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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

<b>AIDS</b>	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
<b>ARO</b>	Africa Regional Office
<b>ASRH</b>	Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health
<b>CAFS</b>	Centre for African Family Studies
<b>CD</b>	Capacity Development
<b>CDC</b>	Cairo Demographic Centre
<b>CDP</b>	Capacity Development Plan
<b>CEIHD</b>	Centre for Entrepreneurship in International Health and Development
<b>CTC</b>	Centre Training Centre
<b>DSW</b>	Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (German Foundation for World Population)
<b>EARHN</b>	East Africa Reproductive Health Network
<b>EXCO</b>	Executive Committee
<b>FP</b>	Family Planning
<b>GO</b>	Governmental Organization
<b>HIV</b>	Human Immune deficiency Virus
<b>HRP</b>	Human Resource Plan
<b>IAS</b>	International AIDS Society
<b>ICOMP</b>	International Council on Management of Population Programmes
<b>ICPD</b>	International Conference of Population and Development
<b>IPPF</b>	International Planned Parenthood Federation
<b>LAC</b>	Latin America and the Caribbean
<b>MCH</b>	Maternal Child Health
<b>MDG</b>	Millennium Development Goal
<b>MOFA</b>	Ministry Of Foreign Affairs
<b>MOHFW</b>	Ministry Of Health and Family Welfare
<b>NGO</b>	Non-Governmental Organization
<b>NPFPC</b>	National Population and Family Planning Commission
<b>PAI</b>	Population Action International
<b>PCC</b>	Partners Country Coordinator
<b>PI</b>	Partner Institutions
<b>PoA</b>	Programme of Action
<b>PPD</b>	Partners in Population and Development
<b>PPP</b>	Public-Private-Partnership
<b>RH</b>	Reproductive Health
<b>SBP</b>	Strategic Business Plan
<b>SRH</b>	Sexual Reproductive Health
<b>S-S</b>	South-South
<b>STAS</b>	South-South Technical Advisory Service
<b>STD</b>	Sexually Transmitted Disease
<b>SWOT</b>	Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>UNFPA</b>	United Nations Population Fund
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization

## **1. Executive Committee Member**

**H.E. Zhang Weiqing**

**Chair, PPD Board**

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Government of the People's Republic of China

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**Secretary, PPD Board**

Honourable Minister, Ministry of Health  
Government of the Kingdom Morocco

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**Treasurer, PPD Board**

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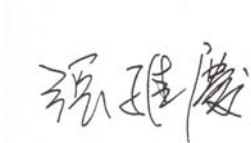
Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

## 2. Message from the Chair

I have the pleasure to present to you the 2007 Annual Report of PPD. It has indeed been a pleasure for me to be associated with PPD for the past six years. Although I will retire from my present position soon, I will always cherish the very pleasant memory of my tenure as a Board Member and Chair of this prestigious organization. I leave with the feeling of having accomplished my task with diligence and great satisfaction and I wish to thank all the Board Members and colleagues for having supported me in my task. We have succeeded together in revamping this organization and putting it back on the track, and as I leave now, I feel confident that it will prosper and attain greater heights in the coming years. I wish to place on record the hard work done by Mr. Harry Jooseery, the Executive Director of PPD who since joining in January 2006, has galvanized efforts among Board Members, donors and other stakeholders to facilitate PPD to regain its reputation as a creditworthy organization. I hold the firm conviction that with the implementation of the new Strategic Business Plan of PPD (2008-2011), PPD will reach new horizons in strengthening South-South Cooperation for the attainment of ICPD Goals and MDGs.

As an ardent supporter of South-South Cooperation, I wish to reiterate my commitment to be by the side of PPD all the time. Developing countries have got potential and capabilities that are the envy of the most developed nations. If only we could be conscious of our capability to turn coal into gold and be committed to turn our dreams into reality all the time! We have got the power and brain to resuscitate and rejuvenate. We need the commitment and urge to constantly adapt to changes all the time. Let us all put our hands together to build a world of happiness and joy for our brothers and sisters, especially for those most vulnerable and marginalized by abject poverty in the developing world. I retire with the wish that eradication of abject poverty through mutual collaboration and support is achieved by 2015.

Let us all wish for peace, harmony and happiness for all our brothers and sisters in the developing world. This is the gateway for a better world.



**Zhang Weiqing**

Minister, National Population and Family Planning Commission  
Government of the People's Republic of China

### **3. Statement from the Executive Director**

In 2007 PPD was deeply involved in a rethinking process following years of apathy and routine dealings. Given the imperatives of change, there was a need to review past strategies and propose new, innovative and forward looking avenues for programme implementation. There was a need to show the uniqueness and singularity of South-South Cooperation as a modality of change.

Considering that change need not happen for change's sake, and that to be profitable any new instrument needs to be evidence-based and result-oriented, PPD embarked on a process of scientific collection of data and information on all aspects of South-South Cooperation programme, including the gaps and weaknesses, and the achievements from all its Member States. It was observed that although much sharing of experiences and expertise, transfer of skills and technologies, and multilateral cooperation existed among many developing countries, especially in the areas of Reproductive Health, Population and Development, there was still a lack of a coordination mechanism that would make such collaborations really meaningful, substantial and forward looking in terms of achieving ICPD Goals and MDGs. While all countries in the South declare that they are working towards the achievements of ICPD and MDGs, approaches are very often disconnected and programmes are mostly sporadic, and consequently result in little real impact.

Following in-depth discussions and consultations with experts, Board Members, PCCs and different stakeholders and after thorough analysis of the global, regional and national Reproductive Health situation and programme, PPD developed a Strategic Business Plan (SBP) (2008-2011) with the aim to provide a realistic, result-oriented programme of work that would reshape and tune the overall mission of the organization to the dire realities of present day scenario. The main focus during the coming four years will be on strengthening South-South Cooperation and Capacities at systems, institutional and individual levels, reinforcing coalition building, repositioning family planning as a central component of Reproductive Health, and expanding resource base for greater sustainability.

In 2007, PPD opened a new Regional Office for Africa in Kampala, Uganda. With assistance from the Hewlett Foundation, UNFPA and Packard Foundation, PPD has been able to lay the foundation for a strong base in Africa. PPD wishes that its programme in Africa be Africa run and Africa owned. The PPD Regional Office in Kampala has now its own Strategic Plan tuned to the realities and specificity of Africa. Dr. Jotham Musinguzi has been selected as the Regional Director for Africa, and I have the pleasure of welcoming him on board. The Regional Office has already started galvanizing regional efforts to create and strengthen networks with stakeholders. We welcome South Africa as the 22nd Member State of PPD, and we are thankful to the Government of South Africa for its commitment to support South-South Cooperation and PPD. We wish that other countries in the continent join hands together to address burning Reproductive Health issues specific to the continent. We are happy to note that Ethiopia is also joining PPD as a full fledged member.

