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Health Facility Assessment Tool

To assess potential sites for integrating new cervical cancer prevention screening and treatment programs

Site information

Name of health facility:

Name of the health facility contact person:

Address

Phone:

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E-mail:

Describe where the health facility fits into the regional health network:

Personnel potentially involved in cervical cancer outreach, screening, and treatment

	Name of position(s)	Number of people in each position
Staff or volunteers who would conduct facility-based outreach		
Staff or volunteers who would conduct community-based outreach		
Staff who would conduct counseling		
Staff who would conduct screening		
Staff who would conduct treatment		

Comments on adequacy of staff for integrating cervical cancer screening and treatment (i.e. is there a shortage of staff in any of the relevant positions):

Women targeted for cervical cancer screening program

Target age for screening: _____

Number of women of reproductive age (i.e. 15-49) in health facility catchment area: _____

Estimated number of women in target age in health facility catchment area: _____

Outreach/community mobilization

What outreach/community mobilization is currently in place for any health issues at this health facility? Please describe in the following table.

What health issues are covered?	What is the target population for this outreach?	Who performs the community outreach?	What activities are implemented? (health-facility based, community meetings, home visits, etc.)

Comments/issues related to current outreach/community mobilization activities:

Location of screening and treatment services

What area of the health facility will cervical cancer screening and treatment services be provided?

In this area, how many rooms would be used for screening and treatment?

Equipment status and needs

Supplies

	Desired quantity per room	# currently available in screening room(s)	Is current supply sufficient? Y/N	# needed for new service
Examination table	1			
Acetic acid (Vinegar)	depends on usage			
Instrument tray with lid	1			
Graves speculum	8 (5 medium and 3 large)			
Sponge holding forceps	8			
Stainless Gallipots (small bowls)	3			
Cotton wool	5 rolls/month per site			
Gauze swabs	2 boxes / month			
Rolling stool	1			
Light Source (gooseneck lamp or flashlight)	1			
Batteries (if using flashlight)	2 pairs / month			
Sanitary pads/cotton for post-cryo	15 pack of ten / month			
Digital timer or wall clock				
Drapes for table, bed				
Rubber sheet to cover beds				

Infection Prevention

	Desired quantity per room	# currently available for screening and treatment	Is current supply sufficient? Y/N	# needed for new service
Plastic buckets for decontamination	2, one for soapy water, one			

	for instruments in Jik			
Plastic bins	1 for each examination room			
Utility gloves	2 pairs			
Latex disposables gloves	1800 (3 boxes of 50/box) per month			
Chlorine decontaminant (Jik)	5.42 litres/month price depends on country			
Cidex (2–4% glutaraldehyde)	5 litres / month			
Biohazard plastic bags	1 pack of 100 /month			
Powdered soap	2 large			

Cryotherapy Equipment

	Desired quantity per room	# currently available	Is current supply sufficient? Y/N	# needed for new service
Cryotherapy unit (includes 2 tips)	1			
Carbon dioxide or nitrous oxide tank	1			
gas tank carrier with wheels	1			
gas tank refills	depends on usage			
Washers for cryo machine	2			
Wrench /spanner to tighten gas connection	1			
Rubber stoppers for cryo units	2			

Current cervical cancer screening practices

What cervical cancer screening method is currently used at the health facility?

Screening in the past three months:

	Month:	Month:	Month:
Total # of women screened in each of the past three months			
# of women screened in past three months within target age group			

Infection prevention/waste management

What guidelines are used at this health facility for infection prevention/waste management?

Current referral system

Where are women detected with a positive screening test currently referred for treatment?

Is there a mechanism in place for tracking treatment follow-up (identifying the number of women who complete the referral?)

Referrals for women screened positive in the past three months:

	Month:	Month:	Month:
# of women screened positive referred			
# of women referred who completed referral			

Issues related to current referral system:

Current diagnostic services

What diagnostic capacity currently exists at this health facility? (please describe in the following table)

Diagnostic capacity	Yes or No and comments
Colposcopy	
Biopsy	
ECC	
Pathology unit	
Other: _____	

Issues related to current diagnostic practices:

Current treatment services available for pre-cancer and cancer

What treatment services are currently available at this health facility? (please describe in the following table)

Type of treatment	Yes or No and comments
Cryotherapy	
Cold knife cone	
LEEP	
Hysterectomy	
Radiation	
Other: _____	

Issues related to current treatment practices:

Supportive supervision

Who is currently responsible for completing daily outreach, screening, and treatment reports?

Who is currently responsible for compiling monthly outreach, screening, and treatment reports?

Who analyzes/assesses monthly reports?

What internal and external clinical supervision is currently in place at this health facility?

What supervision of outreach activities is currently in place at this health facility?

Integration of cervical cancer screening and treatment into existing services

How would new cervical cancer prevention screening and treatment services be integrated into existing services at this health facility?

What challenges at the health facility and/or in the community do you anticipate?

Additional observations regarding health facility capacity for implementing new screening and treatment services