

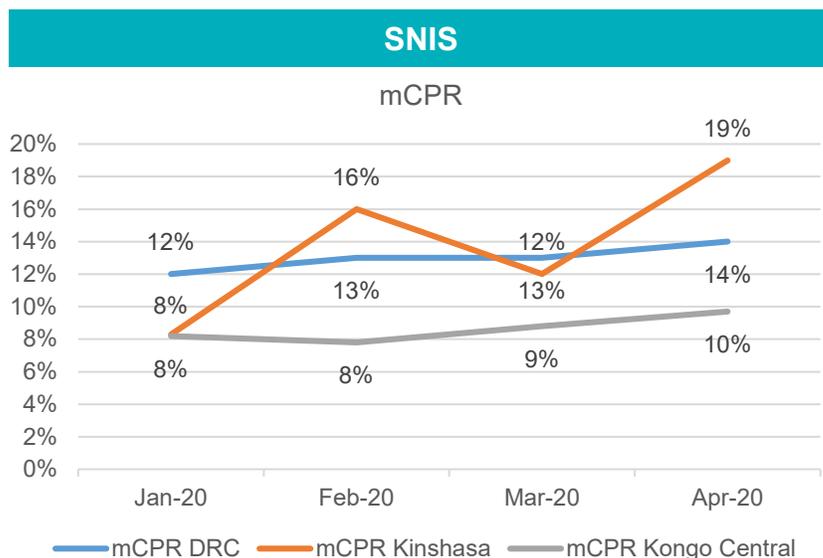


### Executive Summary

This brief includes data from the Democratic Republic of the Congo's (DRC) *Système National d'Information Sanitaire* (SNIS) and four of the twelve BMGF family planning (FP) grantees in the DRC. It examines trends in new and continuing FP users, FP method mix, and stock-outs between January and April or May 2020. In general, the data show decreases in most FP services (except FP services for post-partum women) between March and April 2020 in Kinshasa but less so in Kongo Central (KC). This could be because Kinshasa was affected by COVID-19 earlier than Kongo Central. However, data from SNIS and grantees suggest that the number of new FP users among all women increased slightly while remaining fairly consistent among youth. Grantee data in Kinshasa suggest that people accessing most FP methods at health facilities (FOSA) decreased since the first cases of COVID-19 were detected in the DRC in March 2020. According to grantee data, FP methods distributed by community-based distributors (CBD) also decreased in Kinshasa between March and April. SNIS data present a less clear picture, although they show decreases in those accessing FP methods at facilities in Kinshasa between March and April 2020. Grantee data and SNIS data sometimes present different trends, most noticeably with condom sales.

### National modern contraceptive prevalence rate

**(mCPR)\*:** Overall, mCPR rose between January and April 2020, with a drop in March.



\*mCPR includes only married women who received methods from FOSA that report to the SNIS.

### DRC's COVID-19 status

- ▶ # of positive cases: 5,477 (4,937 in Kinshasa and 249 in KC)
- ▶ # of deaths: 122
- ▶ # of provinces affected: 11/26
- ▶ Restrictions of movement between provinces and within Kinshasa are still in effect

