UNDERSTANDING THE POLICY LANDSCAPE (RP1L)

Module
From Research to Policy

Format
Presentation

Purpose
This presentation contributes to the module learning objectives by defining policy, introducing the components of the policy landscape.

Time Required
- 45 mins. (depending on how much discussion and interaction)

Activity Description
PowerPoint presentation with speaker notes. This session helps to ensure that everyone starts the workshop on the same page about the breadth of policy. This session will help to expand their thinking about policy communications on their particular topic.

The session defines policy, addresses why policies are created, highlights why RH/FP can create a special case for policy, and encourages the group to think of policies at multiple levels. The presentation introduces the idea of the policy landscape, including some questions participants can explore to begin to understand the policy landscape. A true policy landscape assessment is a large undertaking; the goal with this presentation is to shift their thinking in that direction, and ask them to consider what information they might need to understand the policy landscape for their issue.

The presentation includes two embedded brainstorming discussions that will benefit from flip charts that have been prepared in advance.

Key Learning Concept(s)
- Thinking outside the box of big policies at the national or international level, and recognizing the multiple levels and types of policies.
- One issue can impact policies at multiple levels (national, subnational, institutional, operational) and in multiple sectors.
- Recognize the relationship between a large, national policy and the other types of policy structures to implement it.
- What information is needed to understand the policy landscape?
- How does gender influence policy?
Materials Needed
- Laptop and projector, 1 flip chart, index cards, marker

Associated Exercises
- Policy Landscape Worksheet (RP2E)

Required Preparation
- None