As we embark on the implementation of the new Strategic Business Plan in 2008, I see a new light of hope for a more concerted action to address global concerns through South-South Cooperation and also to reposition PPD as the unique intergovernmental organization that captures 56% of the global population in its attempt to promote South-South Cooperation.

I would like to thank all the experts and consultants, UNFPA, Packard Foundation, Hewlett Foundation and the Netherlands Government for their support and assistance to PPD in implementing its programme during the year. I would like to thank the Governments of all our Member States for their support and contributions to the promotion of South-South Cooperation. The input from our Honourable Board Members and the Partners Country Coordinators (PCCs) have indeed been instrumental in the development of the Strategic Business Plan, and we are thankful for their valuable comments and suggestions during the development of the Strategic Business Plan. I am also thankful to all my staff in Dhaka, New York, Kampala and China for their support and assistance to me personally. We are deeply shocked by the sudden demise of H.E. Mr. Omwony Ojwok, Minister of State of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Government of Uganda, Board Member and Treasurer of PPD on 10 November 2007. We present our deep condolence and sympathy to the family, the people and the Government of Uganda at the loss of such an illustrious and warm person.

We are confident that with the blessings of all our stakeholders, we will remain the forerunner in the pursuance of our mission and will shine constantly as the unique North Star for all on our planet earth.



**Harry S. Jooseery**  
Executive Director  
Partners in Population and Development



## **4. Obituary**

### **Tribute to Late Honourable Mr. Omwony Ojwok, Minister of State of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Government of Uganda, Board Member and Treasurer of PPD**

The Chair and Board Members of PPD, the Executive Director and Staff of PPD wish to express our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to the bereaved wife, children, family and friends of the former Minister of State of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Government of Uganda, Board Member and Treasurer of PPD, H.E. Mr. Omwony Ojwok. We are profoundly shocked at the sudden demise of the latter on 10 November 2007. We wish also to convey our deepest condolences to the Government and people of Uganda at this irreparable loss of a national leader. He was a man of great intellect, wisdom and human kindness, with a loving smile always on his lips. It is indeed a great loss for Uganda, the developing world and PPD. May his departed soul rest in eternal peace.

## 5. About PPD

### 5.a. *Brief History of PPD*

The unprecedented population explosion throughout the world, particularly in the eastern hemisphere, during the first half of the twentieth century triggered large-scale international development cooperation by the international community. Three successive decades of North-South Cooperation and massive transfer of technology and resources from developed to developing countries through bi/multilateral channels produced remarkable success in contraceptive prevalence, fertility decline and stabilization in population growth worldwide. However, attaining comprehensive and sustainable sexual and Reproductive Health and rights for men, women and adolescents through universal access to Reproductive Health information, services and commodities; reduction in maternal morbidity and mortality; prevention and treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) and combating HIV/AIDS pandemic still remain grossly unmet.

After thirty years of efforts, many developing countries have evolved successful programmes with pools of planning, programming, supervisory and evaluation expertise that could be made available in order to help other less advanced countries with family planning and sexual and Reproductive Health programme developments. Many of these developing countries stepped into the forefront of design and implementation of population policies and programmes and were eager to share their knowledge, experience and expertise with countries which were in the early stages of formulation and implementation of policies and programmes and were looking for more effective approaches. South-South Cooperation is increasingly seen as an innovative, cost-effective and result-oriented modality for transferring and exchanging relevant knowledge, experience and expertise in the areas of reproductive health and population among developing countries. The preparatory process leading to the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo gave South-South Cooperation particular impetus. Conscious of the need to give this concept a specific framework of its own, a group of 10 developing countries decided during the ICPD conference to establish Partners in Population and Development (PPD) as an Intergovernmental Alliance.

ICPD Programme of Action ratified by 189 participating nations accepted this concept as the framework for the South-South Cooperation towards:

- Appropriate integration of sexual and reproductive health programmes into family planning initiatives;
- Ensuring adequate allocation resources for securing the availability of a broad range of essential products and services in reproductive health;
- Addressing adolescent sexual and reproductive health;
- Significantly slashing maternal morbidity and mortality and ensuring safe motherhood;
- Combating the scourge of STD/HIV/AIDS pandemic and integration of effective prevention, care and treatment of STD/HIV/AIDS within the broader framework of family planning and reproductive health programmes;
- Alleviation of poverty and enhancement of the quality of life of the people;

- Establishment of gender equality and equity in every sphere of economic, social, political and cultural arena; and,
- Development and implementation of vital health reforms towards greater health equity.

The Alliance established itself as a legal entity by the adoption of its organizational Charter and by-laws; it constituted its vision, mission, strategic directions and institutional framework; and elected the first Governing Board and Executive Committee in its first Annual Board Meeting in May 1995, from which point it commenced its formal operation. The Permanent Secretariat of the Alliance was established to carry out executive functions in Dhaka, Bangladesh by a unanimous consensus.

### **5.b. Vision, Mission, Strategic Directions and Organizational Priorities**

The ten year Strategic Plan covering the period 2005-2014, drawn up through an intensive consultative process and adopted by the PPD Board in 2004, has clearly articulated the **Vision, Mission and Strategic Directions**, which form the basis of the four year (2008-2011) Strategic Business Plan (SBP) of PPD.

#### **A. Vision**

“By the year 2014, Partners in Population and Development, as an Intergovernmental Alliance, is driving the global reproductive health and population agenda to attain sustainable development.”

#### **B. Mission**

“To assist each other and other developing countries to address successfully the sexual and reproductive health and rights, including family planning (FP) and HIV/AIDS, population and development challenges through South-South Collaboration by raising a common voice and sharing sustainable, effective, efficient, accessible and acceptable solutions considering the diverse economic, social, political, religious and cultural characteristics of our countries.”

#### **C. Strategic Directions**

The following four strategic priorities constitute the central pillars of PPD’s four –year SBP:

***ALIGN with member countries’ priorities:*** the Alliance will align and be responsive to member countries’ priorities in reproductive health and rights, including FP and HIV/AIDS, and population and development.