### Data Summary

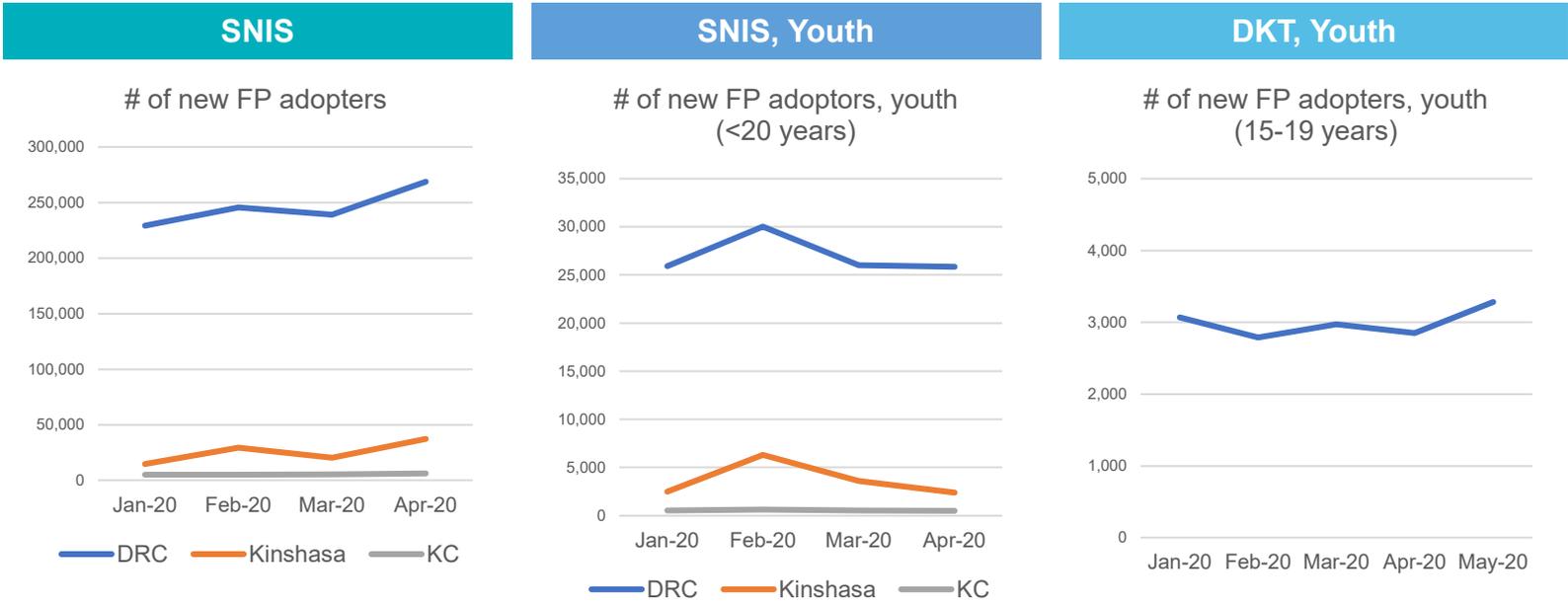
When comparing data trends from each source, please note the differences in geographies and the number of FOSA surveyed. Y-axes do not align between graphs in most cases. Other information to note:

Grantee	# Provinces (26 total)	# FOSA reporting (Jan.-April/May 2020)
SNIS	26	17,826-17,993 (DRC) <sup>1</sup> 963 (Kinshasa) <sup>2</sup> 1,389 (KC) <sup>3</sup>
AcQual III	2	81 (Kinshasa) <sup>4</sup> 34 (KC) <sup>5</sup>
DKT	18	FOSA and community-based distribution data are combined
Engender Health	1	67 (Kinshasa)
Jhpiego	1	16 (Kinshasa)

<sup>1</sup> Reporting rates were between 95.6 % and 97.9%  
<sup>2</sup> Reporting rates were between 97.1% and 98.9%  
<sup>3</sup> 1,427 FOSA in April; reporting rates were between 97.2% and 99.9%  
<sup>4</sup> Reports missing from 9 FOSA April  
<sup>5</sup> Reports missing from 5 FOSA in April

