



Executive Summary

This brief focuses on BMGF FP program states in Nigeria with greater COVID-19 impact (at least 150 cases reported). It includes the most current data available from eight grantees. Much of the data provided was only available through March 2020. April was the first full month of lockdown due to COVID-19, which may explain the lack of noticeable change in total FP adoption, FP adoption by method, and social mobiliser referrals, particularly in the public sector.

However, data that includes April 2020 suggest some recent trends from March to April that may reflect COVID-19 impacts, including:

- Decline in FP post partum FP uptake in Lagos
- Decline of FP acceptors in private facilities in Lagos State, particularly for SA methods.
- Decrease of FP acceptors among youth populations
- Increased stock outs of LARC commodities in Lagos and Nasawara states

Data Summary

Content:

- Public: FP acceptors, FP method use
- Private: FP acceptors, FP method use
- Youth
- Stockouts
- Counseling and referrals

For the purposes of this brief,

- LARCs include: IUD and implant
- Short acting (SA) methods include: oral pill and condom
- Keep in mind differences in grantee geographical coverage

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 Nigeria. Briefs will be distributed periodically depending on the availability and volume of new information.

We would like to thank all the BMGF FP grantees for providing relevant data.

Nigeria's COVID-19 status

of positive cases: 25,133

of deaths: 573

of states and FCT affected: 36/37

Key dates and prohibitions: June 1, lockdown relaxed to curfew between 10pm and 6am in Abuja FCT, Lagos, and Ogun states

Reopening date(s) for focus states: week of 29 June; domestic flights and interstate travel commences

Data sources and states:

Grantee	# States
A360	8*
CHAI PopCare	3*
DKT	Nationwide (digital)*
IntegratE	2
NURHI 2	2
PPFP	1*
RASuDiN	10*
TCI	10

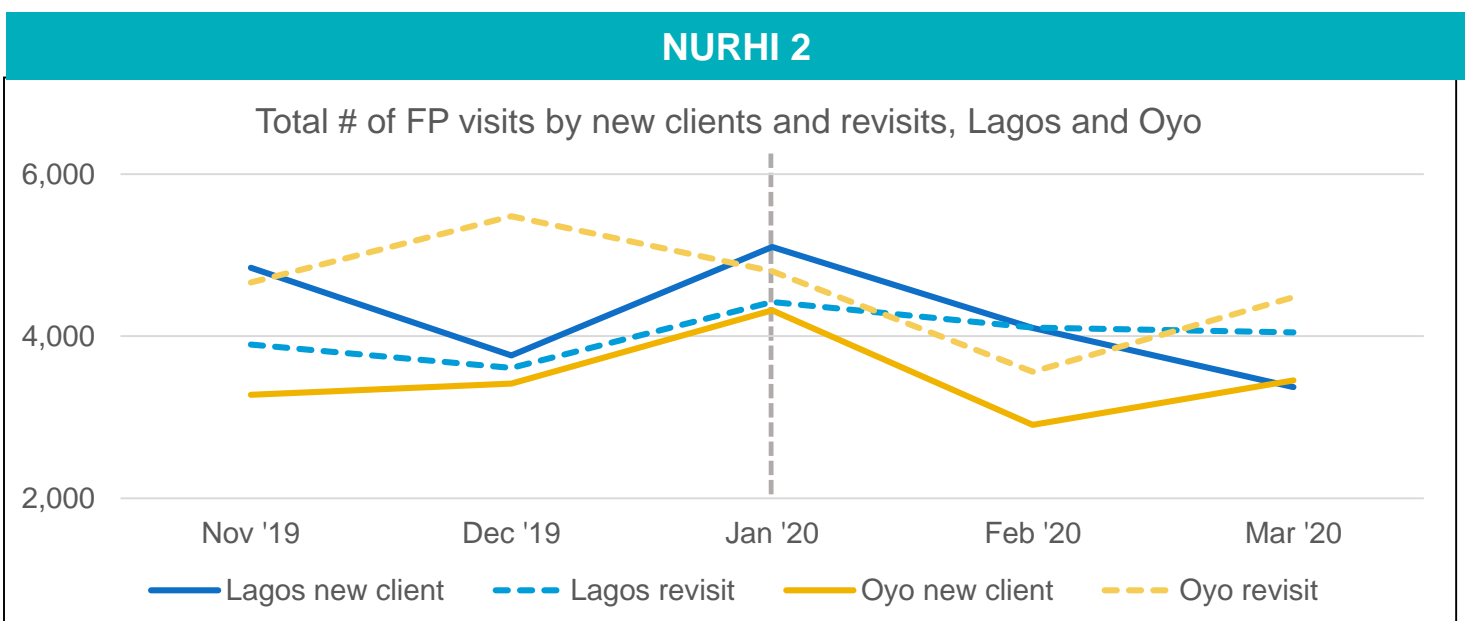
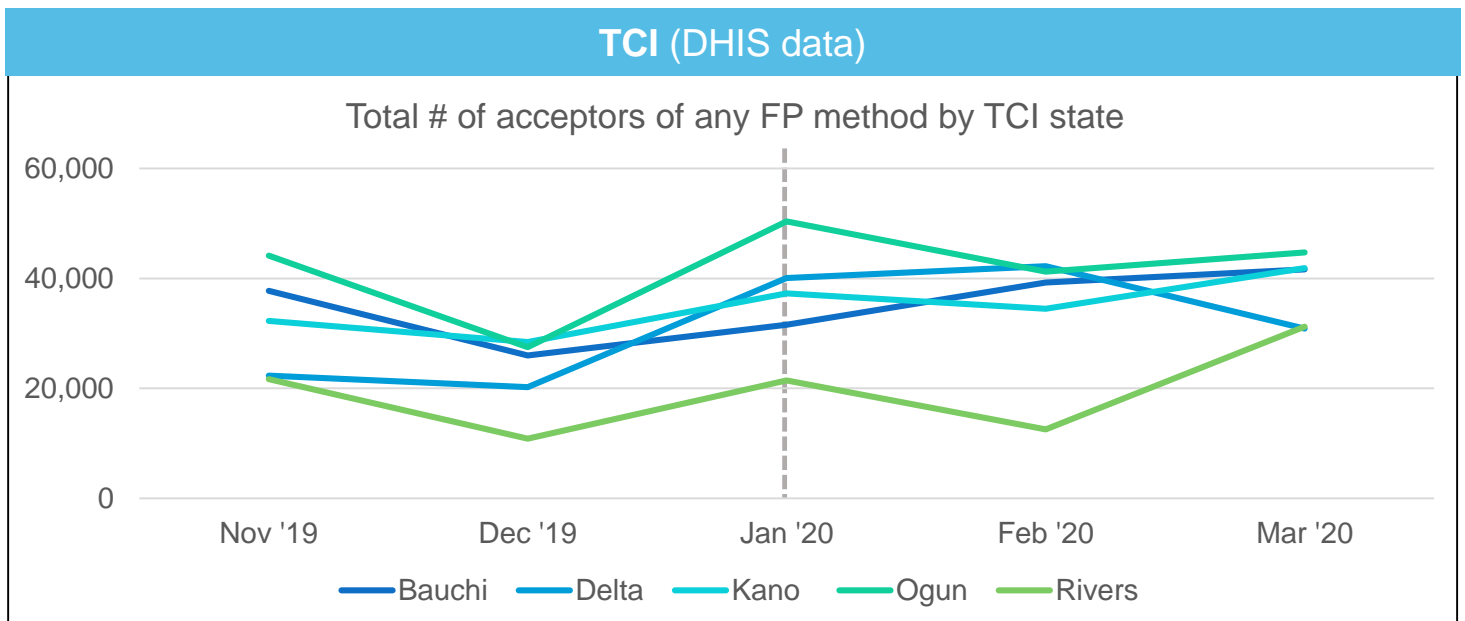
* Data available through April 2020

