

Health Facility Assessment Report **Cacuaco and Viana Municipalities** **Luanda, Angola** **2013**

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Objective

- The objective of this data collection was to determine the current status of reproductive health service delivery in public health facilities in the Cacuaco and Viana municipalities of the Luanda Province.
 - These data can be used for identifying gaps and program planning, as well as monitoring facility-level performance and services delivered by provider type.
- Findings are to be used to determine and prioritize training needs and areas for operations research.

Methods

- The survey instrument used a combination of standard facility survey questions from the MEASURE DHS+ Service Provision Assessment (SPA) tool and questions developed by researchers for the collection of additional data of interest.
- Within the two municipalities, health facilities at all levels were assessed.
- Two field supervisors and 10 interviewers conducted the facility interviews after a four-day training.
- Key personnel interviewed at facilities were health facility administrators, human resources senior staff, and people who worked in delivery, family planning, immunization, pharmaceuticals, antenatal care, and pediatrics.
- Data was entered using Epi Info 7.

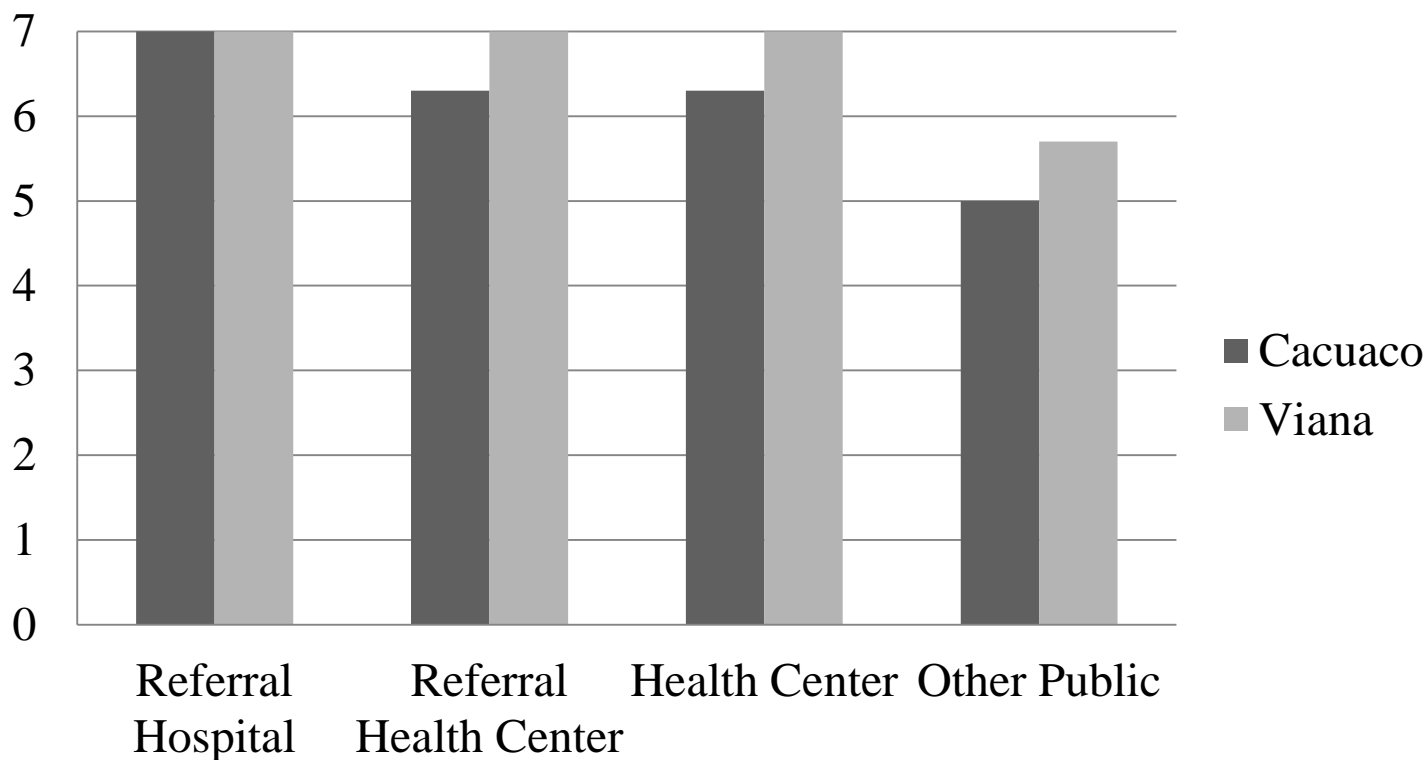
Results of the health facility assessment