***ADVOCATE for the Alliance and its priorities:*** the Alliance will obtain support from different stakeholders, both at national and international levels, by advocating for South-South Collaboration.

***ALLIANCE building at all levels:*** Partners in Population and Development will form strategic alliances with selected stakeholders to advance strengthened partnerships in meeting the ICPD/PoA and MDGs in the Member Countries.

**ASSETS creation and consolidation for the Alliance's sustainability:** the Alliance will increase its financial base assets for supporting South-South Collaboration activities on a sustainable basis, by diversifying the sources of funding and raising its endowment fund.

#### **D. Organizational priorities**

In line with the above strategic directions, PPD has established the following set of organizational priorities that will receive focus during the SBP period, 2008-2011, in consultation with Member Countries (MC) through the conduct of two interrelated inquiries that are discussed in more detail in the next section.

- Strengthened South-South Cooperation
- Strengthened capacities at systems, institutional and individual levels
- Strengthened networks and partnership
- Improved voluntary FP and other RH services
- Enhanced resource availability

#### **E. Value Added and Core Assets of PPD**

PPD is an Alliance formed by a common vision and mission that has full support at the highest level in the governments of the member countries. Governed by the member countries, PPD's programmes have a unique mission "to assist each other and other developing countries to address successfully the sexual and reproductive health and rights, including family planning and HIV/AIDS and population and development challenges.". As an intergovernmental Alliance, with Permanent Observer status at the United Nations General Assembly, it has significant scope as well as power to form common goals and strategies to shape the global agenda for action in the pursuit of achieving MDGs and ICPD goals through a strengthened South-South Cooperation. The membership of the Alliance consists of a wide range of countries each with its own economic, cultural and social milieu in addition to invaluable experience in dealing with these issues, and there is an increasing willingness by the more advanced countries of the Alliance (e.g China) to provide support for the sharing and exchanging of experiences and expertise.

PPD derives its unique strength from the absolute commitment of the member countries to consolidate and strengthen South-South Cooperation as an important goal and a strategy to achieve MDGs and ICPD goals. PPD has gained wide recognition, including the Permanent Observer status at the United Nations General Assembly, and has a liaison office in New York. Moreover, a regional office for Africa has been established in Kampala (Uganda) in 2007, with support from Hewlett Foundation, to strengthen and coordinate its programme in Africa. PPD has also a programme office in Taicang (China) to coordinate its programmes supported by China. Its close partnership with more than 20 premier institutions, known as Partner Institutions (PIs) in member countries gives it a unique advantage in undertaking capacity development activities, in organizing policy advocacy, and in identifying and documenting lessons learned among others.

### **5.c. The Way Forward**

While the very meticulously articulated vision, mission and strategic directions guide PPD's programme interventions, the organization continuously scans developments in the member states and conducts its business specifically to address the emerging needs and priorities of the member states as its primary constituency. It also aligns itself with constantly evolving regional and global scenarios with a long term perspective of sustainable development of the member states. PPD takes pride in its quick adaptability with the rapidly changing scenarios as one of its most important strengths while remaining firmly anchored to its original missions and mandates.

PPD has a 10-year Strategic Plan (2005-2014) currently in force which was approved by the Board in its annual meeting in 2004. All that it needs are appropriate tools with sets of concrete actions to implement the Strategic Plan. The Board Members, who are Ministers and senior policy makers of the member states, provide PPD with crucial policy orientations during Annual Board Meetings for the design, development and implementations of its ongoing programmes within the broader framework of the 10-year Strategic Plan. Taking into consideration the decisions and recommendations from the Board Meetings in the recent past, the changing Sexual and Reproductive Health environments imposed by constrained resource allocations, the re-emergence of the population growth factor and its impending impact on quality of life, PPD Secretariat has reviewed its strategy for the coming four years. The overarching goal will be to ensure PPD is both proactive in addressing synergistically the emerging RH issues and pragmatic in the choice of its priority areas of intervention.

All these considerations, including the recommendations of the Board to squarely address the issues like poverty, capacity building, institutional development, advocacy and resource mobilization, networking and partnership for better programme management in the member states to attain the ICPD goals and the MDGs, constituted the basis for embarking on the development of a Strategic Business Plan (SBP) and a Capacity Development Plan (CDP), which delineate PPD priorities for the coming four years and also propose concrete actions to meet its specific goals and objectives. Development of a Human Resource Plan (HRP) for identifying necessary skill and expertise of PPD staffs to complement the implementation of the SBP and CDP has also been undertaken.

#### **A. Strategic Business Plan (2008-2011)**

The SBP has been developed in consultation with and concerted efforts from all stakeholders including Member States, collaborative partners, prominent international experts and donor agencies. PPD conducted a Strategic Inquiry in its Member States with the assistance from Partners Country Coordinators (PCCs). The findings were reviewed and discussed in a consultative meeting involving the international experts, PCCs and representative from UNFPA in Dhaka which led to the development of the draft SBP. The draft was later shared and finalized with inputs from the Member States, UNFPA and other stakeholders which was then discussed, reviewed and unanimously approved by the PPD Board at its XII Annual Board Meeting held in Rabat, Morocco on 22 November 2007.

The SBP identifies six goals to be achieved at the end of the plan period, which are: Strengthening South-South Cooperation, Enhancing Capacity Development, Expanding

Networks and Partnerships; Improving Voluntary FP and other Reproductive Health Services; Enhancing Resource and Sustainability, and Strengthening PPD.

Each of these six goals has a series of expected outputs, and each output has a series of planned activities. Again each of the activities has a set of objectively verifiable indicators. A Work Plan has also been developed for all the activities planned, highlighting the estimated resource requirements.

The Strategic Interventions identified for the attainment of the Strategic Goals are: Policy Advocacy; Capacity Development; Improved Reproductive Health Commodity Security; Networking and Partnership Building; Resource Mobilization; Strengthen National-level Support Structure; Sustain and Strengthen PPD.

Besides having a Work Plan and a Budget, the SBP makes provision for an Implementation / Management Plan, Programme Management Plan, Assets Management Plan and also a Monitoring and Evaluation mechanism.

## **B. Capacity Development Plan**

Capacity building of institutions and professionals has been considered instrumental for enhanced programme implementation and sharing and exchange of information, knowledge, experience, expertise and best practices for attaining the ICPD Goals and MDGs. PPD Secretariat, therefore, has undertaken the development of a Capacity Development Plan (CDP) simultaneously with the development of the Strategic Business Plan (SBP) to complement the implementation of the SBP.

