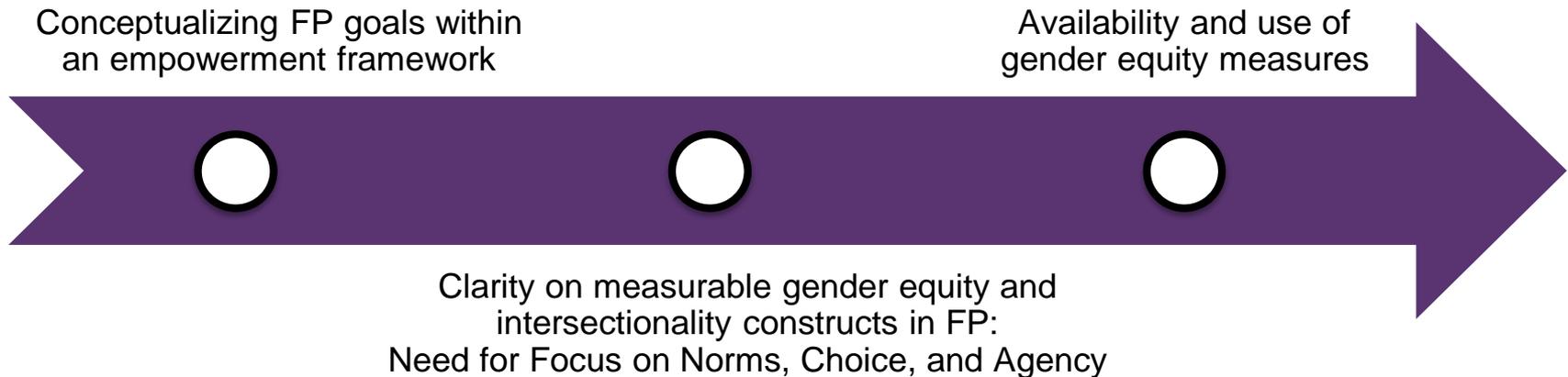




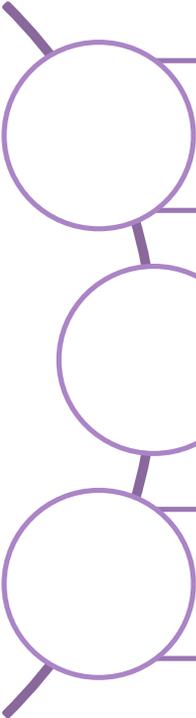
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Objectives



What are the agency and norms constructs and measures currently used in family planning research?

What can we say about the quality of these measures and where are the gaps?

What does the landscape of measures and experiences of field experts tell us about the needs of the field?



EMERGE FP Project: Focused on building the evidence-base in measurement

Phase 1

Key Informant Interviews with SRH Field Experts (n=40) in Jan 2020

Field Experts: Experiences of developing, operationalizing and using measures

Thematic Analysis: measurement frameworks, quality of science, measures, gaps

Phase 2

Two-step **scoping review** of published research (Feb – July 2020)

Lit Review: Cross-disciplinary databases; resulting in 152 papers

Quality Review: Identified measures assessed for psychometrics, cross-national validation, ease of use

Phase 3

Convening and Planning to improve FP measures/data

Convening: held Sept 9

Plans:

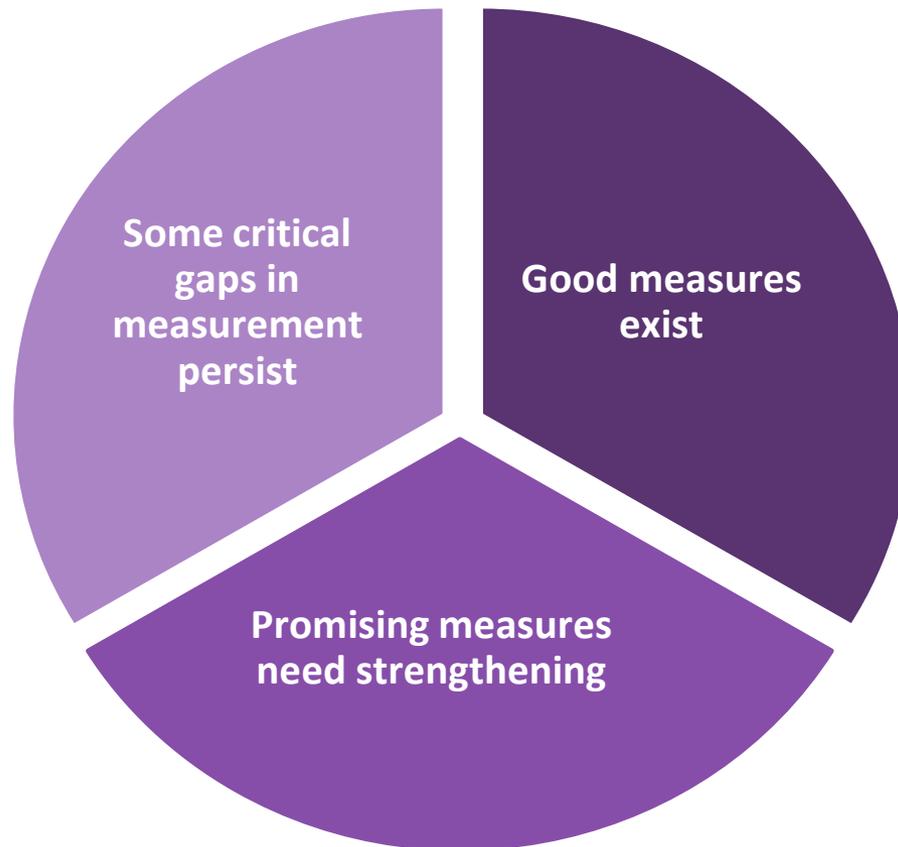
-Position paper: priorities for advancing GE+FP measurement

-Additional convenings: recommending measures at scale; harmonizing measures

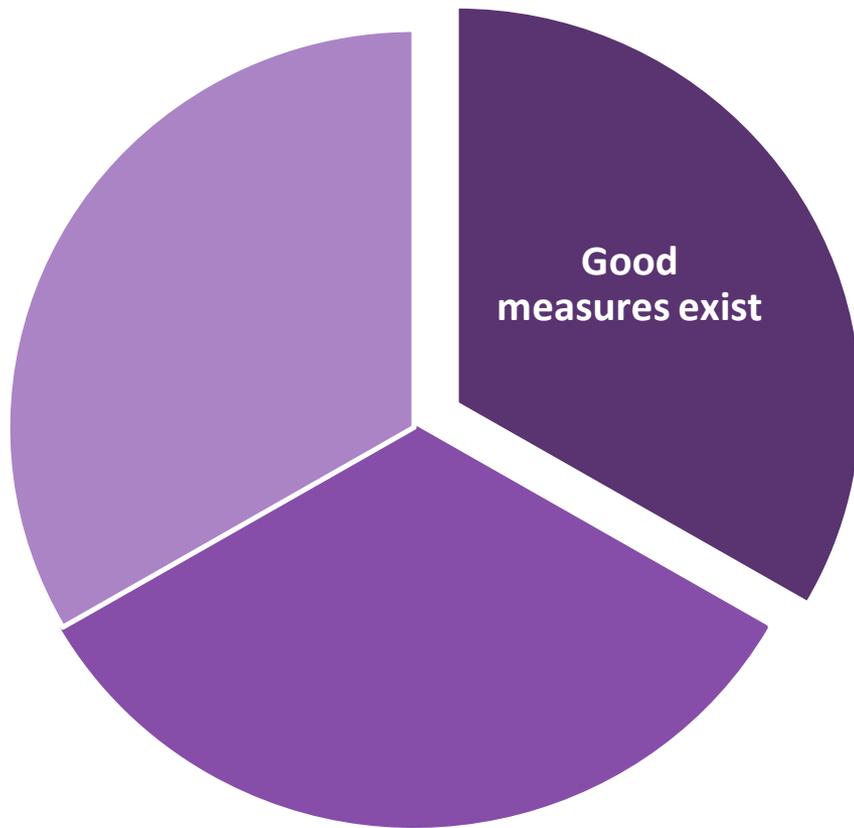
-Testing new measures



Our Learnings



Measures performing well!