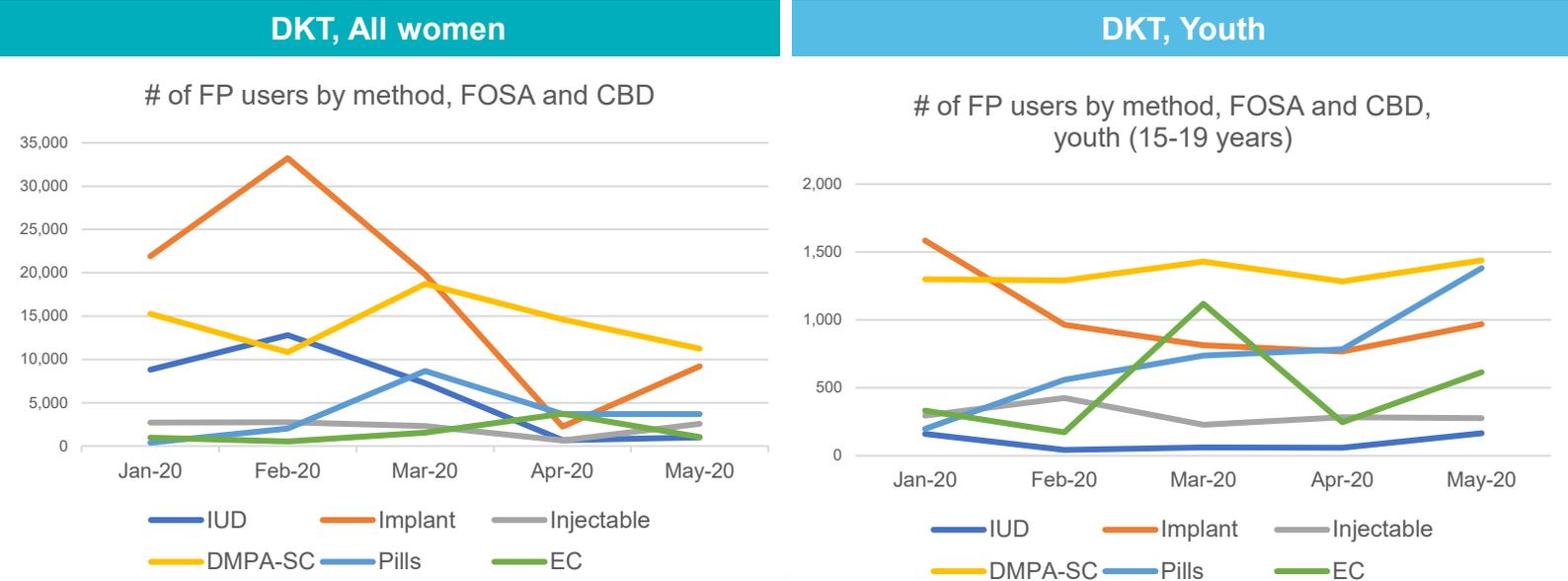
### New FP adopters

SNIS data show increases in new FP users (all women) in 2020 and a spike in new youth FP users in February but otherwise a fairly flat trend. DKT trends show a slight increase in youth FP adopters in May 2020.



### FP method use, DRC

DKT data shows that use of implants and IUDs decreased steadily between February and April but began to increase in May for all women. Use of oral contraceptive (OC) pills steadily increased between January and March and decreased in April and May among all women, while use of OCs increased among youth between January and May. Use of injectables and emergency contraception (EC) remained steady between January and May among all women.

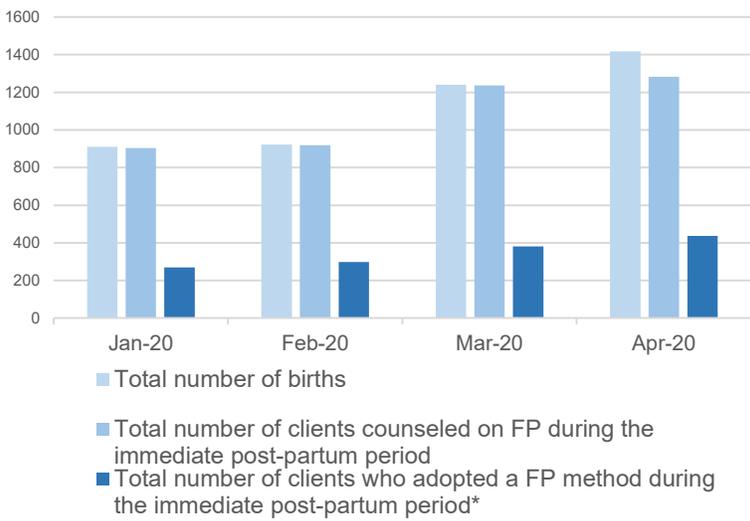


## FP Counseling and FP adoption, Kinshasa

Jhpiego data show some increases in post-partum FP counseling and FP adoption\* between January and April (about one-third of post-partum women adopted an FP method). However, among post-abortion clients, there was a notable decrease in the volume of clients in April. EngenderHealth data also show a drop in the number of women counseled (and adopting FP methods) in April in Kinshasa.

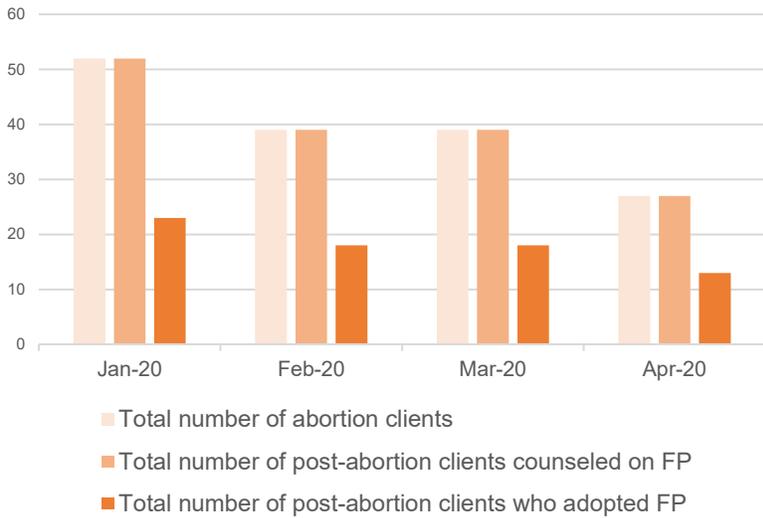
### Jhpiego, Post-partum

Number of post-partum clients who were counseled on and adopted FP, Kinshasa FOSA