As part of an integrated process of capacity development and needs assessment among its member countries, PPD commissioned five background papers: a Technical Report on Institutional capacity needs assessment and four regional overview studies carried out by four regional consultants. The regional papers focused on priority issues and strategies needed to meet the ICPD PoA and MDGs for Anglophone Africa, Francophone Africa, South-East Asia, and Arab countries.

The technical paper focused on synthesizing the findings of an Inquiry Exercise, conducted through a structured questionnaire, which intended to assess the capabilities of Partner Institutions (PIs) of PPD member countries.

The findings of the needs assessment inquiry and regional overviews were reviewed and discussed in a consultative meeting of experts held in Taicang, China in May 2007. The discussion led to the formulation of the outline for the technical paper and revealed the need for the development of five generic modules to address the training and research gaps by the institutions in the Member States.

A subsequent meeting of experts held in Dhaka, Bangladesh in June 2007 reviewed and finalized the technical paper and the modules and formulated the outline for the development of the Capacity Development Plan.

## **C. Human Resource Development Plan**

Alongside formulating the Strategic Business Plan and Capacity Development Plan, PPD Secretariat has also embarked on creating a Human Resource Plan (HRP) for the organization. The purpose of the HR Plan is to identify and ensure availability of desired skills and expertise at the PPD Secretariat and its regional offices that will contribute to the balanced growth and long-term sustainability of the organization in general and efficiently implement the new SBP and CDP in particular. The HR Plan also addresses the need for focused, relevant, and realistic capacity building activities to promote staff learning, motivation and overall growth of PPD.

**The objectives of the HR Plan are to:**

1. Study the skills and capabilities of the existing staffs of PPD Secretariat at Central (Dhaka) and other PPD Offices (Uganda, China, and New York);
2. Identify the desired type of skills and capacities required by the Secretariat team to perform efficiently in line with proposed new direction and priority areas in the MC;
3. Make recommendations to address the gap between the existing and expected or desired level, type and range of experience and expertise required;
4. Suggest a focused, relevant, and realistic capacity building activity plan to promote staff learning, motivation and overall growth of the organization; and,
5. Prepare a long term HR Plan/Strategy for ensuring the organization's sustainability.

**5.d. PPD Programme Priority Areas**

- Integrating ICPD Goals and MDGs
- Promotion of Reproductive Health and Rights
- Improving Gender Equality
- Strengthening the integration of RH and HIV/AIDS services
- Improving Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH)
- Improving Reproductive Health Commodity Security (RHCS)

## **6. Programme Activities**

### ***6.a. International Forum on “Universal Access to Reproductive Health for the Attainment of ICPD Goals and MDGs”***

PPD in collaboration with the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco organized a two-day International Forum on “Universal Access to Reproductive Health for the Attainment of ICPD Goals and MDGs” during 20-21 November 2007 in Rabat, Morocco. The Forum was convened to exchange experiences in achieving the goals of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), within the context of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), to discuss lessons learnt and to make recommendations.

The objectives of the forum were:

1. To inform the participants on the falling importance and assistance to Reproductive Health by the international community and its subsequent global impact and consequence.
2. To urge policy makers and opinion leaders to reposition FP in the context of RH and HIV/AIDS Integration Programme.
3. To urge governments and donors to provide more assistance to Reproductive Health for the promotion of ICPD and MDGs.
4. To develop a set of policy recommendations that will be shared with all stakeholders.
5. To design a guide map that will help to reorient national and regional programmes to achieve universal access to Reproductive Health.

The International Forum was attended by participants from a large number of countries including cabinet ministers and senior government officials, representatives from UNFPA and other international organizations, several NGOs including IPPF, Reproductive Health Supply Coalition (RHSC) and World Population Foundation of Germany (DSW), academic scholars, population and Reproductive Health experts, and other programme specialists. 19 member countries of the PPD Alliance, as well as Brazil, Ghana, the Philippines, Cote d'Ivoire and South Africa attended the Forum.

At the opening ceremony, H.E. Mr. Zhang Weiqing, Chair, PPD Board and Minister of NPFPC, Government of the People's Republic of China, H. E. Madam Yasmina Baddou, Secretary of PPD Board and Minister of Health, Government of Morocco, Ms. Purnima Mane, Deputy Executive Director (Programme) UNFPA and Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, Executive Director of PPD highlighted the importance of universal access to RH for the attainment of ICPD Goals and MDGs and urged the participants to make meaningful recommendations for the promotion of RH, Population and Development through South-South Cooperation.





*In the opening session from the left H.E. Mr. Zhang Weiqing, Chair, PPD Board and Minister of NPFPC, Government of the People's Republic of China, H. E. Madam Yasmina Baddou, Secretary of PPD Board and Minister of Health, Government of Morocco, Ms. Purnima Mane, Deputy Executive Director (Programme) UNFPA and Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, Executive Director of PPD*

The participants of the International Forum reviewed, discussed and made recommendations on the burning issues such as repositioning FP; Integration of RH and HIV/AIDS; Reproductive Health Commodity Supply and Security; Women Empowerment and RH; Adolescent Sexual and RH; and, Financial Resources for RH Care.

Representatives of several donor agencies and UNFPA shared their concerns on financial constraints for Reproductive Health, Population and Development and made greater commitment for technical and financial assistance to PPD and Reproductive Health programmes in developing countries. They committed their support to South-South Cooperation as a key strategy for universal access to Reproductive Health for the attainment of the ICPD goals and MDGs. Policy makers, experts and government officials recognized the importance of a national budget for South-South Cooperation for the promotion of RH, Population and Development programme and committed to advocate for the development of such a budget.