Agency

- Contraceptive self-efficacy scale
- Sexual communication self-efficacy
- Reproductive decision-making autonomy

Response to Agency

- Male engagement in FP-communication, decision-making control, fertility preferences
- Reproductive Coercion

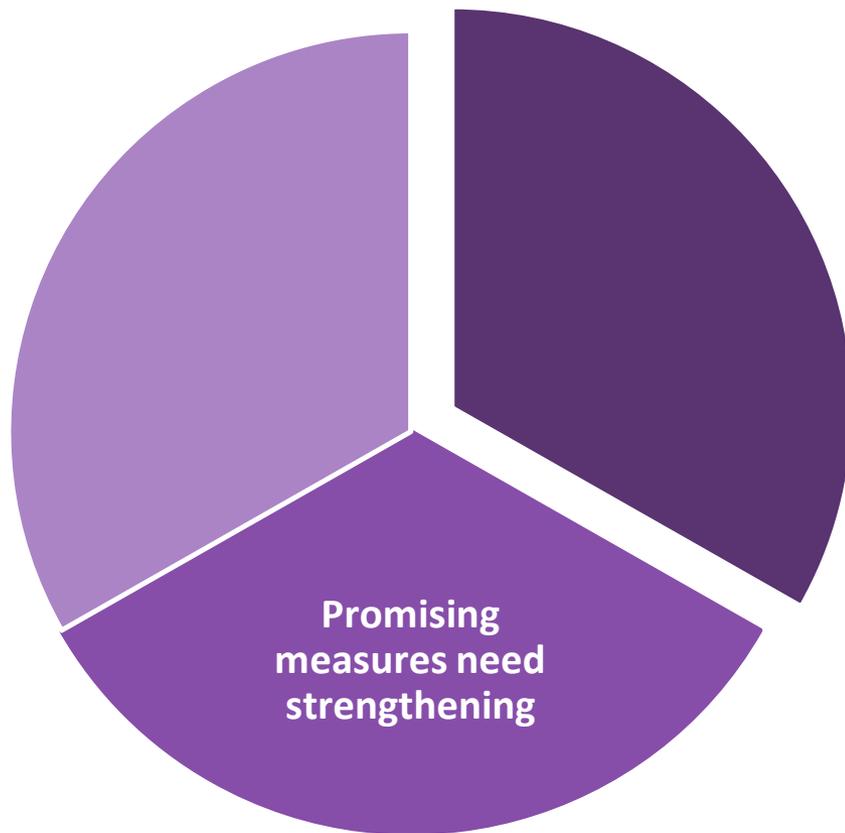
FP Stigma/Rights

- Abortion
- Adolescent reproductive and sexual health

Need strengthening through cross-national testing, harmonization and adaptation to context/population



Strengthening Promising Measures



Social Norms measures are developing to assess:

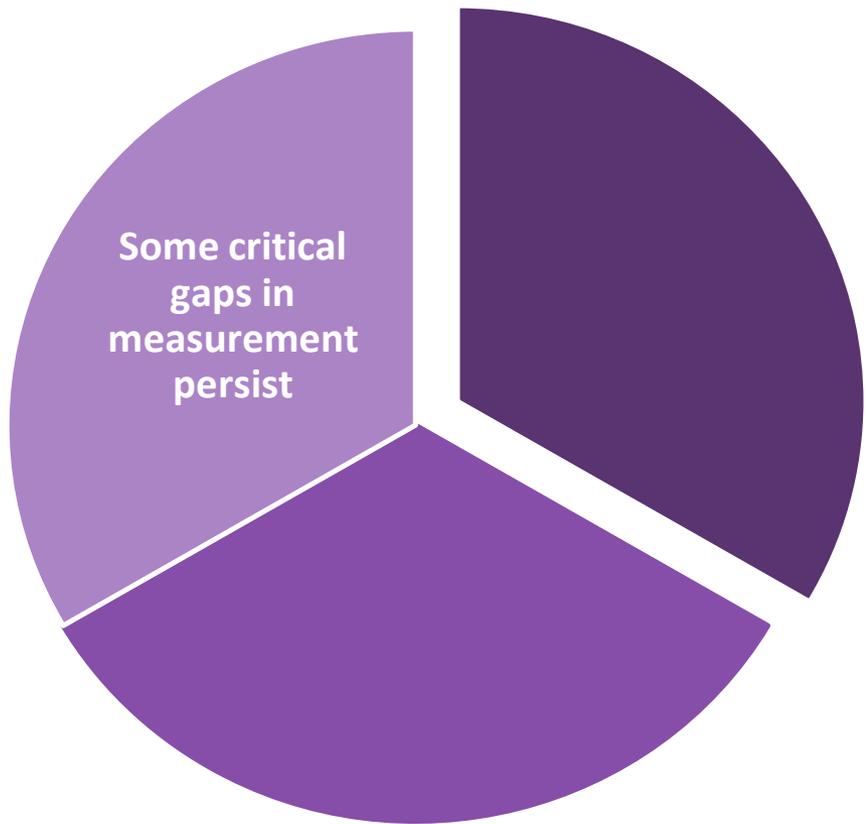
- Gender norms
- Male engagement in FP norms
- Family/community engagement in FP norms
- Fertility (including son preference) and contraceptive use norms