Type and number of facilities by municipality

| Type of facility | Cacuaco | | Viana | |
|---|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| | N | % | N | % |
| Referral Hospital | 1 | 5.6 | 2 | 10.5 |
| Referral Health Center | 3 | 16.7 | 3 | 15.8 |
| Health Center | 3 | 16.7 | 5 | 26.3 |
| Other Public (Health Posts Type 1 and Type 2) | 11 | 61.1 | 9 | 47.4 |
| Total | 18 | 100.0 | 19 | 100.0 |

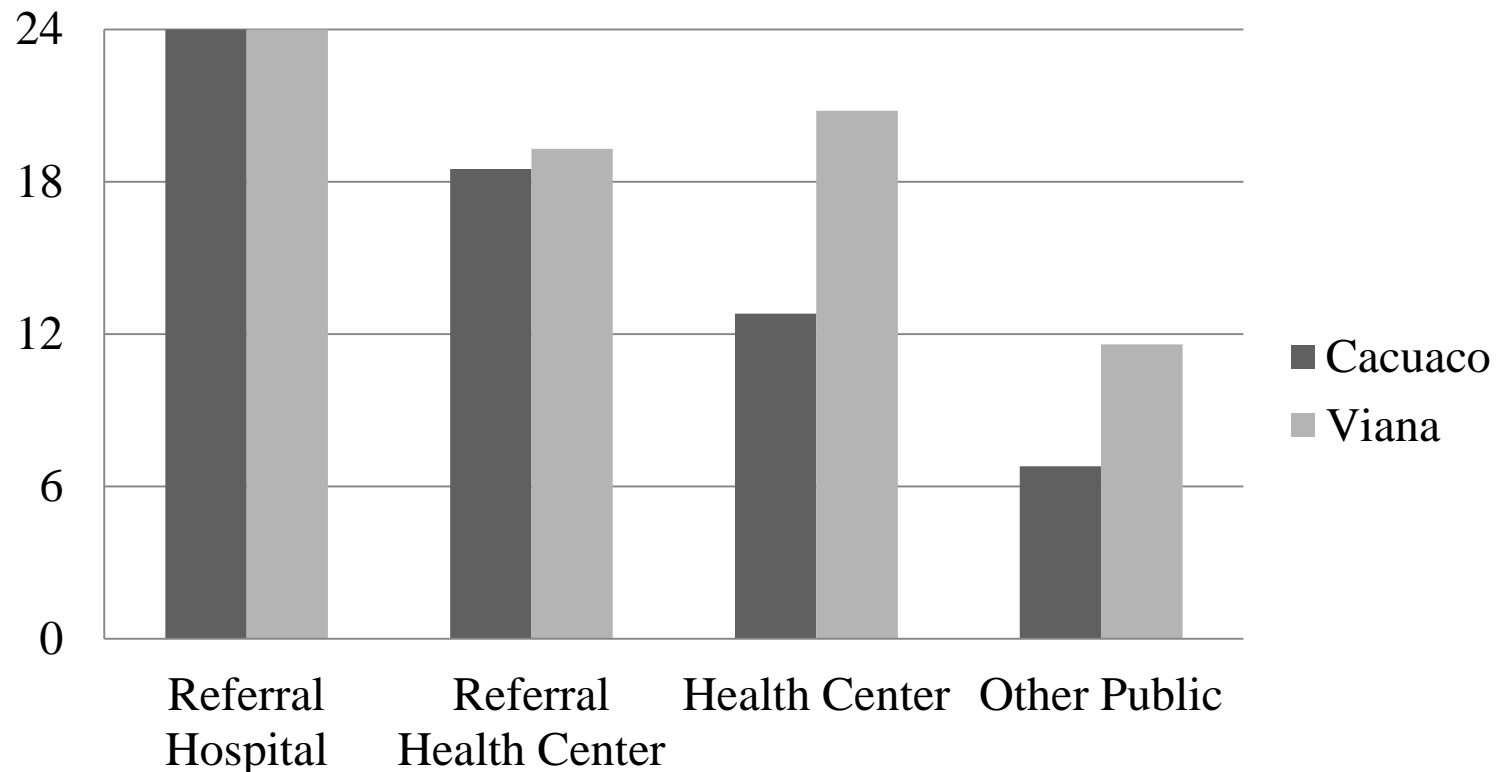
Viana's facilities are consistently open more days per week than Cacucaco's