FP acceptors, public facilities

In The Challenge Initiative (TCI) states, the number of FP acceptors has generally stayed stable or increased slightly through March, although Rivers State saw a large uptick in FP acceptors from February to March.

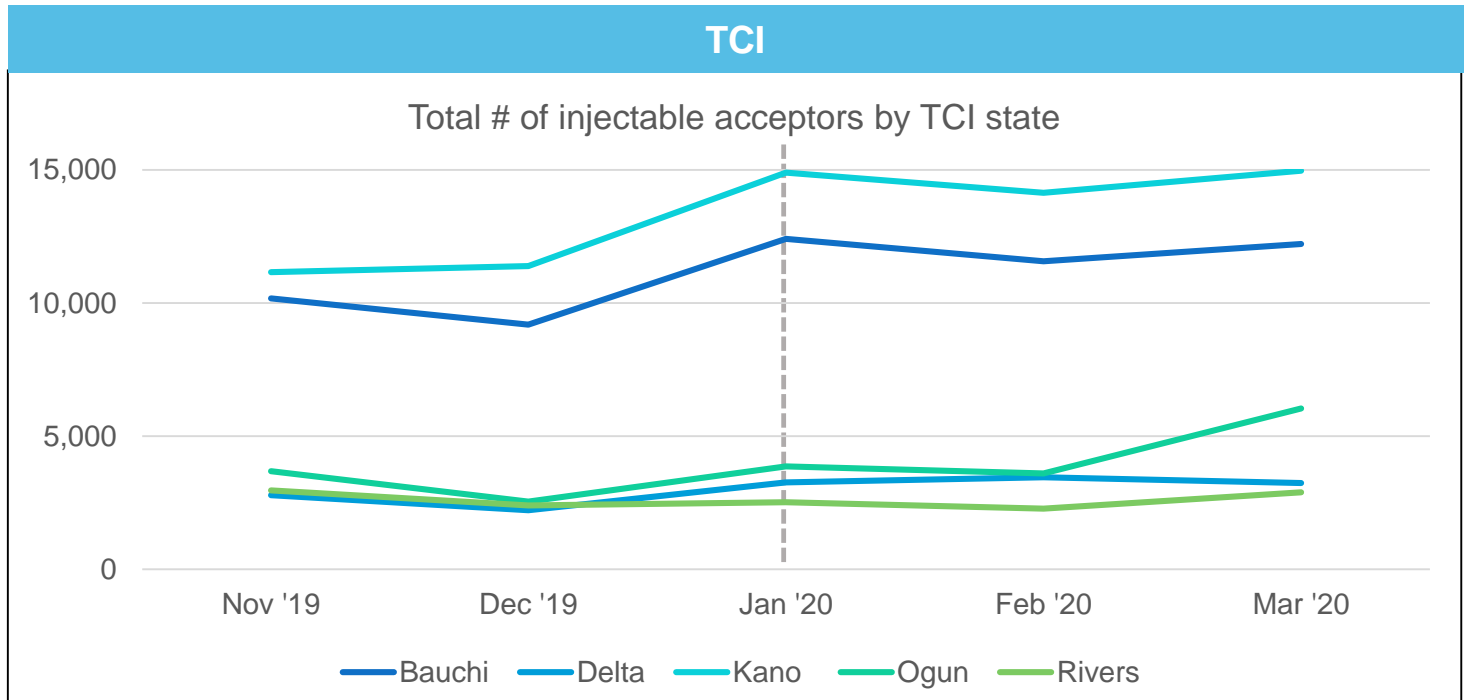
NURHI 2 data from Lagos and Oyo also show fairly stable FP visits to facilities.

