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Article **The Strategic Approach to the Introduction of DMPA as an Opportunity to Improve Quality of Care for All Contraceptive Methods in Viet Nam**

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Abstract To expand the method mix in the national family planning programme, the Government of Viet Nam decided to use the strategic approach to contraceptive introduction developed by the UNDP/UNFPA/WHO/World Bank Programme, of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction. A pilot project on introducing DMPA and improving the quality of care for all methods was implemented at selected sites. The programme interventions included training; strengthening of information, education and communication activities; and improving clinic organization and management information system for follow-up. The acceptability and continuation study showed that the continuation rate of DMPA at one year was 49 per cent, which is comparable to the international experience. The user perspective and service delivery research shows that quality of care in many areas is improving, but much more is needed. Based on the pilot project experience, the government has begun implementing a strategy for wider introduction of DMPA while improving quality of care for all methods in selected provinces.

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