Average number of days open per week, by municipality



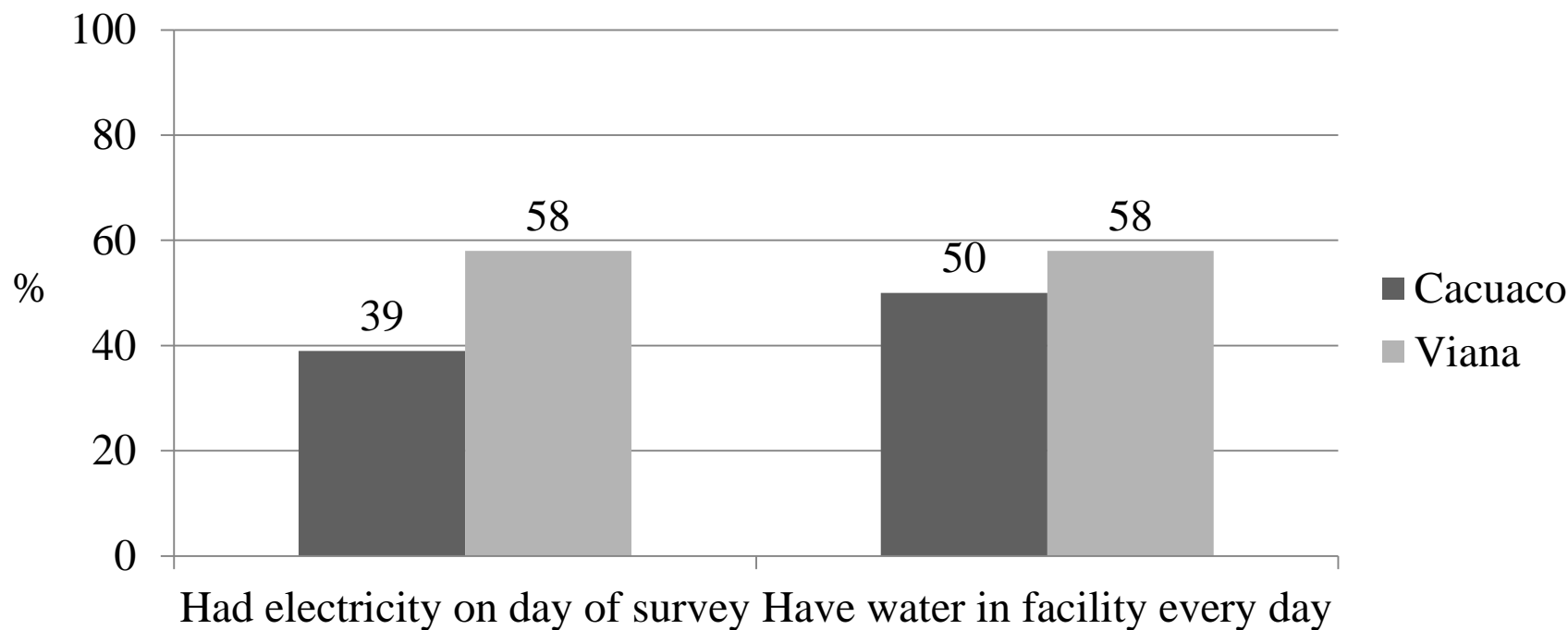
Viana's Health Centers are open longer on average than their Referral Health Centers

Average number of hours open to outpatients on day of survey, by municipality



Infrastructure functionality is an area that needs improvement

Percentage of facilities with electricity on day of survey or water every day, by municipality