As data are only available through March, it is likely too early to see effects of COVID-19 on family planning visits to public facilities.

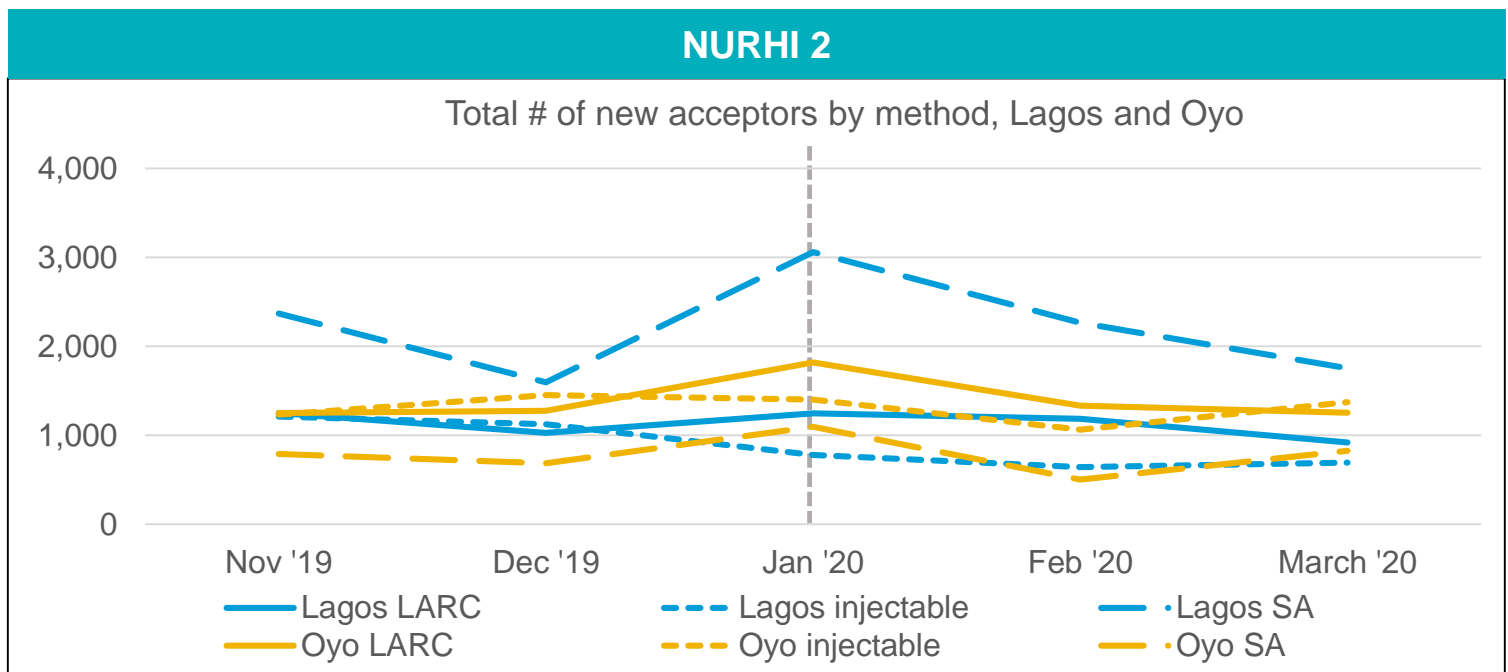


FP method use, public facilities

The number of FP acceptors by method has also remained fairly stable through March across TCI states (Bauchi, Delta, Kano, Ogun, and Rivers). For example, injectable use has not changed substantially since January 2020. LARC use (not visualized) across the five states has also remained unchanged, with the exception of an uptick in LARC methods in Kano from February to March.