QoC in FP Counseling are being revised to assess:

- Provider respect/coercion
- Effects of incentives and targets on provider behaviors



Gap Areas in Measurement

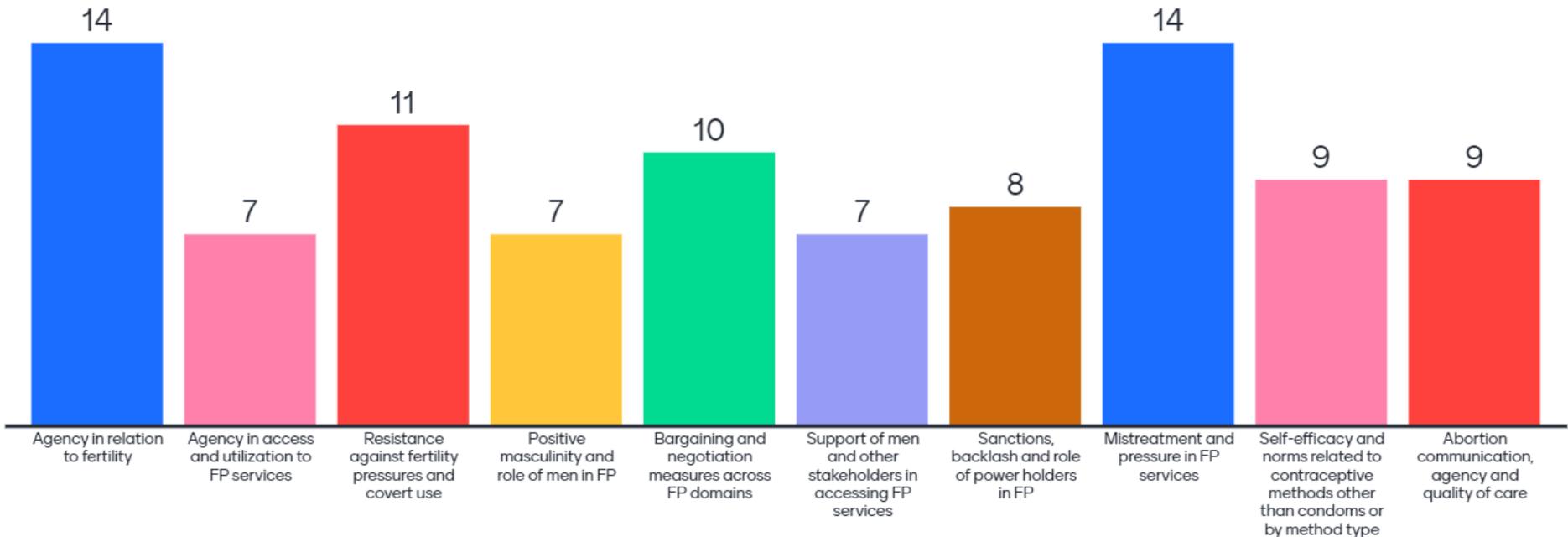


- Agency in Fertility
- Contraceptive Discontinuation
- Ambivalence/Not Planning
- Forms of Resistance: covert use
- Sexuality/Pleasure
- Critical Consciousness and Choice

*Outlined in detail in the White Paper



Out of the following identified construct gaps, which three of the following do you think the field should prioritize? (32 responses)



What the experts recommended for prioritization



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