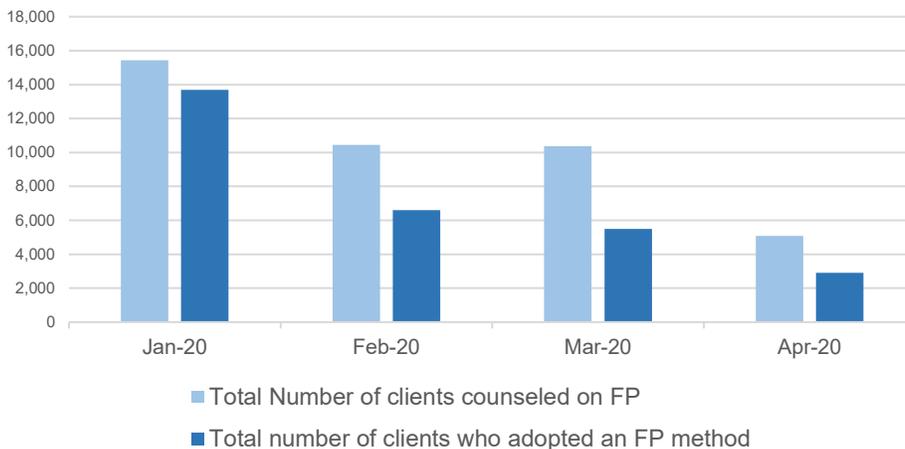
### Jhpiego, Post-abortion

Number of post-abortion clients counseled on and adopted FP, Kinshasa FOSA



### EngenderHealth

Number of clients counseled on and adopted FP methods, Kinshasa FOSA

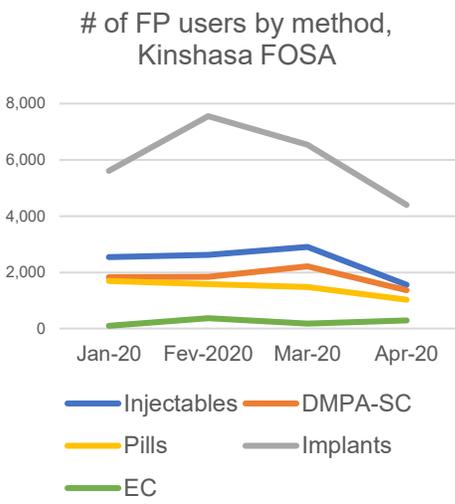


\*Post-partum FP adoption includes lactational amenorrhea method

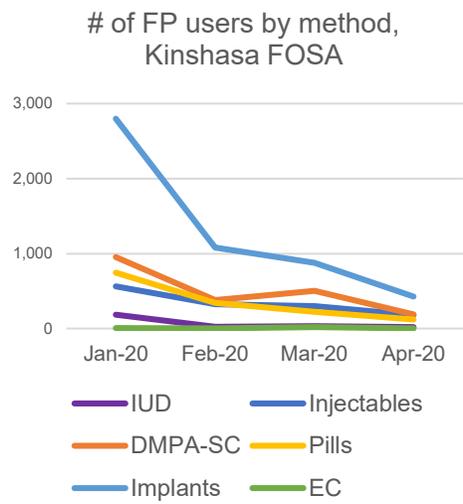
### FP method use, Kinshasa FOSA:

We see fairly consistent decreases in the number of users of most modern methods in Kinshasa from January to April 2020, with a notable decrease in users between March and April. However, the number of FP users among post-partum women increased over the same period (which may be due to the increasing number of births between January and April).