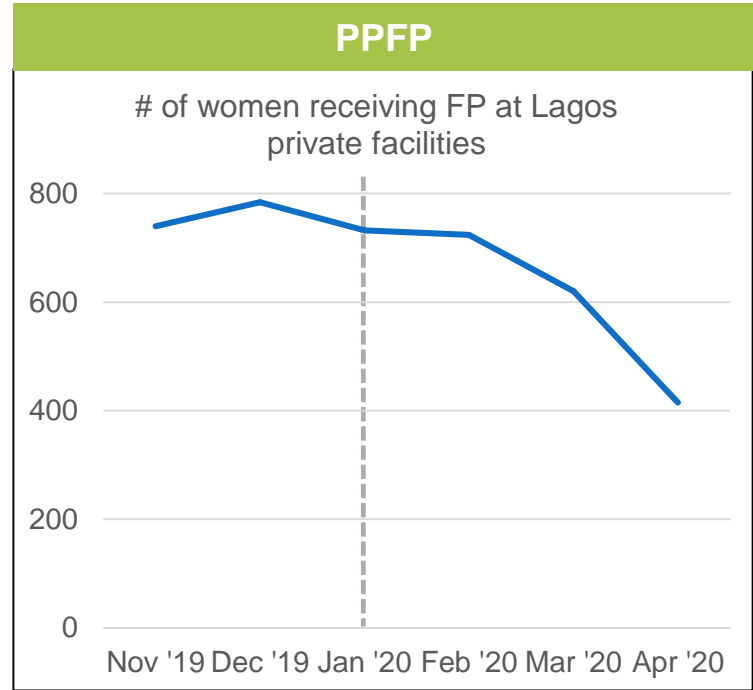
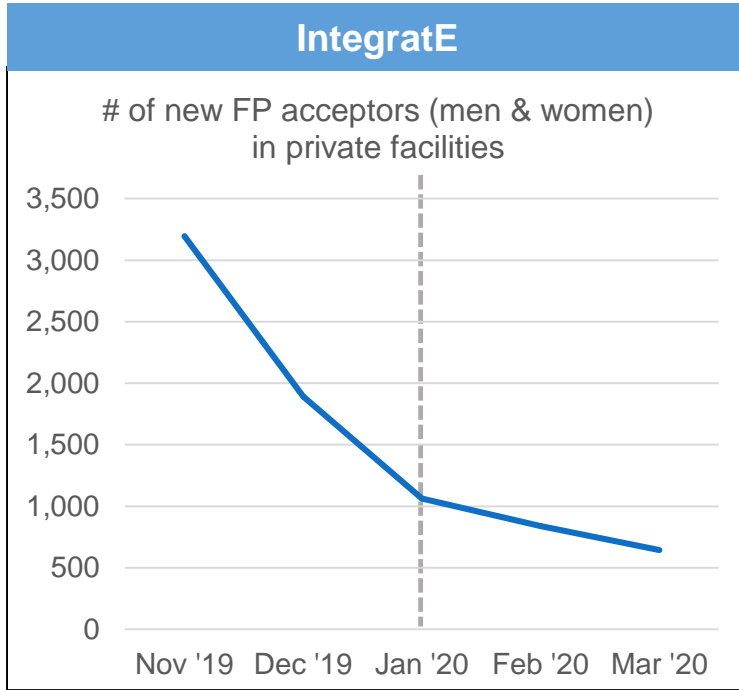


As of the end of March there were no notable systematic changes in the number of FP users by method at NURHI 2 facilities in Lagos and Oyo except for a steady decline in acceptors of short acting methods in Lagos beginning in January 2020 before the pandemic.