At the end of the Forum, the participants and PPD Board Members unanimously adopted the Rabat Declaration. The Declaration ends with the conviction that effective implementation of the Rabat Declaration will help accelerate the attainment of ICPD goals and MDGs, especially in the poorer Developing and Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

### **6.b. Workshop on Real Life Experience Sharing on Consulting for Reproductive Health in Cairo**

A “Real Life Experience Sharing Workshop” was organized from 2 July to 3 July 2007 at Hotel Shepherd, Cairo, Egypt. The workshop was organized in response to the need expressed by the consultants to share their real life experiences with each other beyond the theories presented in the earlier trainings

Consultants and employees of various organizations responsible for Reproductive Health and Population and Development from 15 different countries of Africa, the Arab world, China

and South- East Asia participated in the workshop. The workshop provided opportunities to share valuable presentations, particularly group work followed by recommendations where the younger consultants learned from the experienced counterparts how to shape and develop their consulting careers. Expert Interviews were organized by inviting two world renowned experts in consultancy to share their experience and expertise at the workshop, namely Dr. Malcolm Potts, Bixby Professor, Population and Family Planning, School of Public Health, University of California and Dr. Martha M. Campbell, Lecturer, Community Health and Human Development, School of Public Health, University of California. The specific objectives of the workshop were to allow participants to:

- i. Learn the emerging issues in Reproductive Health, Population and Development,
- ii. Define their role vis-à-vis the emerging issues,
- iii. Refresh their knowledge in organizational diagnosis to identify client problem,
- iv. Share their real life consultancy experiences on various issues including among others:
  - Factors that promoted successful consultancy
  - Factors that hindered/constrained consultancy
  - Issues to consider in setting up and running consultancy business
  - Self-marketing as consultants, and
- v. Make general and specific recommendations to PPD



*Participants of the workshop.*

Dr. Martha M. Campbell, Co-Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship in International Health and Development (CEIHD) and lecturer, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley, USA, presented a paper on ‘Scale and Equity: A Bold Approach in Reproductive Health’.



*Dr. Martha M. Campbell delivering her presentation to the participants.*

The following recommendations were generated during the workshop:

1. To organize similar Real Life Experience Sharing Workshops as this would prove to be more effective in sharing real problems and bringing up realistic solutions.
2. To set-up a South-South Consultancy Club and to prepare an operational document outlining among other things the goal and objectives of the club and its modus operandi.
3. To market the consultants and recommend them for assignments in different countries under facilitation of PPD.
4. To develop a mechanism/ an instrument through which one can get structured information about consultancies conducted by the former consultants.
5. To liaison with the organization for which the consultants provided the service and evaluate the consultancy services. The instrument for evaluation would be also required.



*Prof. Dr. Malcolm Potts answering question of the participants during the Expert Interview session*

Participants visited the Cairo Demographic Centre (CDC) on the last day of the workshop. Mr. Abdelghany Mohamed Abdelghany Ibrahim, the Director of CDC welcomed the participants. Mr. Jooseery expressed his appreciation to CDC for their support and assistance to PPD. He commended the CDC Award of Fellowship to PPD Member States.



*Participants in front of the Cairo Demographic Centre (CDC)*

During the discussions in the workshop the key lessons learnt were recorded. Later on it was drafted, compiled and shared with the consultants for their feedback. The Expert Interviews were also video taped and later transformed into a DVD form and showed at different international events.

### **6.c. National Workshop on “Access to Reproductive Health for the achievement of ICPD and MDGs: The South-South Initiative” in Bangladesh.**

PPD in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) of the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh organized a one day workshop on “Access to Reproductive Health for the Achievement of ICPD and MDGs: The South-South Initiative” on 17 September 2007 at Dhaka, Bangladesh.



*Major General Dr. A.S.M. Matiur Rahman (Rtd.), the Honourable Advisor MoHFW, Government of Bangladesh (second from left) graced the workshop as Chief Guest. In the panel (from his left) Mr. Pornchai Suchitta, Deputy Representative, UNFPA Bangladesh, Mr. A.K.M. Zafar Ullah Khan, Secretary, MoHFW, Government of Bangladesh and Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, Executive Director, PPD*

The workshop was attended by more than 200 high level professionals, policy makers and senior programme managers from Directorate General of Health Services and Family Planning, different ministries, departments and institutes of the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, representatives of diplomatic missions, donor agencies, UN Organisations, international Organisations, universities and NGOs and journalists from both the electronic and print media. Major General Dr. A.S.M. Matiur Rahman (Rtd.), Honourable Advisor, MoHFW, Water Resources and Religious Affairs, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh was the Chief Guest at the Opening Session. Mr. A.K.M. Zafar Ullah Khan, Secretary, MoHFW, Government of Bangladesh, Mr. Pornchai Suchitta, Deputy



Representative, UNFPA Bangladesh, and Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, Executive Director, PPD, also addressed the participants at the workshop.

The Honourable Advisor underscored the importance of South-South Cooperation in achieving development goals and congratulated PPD for its effort to galvanize a national programme to make for key leaders to make the concept of South-South Cooperation better understood. The ED, PPD stressed on the need to develop innovative and proactive programmes to meet the needs of underserved in the developing countries. He emphasized on re-enforcing the RH programme to ease access to services, especially in marginalized areas. Mr. Pornchai highlighted the support and assistance provided by the international community in promoting South-South Cooperation and reiterated UNFPA's assistance to PPD.



*Dr. Ahmed A. N. Neaz*



*Prof. Abdul Hannan*



*Dr. A. M. Zakir Hossain*

Papers were presented by Dr. Ahmed A. N. Neaz, Professor, American International University, Bangladesh, on “Meeting ICPD Goals and MDGs: Population and Family Planning Agenda for South-South Collaboration”, Prof. Abdul Hannan, Executive Director, Institute of Child and Mother Health, Dhaka, on “Promoting Capacity Building and Exchange of Experience among Developing Countries on Reproductive Health, Population and Development” and Dr. A. M. Zakir Hossain, Public Health Specialist, MoHFW, Government of Bangladesh, on “Integration of Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS”. The workshop generates interesting exchanges during discussions.

#### ***6.d. Consultative Meeting on Strategic Policy Development in Dhaka.***

PPD in collaboration with UNFPA organized a “Consultative Meeting on Strategic Policy Development” from 20 to 23 June 2007 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The objective of the meeting was to analyze the findings of the needs and priority assessment of PPD member countries and develop a four year Strategic Business Plan for PPD from 2008-2011. The meeting brought together eminent international experts in the field of Reproductive Health, Population and Development from USA, Thailand, China and Indonesia, along with a senior representative from UNFPA-New York and PPD Secretariat staff.



*Participants of the workshop*

PPD is in the process of developing a four year Strategic Business Plan for 2008-2011. A needs assessment has been undertaken by PPD in all the Member States, and following an analysis of the findings PPD developed a Framework for concerted and meaningful action for the coming four years. The draft Strategic Business Plan for 2008-2011 was shared with PPD Board Members and Partner Country Coordinators during PPD Annual Board Meeting at Rabat, Morocco and recommendations were incorporated within the Strategic Business Plan.