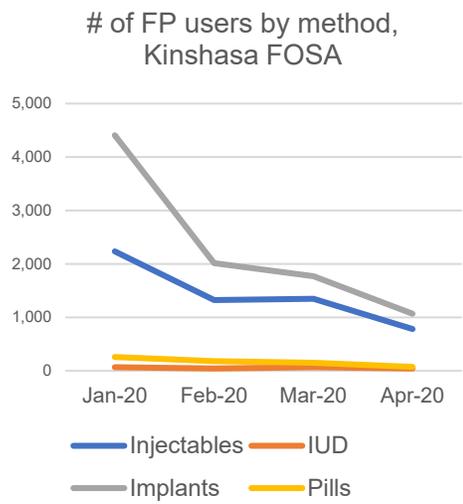
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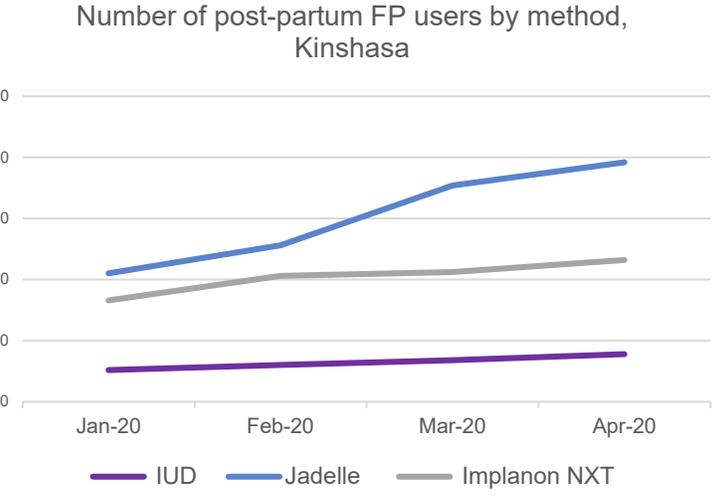
#### AcQual III