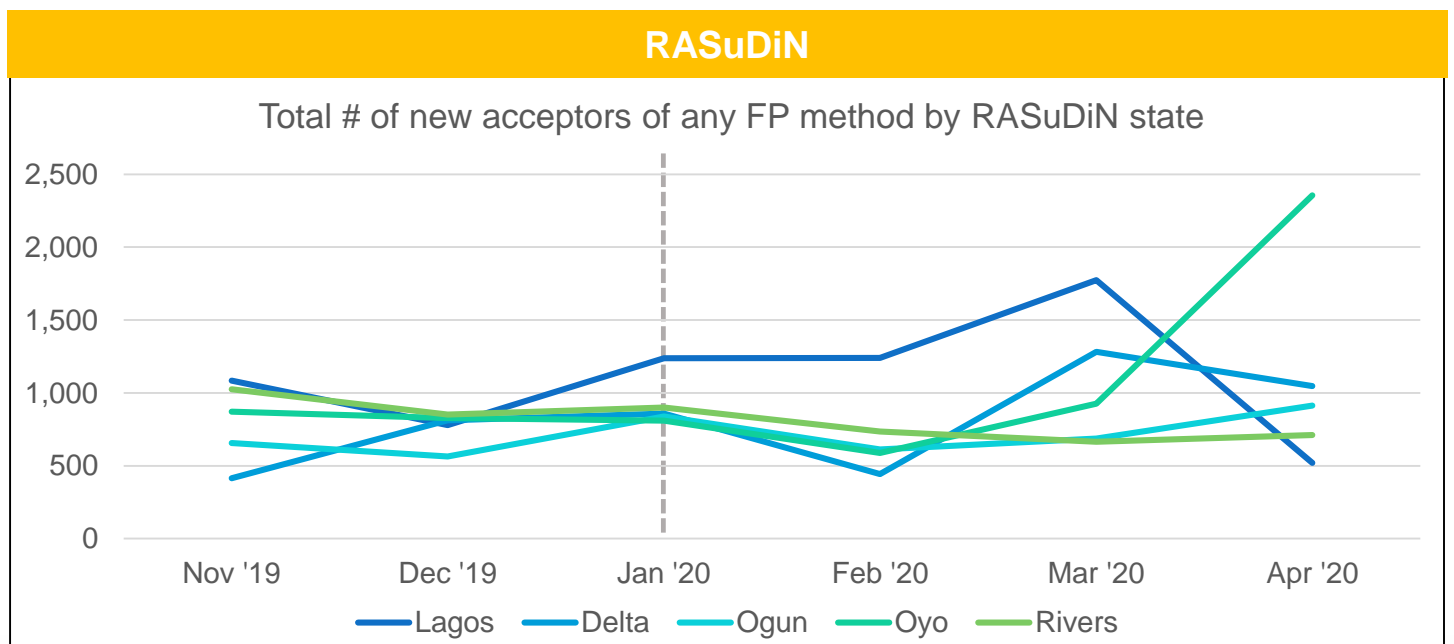


FP acceptors, private facilities

Private facilities have generally seen a decline in new FP acceptors; however, that trend began before the first COVID-19 case in country. Post-partum Family Planning (PPFP) data shows a decrease in FP uptake from Lagos private facilities since December 2019; however, the largest decrease in FP uptake happened between March and April 2020, possibly reflecting the shut down in Lagos.

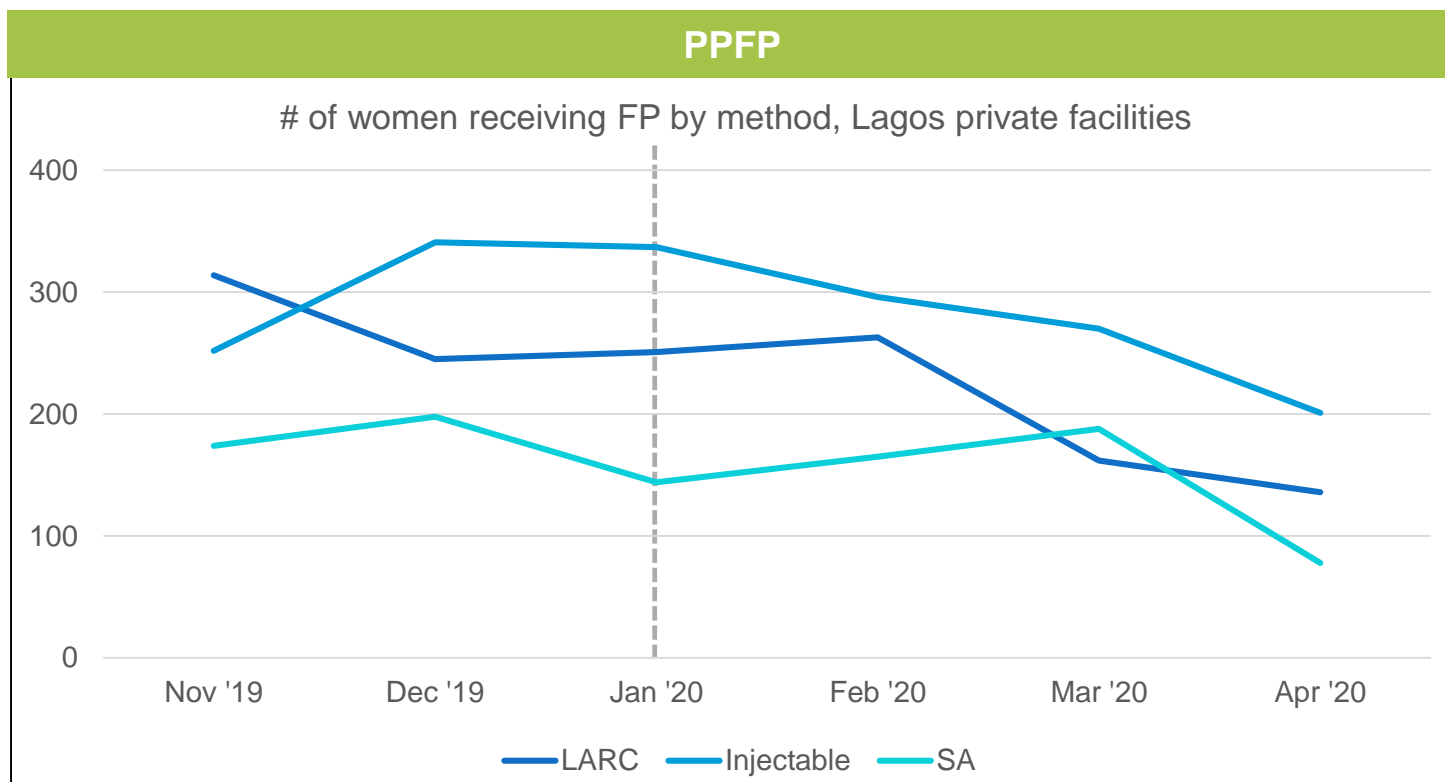


RASuDiN data show generally stable trends in new FP acceptors in Delta, Ogun, and Rivers states. A sharp decrease in the number of new FP acceptors from March to April in Lagos mirrors PPFP data, suggesting COVID-19 may have impacted FP volume in private facilities. There was a large increase in number of new FP acceptors in Oyo during the same time period.