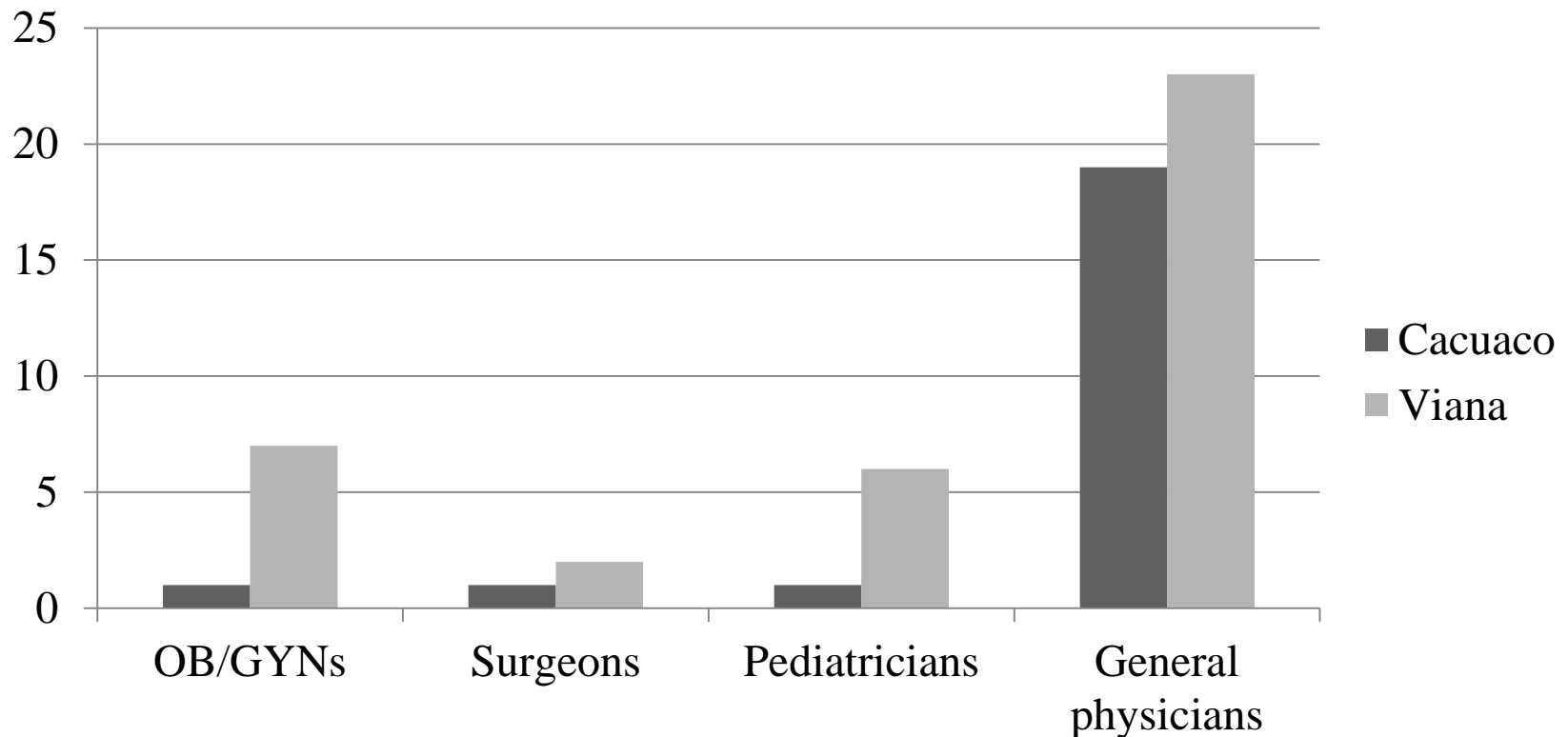


Only 44% of facilities in Cacuaco and Viana had recent clinical reproductive health guidelines

- These guidelines should be provided to all facilities in future trainings in order to ensure they can reference this material for implementation of best practices.