#### **6.e. Consultative Meeting on Capacity Development in Dhaka.**

A Consultative Meeting on Capacity Development was organized by PPD with assistance from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 18-19 June 2007. The meeting was attended by international experts and consultants in the field of Reproductive Health, Population and Development and representatives from UNFPA and PPD Partner Institutions. The objective of this meeting was to discuss and finalize five Modules on capacity development that were earlier identified during a high-level expert meeting held at Taicang, China in May 2007. At the opening ceremony, representatives from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, UN agencies, diplomatic missions, NGOs, training and research institutes and print and electronic media were present.

In his statement the chief guest, H.E. Major General Dr. A.S. M. Matiur Rahman (Rtd), PPD Board Member and the Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of Bangladesh, underscored that the countries in the South have lots of successful experiences, expertise and know-how which need to be identified, scaled-up, shared and exchanged through capacity building to meet the emerging needs of the countries.

Mr. Harry Jooseery, Executive Director of PPD acknowledged the support and assistance that the Honourable Adviser has extended to PPD to address the burning issues of Reproductive Health, population and development in the region through South-South Cooperation.



*H.E. Major General Dr. ASM Matiur Rahman (Rtd.), the Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of Bangladesh delivering his speech at the opening session*



*Participants in one of the sessions of the workshop*

The experts reviewed and discussed the contents of the modules at the meeting. The following issues were discussed during the meeting:

- Institutionalization of the modules,
- Strengthening partnership through capacity building of Partner Institutions,
- Initiating expanded programmes in order to bridge the gaps between the needs and capacities of Partner Institutions of member countries,
- Resource mobilization, and
- Initiating facilitation to complement Partner Institutions through their own existing potentials and resources.

#### **6.f. International Course on “Maternal and Child Health Care” in Shanghai, China**

An International Course on Maternal and Child Health Care was organized at Shanghai, China from 28 May to 11 June 2007 by China Training Centre (CTC) for Reproductive Health and Family Care with support from National Population and Family Planning Commission (NPFPC) under the Government of The People’s Republic of China and in collaboration with PPD. The objective of the workshop was to strengthen the capacity of professionals to deal with Maternal and Child Health Care problems in developing countries.

The workshop was attended by 40 senior and mid-level officials working in the field of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) including Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) from 21 developing countries of Asia, Africa, the Middle-East and Europe. Mr. Hu Hongtao, PCC and Deputy Director-General Department of International Cooperation, National Population and Family Planning Commission (NPFPC) of China, inaugurated the opening session as Chief Guest, and Mr. Jianhua Cai, president CTC, was present to welcome all the participants. Mr. Hu Hongtao presented on the opening day a speech on “MCH and Millennium Development Goals- with reference to China’s experience.”



*Participants of the MCH Workshop in Shanghai, China*

The workshop covered the latest developments in the field of MCH and also provided an opportunity for the participants to visit the MCH programmes of several academic and research institutes in Shanghai and Taicang. In order to share and exchange knowledge, experience and expertise, participants presented papers on the MCH situation and programmes in their country. Dr. Shariful Islam, Programme Officer, PPD made a corporate presentation on PPD at the workshop which helped the participants better understand the modalities of South-South Cooperation for attainment of ICPD Goals and MDGs.

#### **6.g Consultative Meeting of Experts on Capacity Development in Taicang, China**

PPD has been developing a Capacity Development Plan (CDP) alongside the Strategic Business Plan (PPD) as a way-forward for the coming years. As part of an integrated process of capacity development needs assessment among its member countries, PPD commissioned five background papers: a technical report on institutional capacity need assessment and four regional overview studies done by four consultants. The regional papers focused on priority issues and strategies needed to meet the ICPD PoA and MDG goals for Anglophone Africa, Francophone Africa, Asia and the Arab region.

The technical paper focused on synthesizing the findings of an Inquiry Exercise, initiated by PPD and sponsored by UNFPA, which intended to assess the capabilities of Partner Institutions (PIs) of PPD member countries.

In order to review and discuss the findings of the background papers within the comprehensive capacity building needs assessment, PPD, in collaboration with China Technical Centre (CTC) organized a four-day Consultative Meeting of Experts on Capacity Development between 10 and 15 May 2007 at CTC in Taicang, China. The technical meeting was attended by 34 participants from fifteen countries, which represented twenty different organizations.





*Participants of the Workshop on Capacity Development in Taicang, China*

The main objectives of the Consultative Meeting were:

1. To assess training and research needs in Population, Gender and Reproductive Health in Africa, Asia and the Arab region;
2. To map out the various training programmes that are currently being implemented by Partner Institutions to help build analytical capacities of developing countries in the same areas;
3. To assess the training gaps in Population, Gender and Reproductive Health areas and to suggest modalities to address those gaps;
4. To identify research needs and propose a strategy to address them; and.
5. To assess capabilities of Partner Institutions in facilitating cooperation among developing countries themselves through South-South Cooperation.

The inaugural session of the meeting was addressed by Mr. Hu Hongtao, Deputy Director General, representing H.E. Dr. Zhao Baige, Honourable Vice-Minister of National Population and Family Planning Commission (NPFPC) of China, Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, Executive Director of PPD, Mr. Rabbi Royan, Representative from UNFPA Headquarters and Mr. Jianhua Cai, President of CTC and Director of PPD China Programme Office.



*Mr. Jianhua Cai, Director, PPD China Programme Office and President of CTC, Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, Executive Director of PPD and Mr. Rabbi Royan, Representative of UNFPA, delivering speeches at the opening session.*

Experts discussed specific Population and Reproductive Health concerns within the context of a broader policy framework, followed by technical sessions to assess the training and research needs of PPD Member States. The Meeting also focused on mapping out the

capabilities and existing potentials of 17 Partners Institutions (PIs) with a view to identify gaps in training and research in the context of attaining the ICPD and MDGs.

The four-day's intensive group exercise and plenary discussions concluded in identification of feasible solutions to address training and research gaps in Population and Poverty, Gender, Reproductive Health, Research strategies, Training strategies and South-South Cooperation by assessing the existing potentials of PPD Partner Institutions in the member countries. The meeting also determined the role of South-South Cooperation in bridging those gaps through capacity development and affirmed the collective commitment at policy level from all stakeholders towards these endeavours.



*Dr. Hao Linna*

The closing session was addressed by Dr. Hao Linna, Director General of NPFPC, China, Mr. Harry Jooseery, Executive Director of PPD and Mr. Jianhua Cai, President of CTC and Director of PPD China Programme Office.

