

## Executive Summary for Literature Review – Example

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**Introduction: my example of an executive summary for a literature review concerning current strategies and policies in global family planning should function as a broad guide only – your own content and focal points will dictate the precise description and scope of your executive summary. Presume my example was composed by an international development organization in Washington, DC. Also refer to our previous examples from organizational documents. Note the bolded elements previously discussed. Remember to submit your executive summary by next class in preparation for your full literature review; review assignment criteria posted on Blackboard.**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2012 London Family Planning Summit represented a paradigm shift in global commitment to family planning, with world leaders pledging 120 million new beneficiaries of family planning resources by 2020. Past policies had championed top-down, omniscient task forces working with heads of state to impose regulated family planning on an ill-informed populace (Carter and Daniels). Despite widespread celebration of the evident preparedness of Summit attendees to leverage national and international resources to rapidly spread the availability of family planning tools, a significant number of human rights organizations expressed concern that such speed would risk sacrificing civil rights for expediency (Stegner et al).

Subsequent organizational responses have sought to introduce a clear framework through which operators in the field would ensure protection of basic human rights and full, voluntary choice in the matter of selection and usage of family planning resources. The central assertion posed by one such organization, Population Services International, encapsulates and articulates this goal and hints at both research and practice-based methods for achieving it: “We must ensure that public health programs oriented toward voluntary family planning access and use respect, protect and fulfill human rights in the way they are designed, implemented, and evaluated.”

### This Literature Review:

- Provides an overview of the developments in various international development organizations’ groundwork for establishing human rights-centered global family planning implementation practices
- Offers an aggregated list of key principles and methods drawn from these separate responses to the problem
- Highlights links between intended programmatic features and human rights outcomes and ramifications
- Provides recommendations for how international development organizations can effectively expand upon these existing plans in cooperation with participating countries’ own investments to progress the goal of full integration of human rights in global family planning initiatives

## **Framework for Voluntary, Human Rights-Based Family Planning**

This review, commissioned by USAID, is intended to assist policymakers, program managers, donors, and principals in civil-society organizations in their ongoing development of policy and program design and implementation. To that end, it addresses specific activities, outcomes, and impacts for successful, cooperative human rights centered projects, including:

- First item
- Second item
- Third item
- Fourth item

While this framework is intended to provide comprehensive recommendations, it is not necessary for each organization to implement all aspects of it. However, starting with an understanding of the whole will enable each party to determine which aspects of programming best maximize their capacity and resources and understand how their contribution forwards the goal of human rights-centered family planning.

## **Application of Framework and Recommending Next Steps**

This report recommends certain next steps to ensure continuation and safeguarding of family planning that recognizes and protects human rights:

- First item
- Second item
- Third item
- Fourth item