

# World Vasectomy Day (WVD)



## Narrative:

World Vasectomy Day (WVD) trains vasectomy providers and health care teams, builds demand to increase public awareness and acceptance, and works with Ministries of Health and reproductive health organizations to improve the quality of care and accessibility.

WVD's goal is to join all three pillars together to inspire a movement whose objectives include gender equity, responsible masculinity and a better planet for people, families, communities and countries. By including men as partners, as champions and activists, WVD's commitment aligns with FP2030's broader goal of ensuring that millions of more women, girls and people who can get pregnant have access to quality, voluntary and affordable family planning services by 2030.

## Baseline:

On a global scale, vasectomy is significantly underutilized compared to other contraceptive methods, with less than 2% of couples relying on vasectomy for family planning. In many low- and middle-income countries, this percentage is significantly lower (even below 1%). This disparity is due to lack of awareness, cultural barriers, and limited access to services.

WVD has been actively working to address these issues for 12 years, conducting innovative and interactive media campaigns, building strategic alliances with a wide range of organizations, institutions and Ministries of Health, training doctors in nearly a dozen countries and working with participating providers in over 40 countries. What started as a single day celebration has grown into a year-round movement and today, with 750+ providers throughout the world doing upwards of 25,000 procedures as part of our annual event, we are the largest male focused reproductive health movement in the world these issues for 12 years, conducting innovative and interactive media campaigns, building strategic alliances with a wide range of organizations, institutions and Ministries of Health, training doctors in nearly a dozen countries and working with participating providers in over 40 countries.

## Objectives:

- 1) Triple the number of vasectomies inspired from 125,000 to 375,000.
- 2) Organize capacity training programs for doctors and medical staff in 12 countries, doubling our current impact.
- 3) Double the number of medical providers and medical students who engage in WVD advocacy, education programming and provider networks from 1000 to 2000.
- 4) Launch the WVD Academy as a combination online and in person program that educates medical students, trains doctors, designs sustainable vasectomy programs, oversees research, and works with MoHs to draft standards for vasectomy within their national family planning programs.
- 5) Produce over 100 short films and multiple interactive media campaigns that generate over 100,000,000 online impressions.
- 6) Co-Host annual World Vasectomy Day celebration, which includes the 24 Hour Vasectomy and Global Conversation to five new countries in Latin America and Africa.