## **6.h. PPD Africa Strategy Development Workshop in Kampala, Uganda**

The PPD Board approved the opening of a Regional Office for Africa in Kampala in its 2006 Annual Meeting held in Beijing on 11 November 2006. Later, the opening of PPD Africa Regional Office was formally announced by PPD Executive Director Mr. Harry Jooseery in a mammoth gathering of dignitaries comprising cabinet ministers, parliamentarians, senior government officials, diplomats, representatives of UN agencies, donors, civil society organizations and print and electronic media on 22 February 2007 in Kampala. The Ugandan Minister for Finance, Planning and Economic Development H.E. Mr. Omwony Ojwok thanked PPD for opening its Africa Regional Office in Kampala and expressed the proud pleasure of the Government of Uganda to host the office with necessary office space and other facilities. Dr. Sarah Clark represented Hewlett Packard Foundation.

The opening of the Africa Regional Office was followed by a four-day workshop for the development of PPD Africa Strategy in Kampala, Uganda from 23 to 26 February 2007. The workshop brought together eminent strategy development experts in the field of Reproductive Health, Population and Development, and representatives of major stakeholders in Africa such as PPD African Member States, IPPF Africa Regional Office, African Union, and UNFPA Technical Support Division,



*Participants of the PPD Africa Strategy Development Workshop in Kampala, Uganda*

UNFPA Africa Division was represented by the Director of UNFPA CST, Harare and a Consultant of Hewlett Foundation was also present. The Executive Director, of PPD, Director of PPD Africa Regional Office (ARO) and officials of both PPD Secretariat and ARO participated in the workshop. A renowned strategic planning consultant with decades of experience in the strategy development, particularly for the Africa region, facilitated the four-day strategic planning exercise. The intensive planning exercise produced a draft strategy document, which was subsequently reviewed and finalized incorporating inputs from all stakeholders. The Final PPD Africa Strategy Document was approved by PPD Board in its 2007 Annual Meeting held in Rabat on 22 November 2007.

### **6.i. Workshop on South-South Cooperation in Reproduction Health and Population, Tunisia**

A national workshop on South-South Cooperation in Reproductive Health and Population was organized by National Family and Population Board (ONFP) in collaboration with Partners in Population and Development (PPD) in Tunis, Tunisia on September 4, 2007. The workshop was attended by high level government delegates from the Ministry of Health and Population, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and representatives from UNFPA, Spanish Agency Cooperation, JICA and other civil society organizations.

The objective of the workshop was to generate greater understanding at the national level on how South-South Cooperation can effectively contribute towards attainment of sustainable development.

The Director-General of ONFP Professor Nébiha Gueddana spoke on the success of the Tunisian approach to Reproductive Health and strengthened the setting up of a programme aimed to improve health indicators among the Southern countries of the African continent. Professor Gueddana emphasized the Tunisian technical follow-up and training groups' important role in transferring effective Tunisian experience in matters of health in general and RH in particular in the Southern countries. She specified that these groups had contributed to the implementation of the health programmes in several African countries such as Niger, Mauritania, Chad, Djibouti, Mali and South Africa.



*The Director-General of ONFP Professor Nébiha Gueddana delivering her opening speech in the workshop in Tunis, Tunisia*

Mr. Harry Jooseery, Executive Director, PPD, praised Tunisia's remarkable contribution as part of this co-operation. He highlighted that the countries of the South have a wealth of experience, knowledge and expertise in the field of RH, Population and Development that can be shared with other countries of the South for the greater benefit of all. The workshop emphasized on the results achieved by the Tunisian experience on South-South Cooperation and knowledge on prospects for extending this cooperation and diversifying its fields.

## **6.j. National Workshop on South-South Cooperation in Sustainable Development in Kampala, Uganda**

Partners in Population and Development (PPD), in collaboration with Population Secretariat, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development of the Government of Uganda organized a workshop on “South-South Cooperation in Sustainable Development” on 22 of February 2007 at the Grand Imperial Hotel, Kampala, Uganda. The main purposes of the workshop were to:

- Create a greater awareness about South-South Collaboration Initiatives of Partners in Population and Development and examine how South-South Cooperation can ensure sustainable development for the developing countries, and.
- Formally announce the opening of PPD Africa Regional Office in Kampala, Uganda

The workshop was attended by ten members of the Parliament, journalists from print and electronic media, representatives from universities, different government ministries and departments, UN agencies, World Bank, WHO, UNFPA, USAID, NGOs, civil society organizations, eminent professionals and experts in the field of Reproductive Health, Population and Development.

Dr. Jotham Musinguzi, Director of PPD Africa Regional Office delivered the address of welcome and made a comprehensive presentation on the RH, Population and Development scenarios in Uganda and other countries in Sub-Saharan African Region. Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, PPD Executive Director made a keynote presentation, titled “South-South Cooperation in Ensuring Sustainable Development in the Developing Countries”. The presentations were followed by a discussion session with questions and answers chaired by a member of the Ugandan Parliament. In response to spontaneous queries from the audience, the panellists Messrs Jooseery and Musinguzi explained how South-South Cooperation and particularly the PPD Africa Regional Office would contribute to the attainment of sustainable development of the Southern countries, particularly in Uganda and other Sub-Saharan African nations.

The closing ceremony was chaired by H.E. Dr. Omwony Ojwok, the Late Honourable Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Population Development of the Government of Uganda and Board Member and Treasurer of PPD.

The Minister formally announced the opening of the PPD Africa Regional Office in Kampala and expressed the commitment of the Government of Uganda to extend all necessary support and assistance including office space, administrative support services and related logistics to the PPD Africa Office in Kampala.





*H.E Dr. Omwony Ojwok Late Honourable Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Population Development of the Government of Uganda giving closing speech in the workshop. In his left Dr. Jotham Musinguzi, Director of PPD Africa Regional Office*

The closure of the workshop was followed by a press conference where journalists from the country's leading print and electronic media spoke with the Minister of State, the PPD Executive Director and the Director of PPD Africa Regional Office.

#### **6.k. Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN) Meeting**

PPD Africa Regional Office organized the Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN) Meeting in Kampala, Uganda in 2 – 6 December 2007. The main objectives of the meeting were to revise the EARHN Strategic Plan 2001 - 2005, gain stakeholder support and develop a coalition to work towards increased collaboration among Eastern African countries in the areas of Reproductive Health, Population and Development. The meeting laid a strong foundation for long- lasting and mutually beneficial partnerships and developing a regional network to address RH, Population and Development issues.