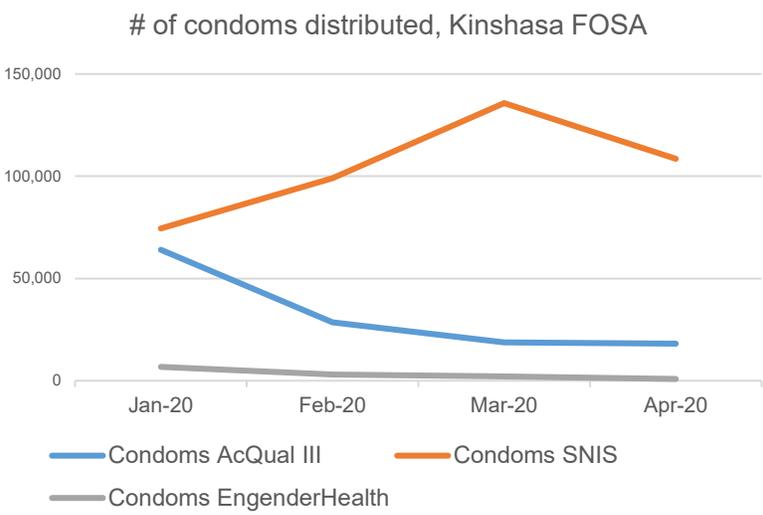
#### EngenderHealth



#### Jhpiego



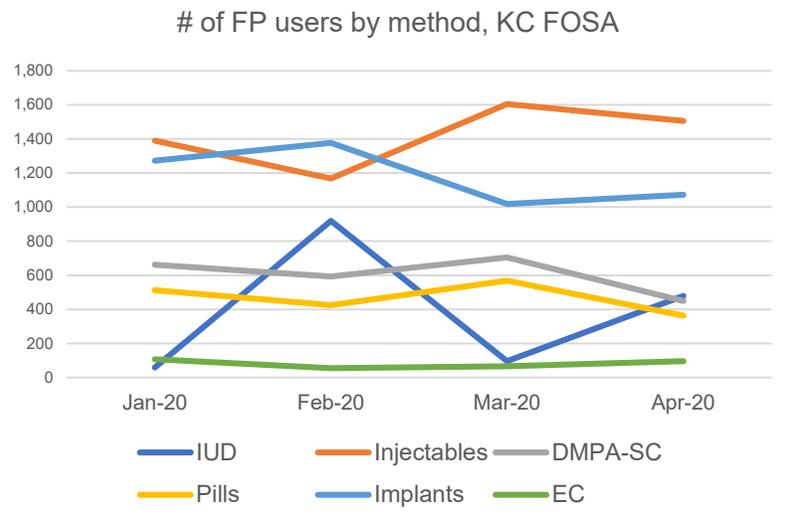
#### Condoms



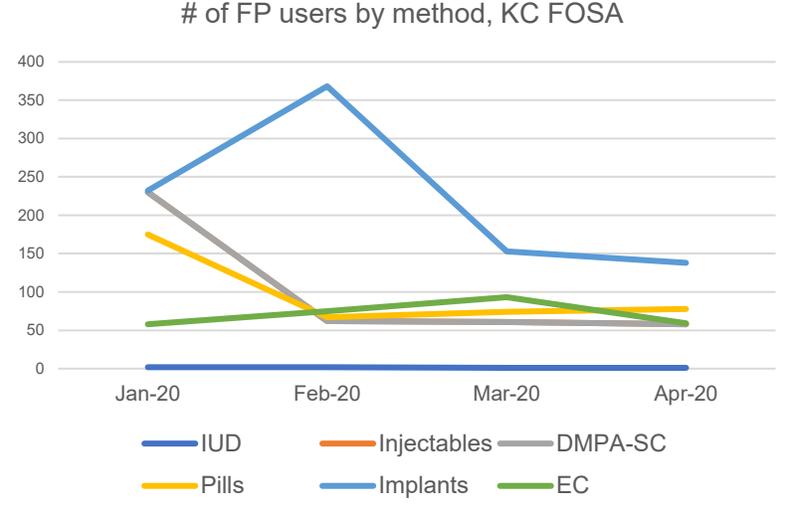
### FP method use, Kongo Central FOSA:

SNIS data in Kongo Central show injectable use increased between February and April 2020. AcQual III's data show general decreases in most modern methods in 2020, though this could be related to incomplete reporting from FOSAs in Kinshasa and Kongo Central in April. There are not consistent notable declines in users across methods between March and April. Condoms trends between the two sources do not align.

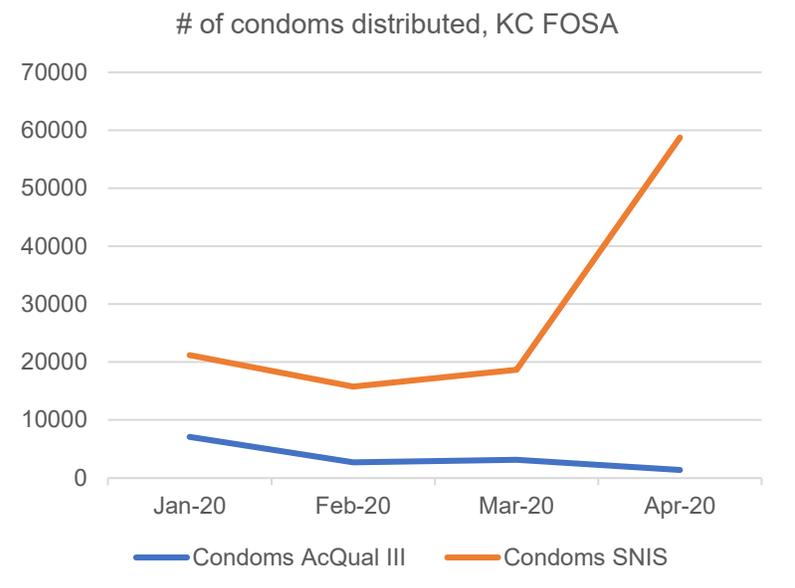
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## FP method use, Kinshasa and Kongo Central CBD:

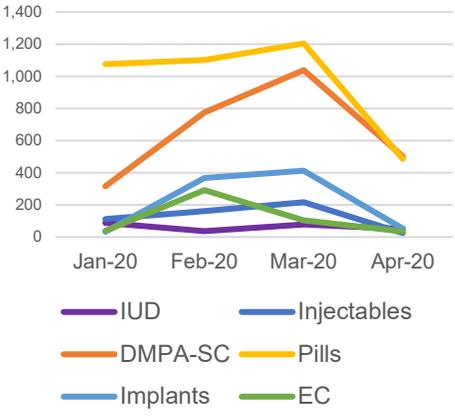
SNIS and AcQual III data show a dip in the distribution of most FP methods from CBDs from March to April 2020 in Kinshasa. In Kongo Central, available data show fluctuating trends in distribution of modern methods by CBDs with no consistent pattern across methods and no consistent drop between March and April. We see opposing trends in condom sales between data sources in both Kinshasa across all months and between March and April in Kongo Central.

### SNIS

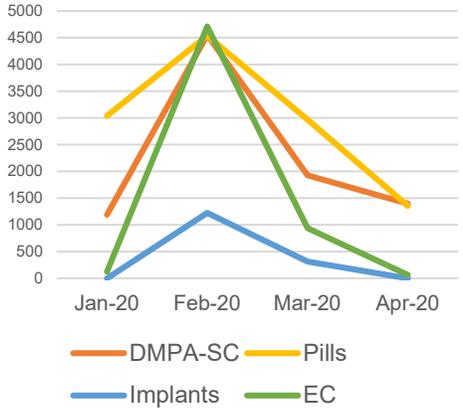
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### Condoms Kinshasa