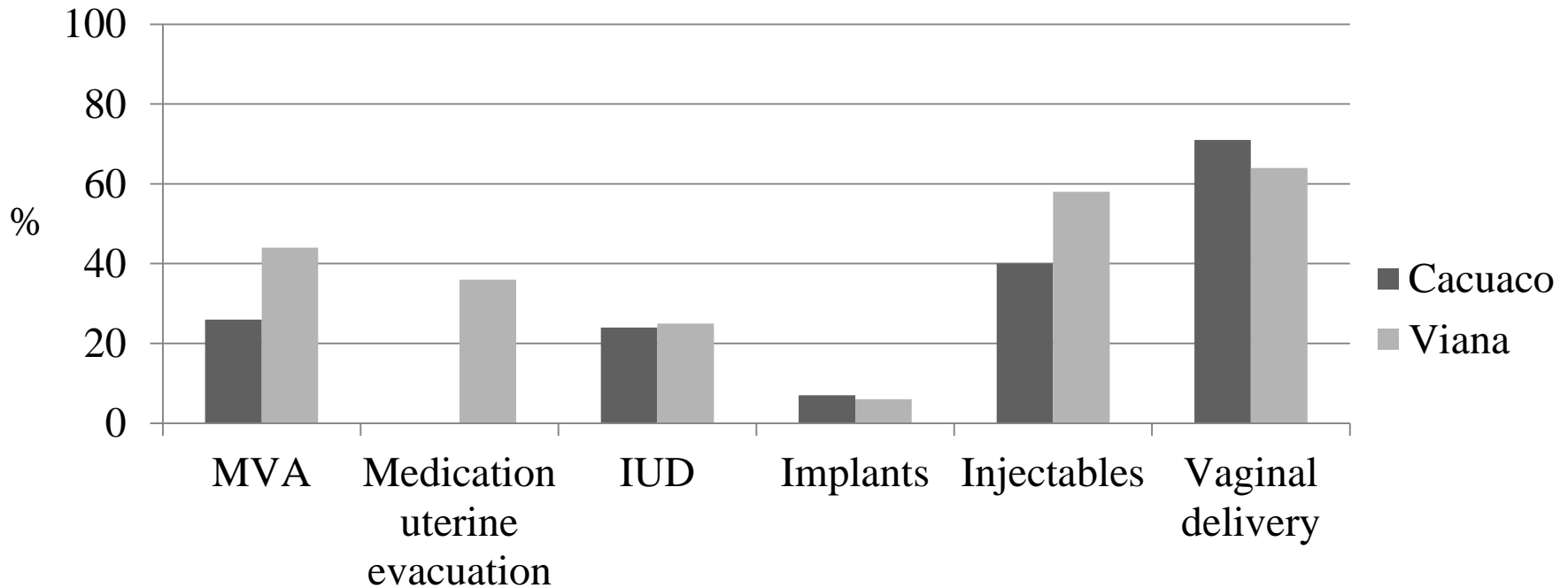
More high-level providers should be deployed to provide specialized care