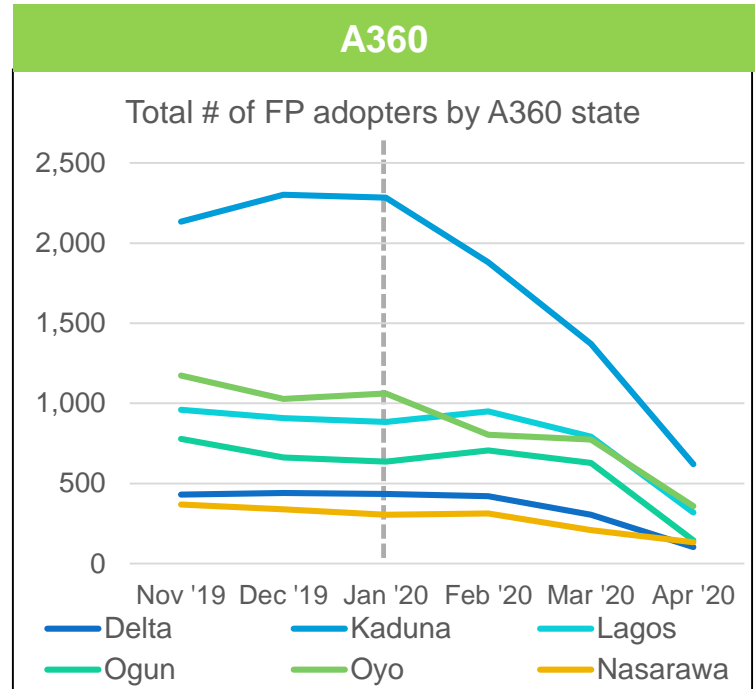
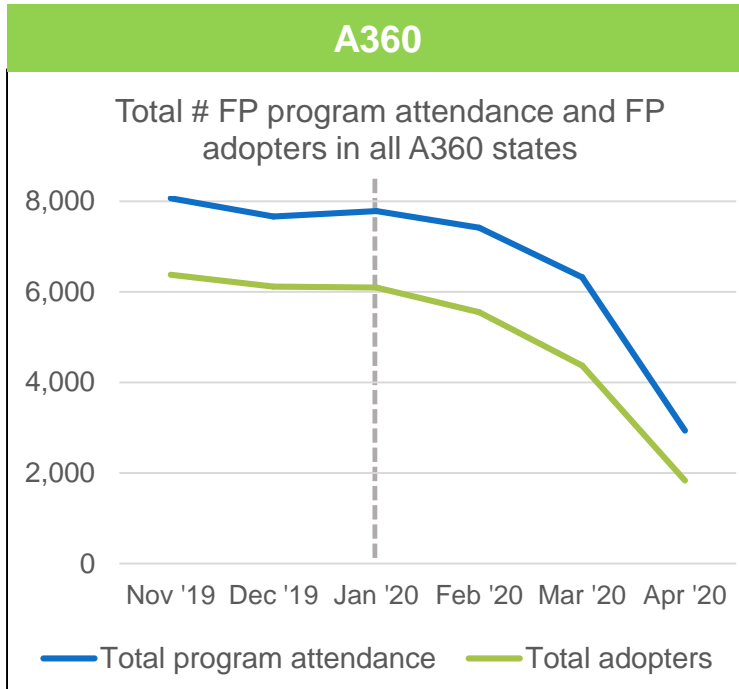
FP method use, private facilities

PPFP data show a decrease in acceptance of all method types from March to April in Lagos. The sharpest decline during that time period is for short-acting (SA) methods.