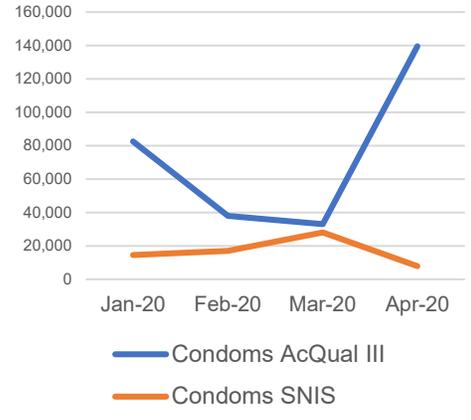
# of FP users by FP method, Kinshasa CBD



# of FP users by method, Kinshasa CBD



# of condoms sold, Kinshasa CBD

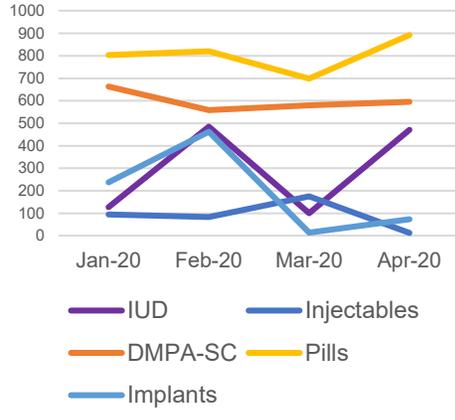


### SNIS

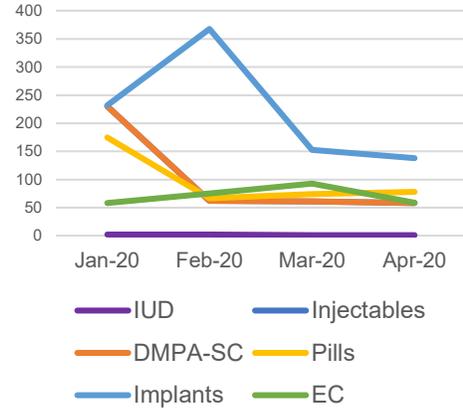
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### Condoms KC

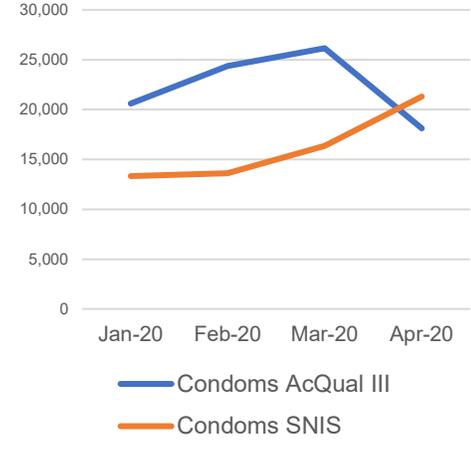
# of FP users by method, KC CBD



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# of condoms sold, KC CBD



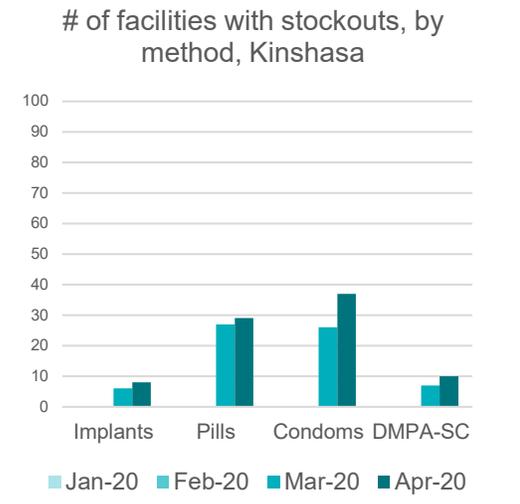
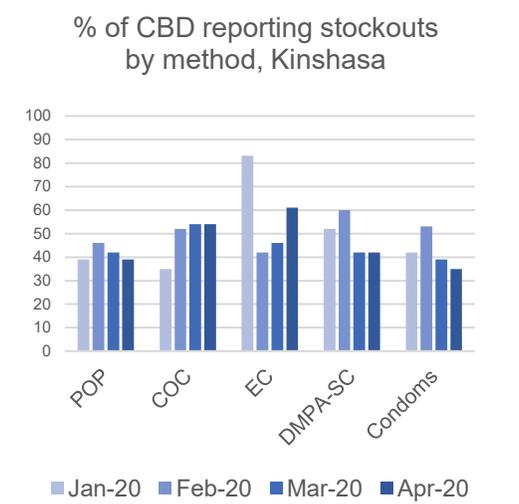
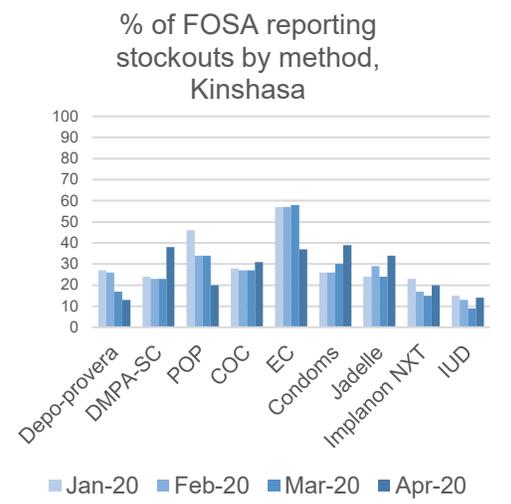
### Stockouts\*, Kinshasa

