptive implants a few months ago. She has been experiencing occasional heavy menstrual bleeding, which bothers her and her husband. She wonders if there are other methods that she could switch to. Doris and her husband, Thumbo, have discussed and want to continue some form of family planning.

She comes to the health facility with her husband hoping to discuss the problems she is experiencing. The couple waits for 2 hours because there were a lot of clients at the facility. They see some community members and worry that they might find out that they’re using family planning. Finally, they are able to talk with a provider. Doris explains the side effects she has been experiencing and asks what she can do.

The provider explains the bleeding and discusses a few other options with the couple, including some that Thumbo could consider. The couple feels at ease asking questions, and the provider responds, though she is very busy. The couple decides to try an IUD, but unfortunately none is in stock. The provider refers Doris to another facility for IUD insertion.
Scenario 3 - Rushed but available provider

QUESTIONS AND PROMPTS

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<td>After arriving at the facility, how long did you wait to see the provider? How much time did you spend with the provider? Did you feel like you had enough time with the provider?</td>
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<td>How attentive was the provider to you during the consultation? What distractions did the provider have?</td>
<td>Was your preferred family planning method available? If not, what did the provider do?</td>
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Scenario X

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SCENE DESCRIPTION

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