Total number of specified type of provider, by municipality



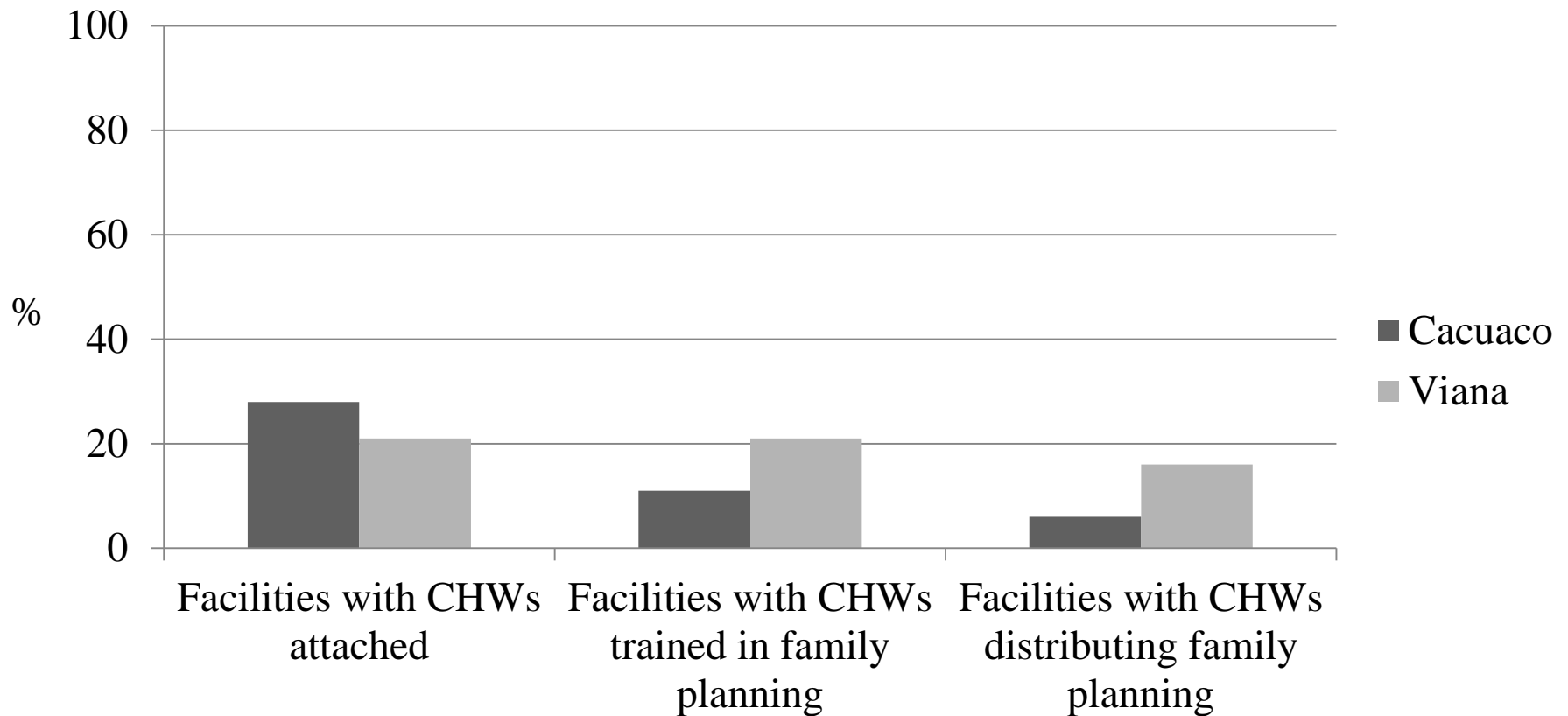
All high- and mid-level MCH providers should be able to provide all methods of contraception, means of delivery, and uterine evacuation

Percentage of MCH nurses/midwives providing the specified service, by municipality