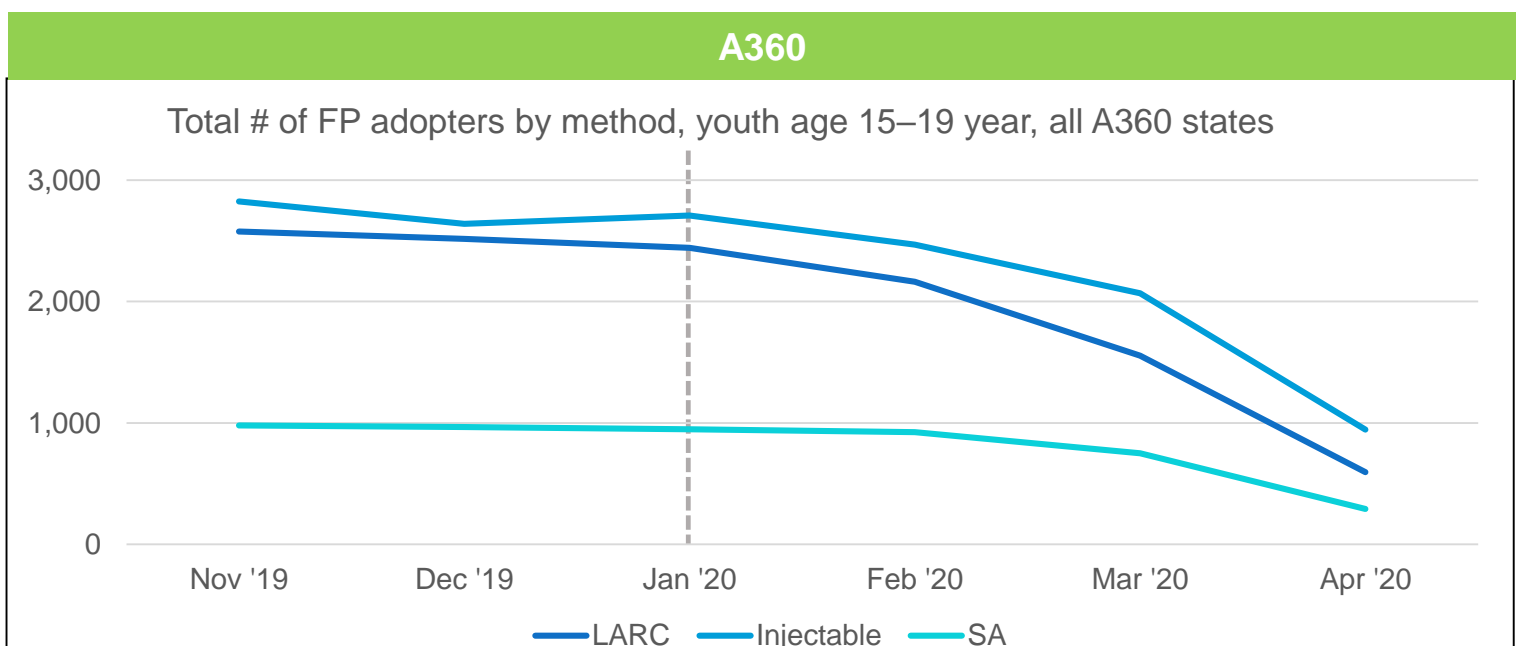
Youth FP acceptors

A360 data show decreases in program attendance and FP adoption across all A360 states with sharp declines since February 2020. When broken down by state, Kaduna saw the largest decline in youth FP adoption, although Kaduna had by far the largest monthly number of youth adopters among all A360 states before this decline. All states saw decreases in youth FP adoption from March to April.



Youth FP method use

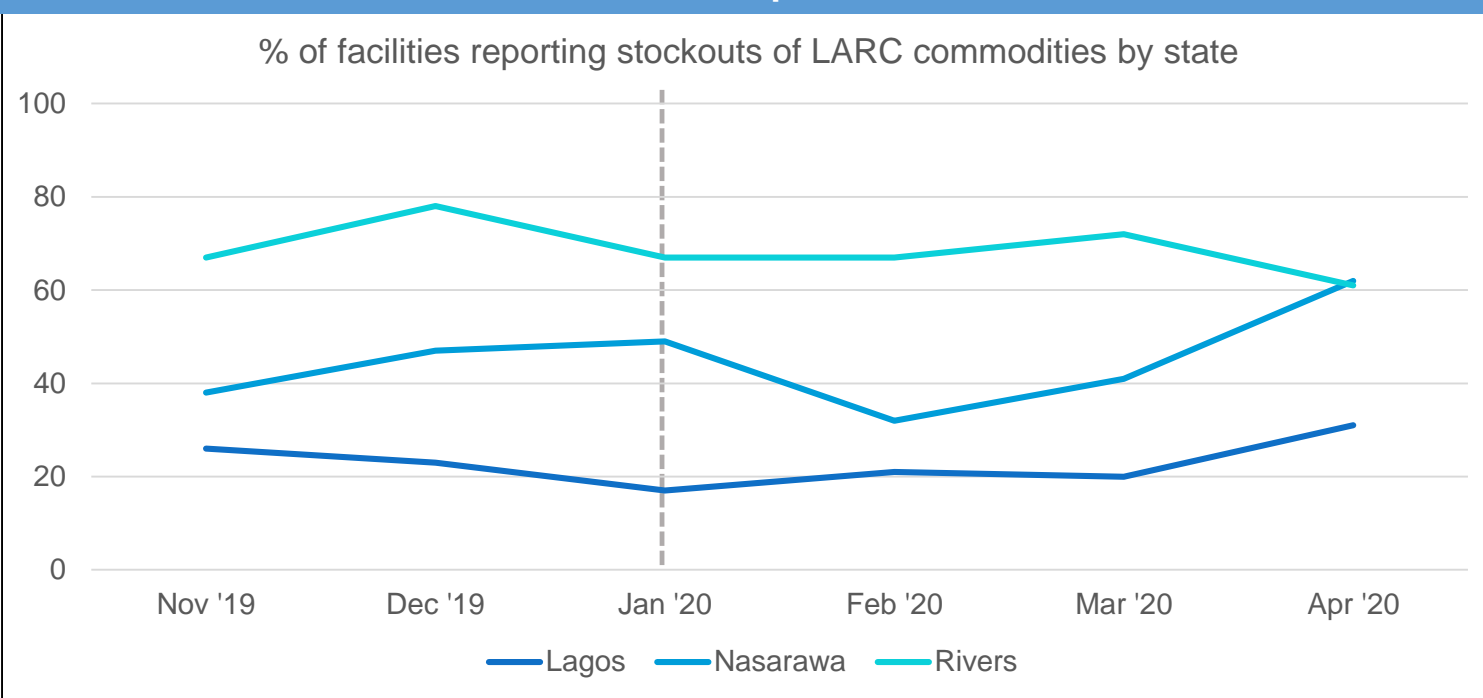
A360 data describe a decline in adoption of all FP methods among youth. The most rapid declines in adoption of LARC, injectable, and short-acting methods are seen from March to April.