The number of EngenderHealth supported facilities experiencing stockouts of each method increased in March and April with the highest number of facilities reporting stock outs of condoms. In April, AcQual III's supported facilities experienced spikes in stockouts of condoms, Jadelle, and DMPA-SC.

#### AcQual III, FOSA

#### AcQual III, CBD

#### EngenderHealth, FOSA



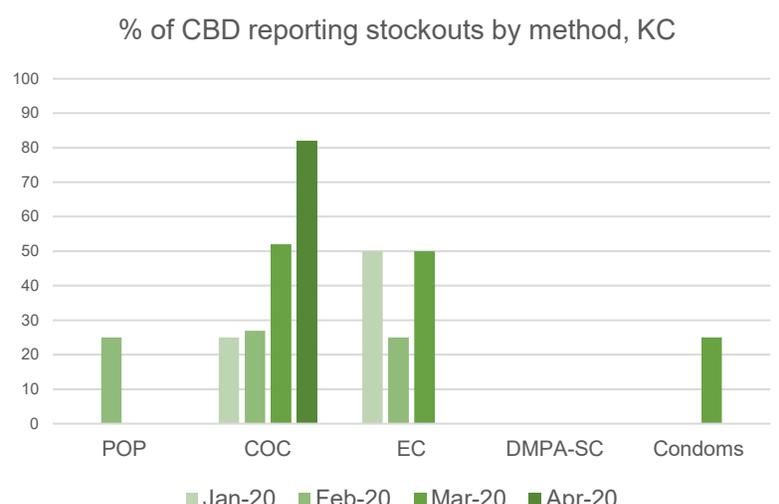
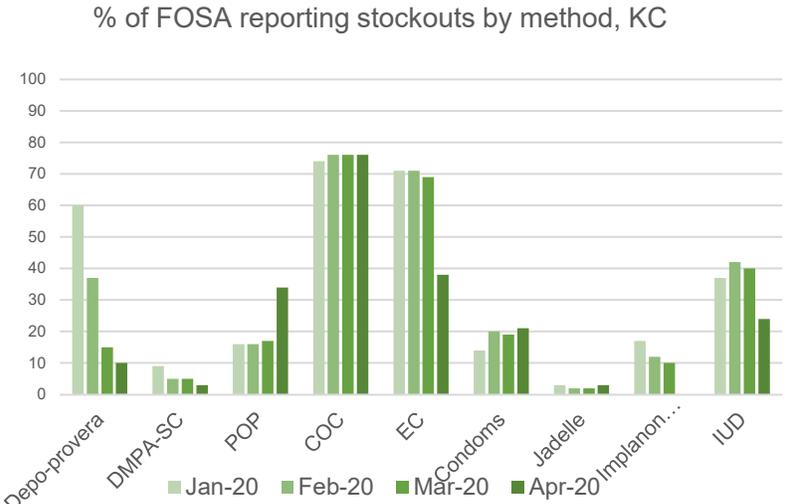
\*Stockouts: A facility does not have any of a product in stock during the reporting month or ran out of the method during that month.

### Stockouts, KC

More FOSA and CBD experienced stockouts of combined oral contraceptive pills than any other methods. The percent of FOSA experiencing stockouts of Depo-Provera decreased between January and April.

#### AcQual III, FOSA

#### AcQual III, CBD



This is the second of a series of planned updates on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the BGMF family planning portfolio in the DRC. Briefs will be distributed approximately once a month depending on the availability and volume of new information. We would like to thank all the BGMF FP grantees for their flexibility and timeliness in responding to our multiple requests for data.