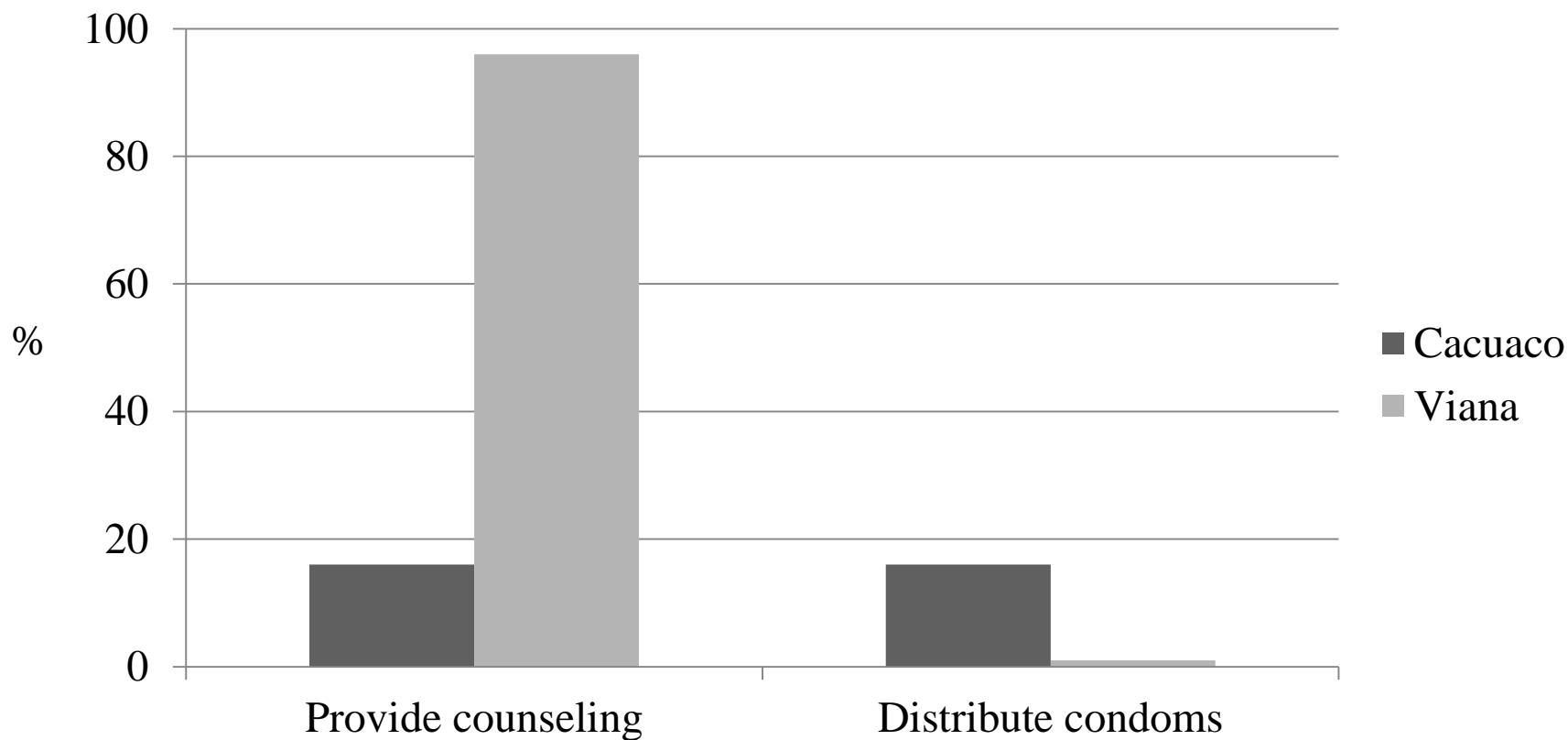
Missing opportunities for CHWs to increase awareness of and access to contraceptives

Percentage of facilities with CHWs attached and their role in family planning



CHWs could be providing a wider range of family planning methods

Percentage of CHWs who provide family planning counseling or distribute condoms, by municipality



There are ample opportunities to introduce task-shifting

- Pharmacists, CHWs, and other clinical staff (like nurse assistants) should be trained to provide family planning counseling and some methods (i.e. condoms, pills, and injectable contraceptives)

All Referral Health Centers should follow the WHO recommendations for their specified capacity

- Referral Health Centers in these municipalities often have the same capacity as non-referral Health Centers – some do not have doctors and/or pharmacists
- Need to improve the capacity of these facilities so that they are truly Referral Health Centers

Total number of family planning users in the last month by method and municipality

| Municipality | Pill | EC | Male condom | Female condom | Injectables | Implants | IUDs | Female sterilization | Male sterilization |
|--------------|------|----|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------|------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Cacuaco | 275 | 5 | 4325 | 0 | 1570 | 21 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Viana | 2654 | 53 | 3117 | 3 | 2269 | 110 | 194 | 0 | 0 |

Improved forecasting and greater method availability will help meet the communities' contraceptive needs

- Most facilities have an insufficient contraceptive method mix and there have been stock outs of several methods of contraception at many facilities in the last 12 months
- Currently no facilities in either municipality provide female or male sterilization
- All facilities should be able to provide all methods of contraception (with exception of sterilization in some instances)
- Postpartum and post-abortion clients should have all contraceptive methods available on site, especially long acting methods

Next steps

1. Ensure existing high- and mid-level providers are trained on the full array of services and that they are able to provide these services
2. Maximize the impact of the limited number of more skilled providers by utilizing task-shifting to the extent the evidence base allows
3. Expand responsibilities of the existing CHWs
4. Use trainings to improve the current monitoring system and data collection forms