Stockouts of LARC commodities

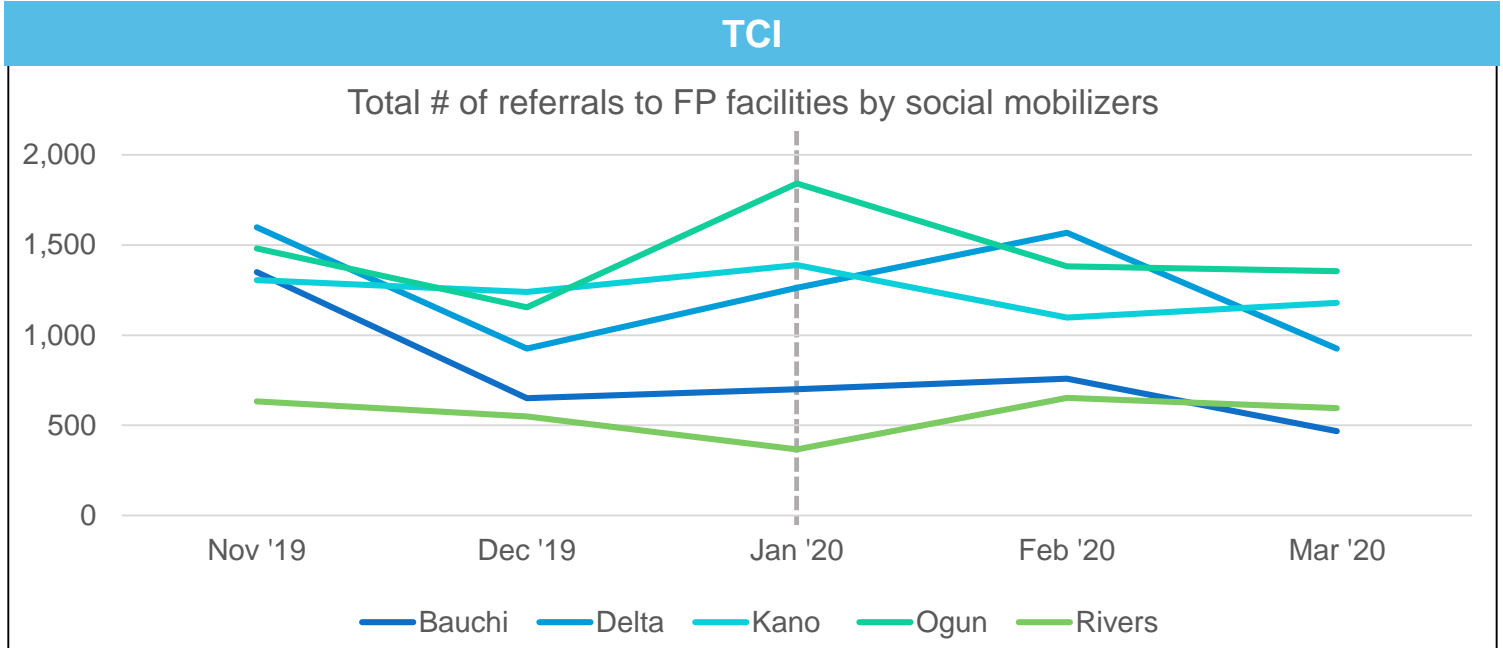
CHAI PopCare data show an uptick in LARC commodity stockouts in Lagos facilities, with 17% facilities reporting stockouts in January compared to 31% of facilities reporting stockouts in April. Nasarawa has also experienced an increase in LARC stockouts, from 32% of facilities reporting stockouts in February to 62% of facilities in April. Facilities in Rivers state have consistently experienced high stockouts of LARC commodities, but this has not changed systematically over the past six months.

CHAI PopCare



FP counseling and referral through demand generation activities

TCI data on social mobilization do not show a discernable pattern of disruption in demand generation activities in Bauchi, Delta, Kano, Ogun, or Rivers through March 2020. However, March may be too soon to see any effects of COVID-19 on social mobilization campaigns.



DKT data show a substantial decrease in the reported number of callers to DKT's hotline in April. A majority of the Call Center staff worked remotely in April, which adversely affected the collection of data on FP referrals, FP clinic visits, FP method adoption. Therefore, April data may be incomplete.

DKT's data on *Honey & Banana* website visits showed similar declines in traffic in April and May. From March to May, most of the questions received on the platform regarded the emergency contraceptive pill, missed pills and questions on how to prevent pregnancy.