*Participants of the EARHN Meeting, together with H.E. Major (Rtd) James Kinobe, Honourable Minister of State for Youth and Children Affairs, Government of Uganda*

The EARHN Regional meeting was attended by representatives from Kenya, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Ghana, as well as Rwanda and Burundi who have recently joined the East African Community. PPD Executive Director, Mr. Harry Jooseery, delegates from the AU, IPPF, DSW, Population Action International (PAI) and the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition (RHSC) participated at the meeting.

The meeting was opened by H.E. Major (Rtd) James Kinobe, Honourable Minister of State for Youth and Children Affairs, Government of Uganda, Ms. Pamela Foster, Director, Development Programmes, German Foundation for World Population (DSW) and the Executive Director of PPD, Mr. Harry Jooseery. Dr. Boniface Omuga K'Oyugi, Board Member of PPD and Chief Executive Officer National Coordinating Agency for Population and Development, Kenya also attended the meeting.

During the meeting useful feedback was received from the participants to incorporate into the revised Strategic Plan for the EARHN. Group discussions and presentations based on the SWOT analysis were made to enrich a strong and feasible Strategic Plan. Presentations on advocacy for RH, drawing from various experiences, were made to increase skills among participants of initiatives who will be responsible for effective advocacy. The key outcome of the report was a revised Strategic Plan which takes into consideration the significant developments, including best practices and challenges in the fields of Reproductive Health, Population and Development. The meeting was supported by Hewlett Foundation, DSW and UNFPA.

## 7. Capacity Development

### ***7.a. International Workshop on Infrastructure Design and Equipment for Reproductive Health Service Station in China***

An international workshop on Infrastructure Design and Equipment for Reproductive Health Service Station was organized by China Training Centre (CTC) of Reproductive Health and Family Care sponsored jointly by the Ministry of Commerce, People's Republic of China and National Population and Family Planning Commission (NPFPC) of China and in collaboration with PPD from 10 -23 September 2007 in Taicang and Jiangsu province of China.

The objectives of the workshop were to provide general understanding on China's experience and practices in infrastructure design and equipment development for Reproductive Health service station, strengthening capacity building and promoting cooperation between China and other developing countries in the field of Population and Development.

36 participants from 18 developing countries of Africa, Asia and the Middle-East participated in the workshop. The opening ceremony of the workshop was graced by Dr. Hao Linna, Director General, International Cooperation Department, NPFPC and Ms. Sheng Lei, Executive Mayor, Taicang Municipal Government along with Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, Executive Director, PPD and Mr. Jianhua Cai, President, CTC. Mr. Harry Jooseery in his opening speech highlighted the significance of South-South Cooperation and considered the need to build up capacity, reinforce infrastructure and create enabling conditions for the promotion of RH and the S-S Cooperation.



*Participants of the workshop in Taicang, China*

The workshop covered crucial issues in the field of FP/RH such as, MDGs and RH, social and economic development and Population programme in China, FP/RH service network, institutional arrangement, infrastructure design of RH service station, friendly environment creation and decoration, operation, maintenance and development of FP/RH service equipment, equipments for clinical treatment, logistic and information management of FP service etc. Participants shared their country experiences on RH services and participated in an observational tour and commodity exposition. Ms. Mureal Gracy Quiah, Programme Assistant, PPD participated in the workshop as a representative from PPD.

## **7.b. International Workshop on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in China**

China Training Centre (CTC) for Reproductive Health with support from Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and with assistance from PPD organized an "International Workshop on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights" in Beijing and Yunnan, China in 8-21 July 2007. The objective of the workshop was to share the experience and lessons learned in China on improvement of MCH Programme and to enhance knowledge of participants on SRH in the context of attaining ICPD Goals and MDGs. The workshop was officially opened by H.E. Mr. Zhang Weiqing, Honourable Chair of PPD and Minister, NPFPC of China. Dr. Zhao Baige, Vice-minister, NPFPC of China, Mr. Bernard Coquelin, UNFPA Representative in China, Mr. Wang Kuili, Deputy Director, Department of Foreign Aid, Ministry of Commerce, China and Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, Executive Director of PPD addressed participants at the opening ceremony.



*Dr. Zhao Baige*

The workshop brought altogether 32 MCH service providers, practitioners and programme managers from Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Fiji, Indonesia, Liberia, Laos, Kenya, Myanmar, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Pakistan, Samoa, Seychelles, Sudan, Tanzania, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe. China's experiences on management and practices in MCH service were studied and discussed in the workshop.



*Mr. Wang Kuili, Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, H.E. Mr. Zhang Weiqing, Dr. Zhao Baige, Mr. Bernard Coquelin, H.E. Mr. Amin Maroof Al-Janad, Honourable Board Member of PPD and Secretary General, National Population Council of Yemen at the Opening Ceremony*

The workshop provided an excellent opportunity for PPD to advocate its activities to high level civil servants from Member States, other developing countries, donor agencies and other international development organizations. Mr. Jooseery also made a presentation on SRH and Commodity Security in developing countries at the workshop.



### **7.c. Fellowship**

The PPD Fellowship Programme is an excellent example of a South-South Initiative. It is based on the voluntary contributions of fellowships by leading training institutions in the Member States to strengthen the human resource base of other PPD Member States. Through this carefully conceived programme, PPD provides unique opportunities for high-quality professional exchanges among developing countries at very reasonable costs. The PPD Secretariat's role is to match the expertise of well-established training institutions with the needs and interests of qualified professionals. The accomplishments attained ever since its inception in 1998 is highly gratifying. Skills and expertise acquired by the fellows contributed substantially to the improved programme design and management of their parent institutions in their own countries, which in turn has generated increased enthusiasm about the programme among member states.

As soon as the fellowship programme was approved at the Fourth Annual Board Meeting in November 1998, the Cairo Demographic Centre (CDC) stepped forward with the generous offer of five one-year diplomas in demography at its own premises in Cairo.

In continuation of the previous years, CDC offered five fellowships to PPD for the 2007 academic session from January to December. Five professionals, namely Ms. Zhang Cuiling from China, Mr. Abdikadir Salat Hussien from Kenya, Mr. Syed Muhammad Saleem and Mr. Muhammad Mumtaz Reza Khan from Pakistan and Mr. Egesa Antony successfully completed the diploma and reported back to their parent institutions.

## **8. Advocacy**

### ***8.a. PPD at the 2nd Annual Research Conference on Population, RH and Economic Development, Arusha, Tanzania***

The Director of PPD Africa Regional Office (ARO), Dr. Jotham Musinguzi, and Programme Officer, Mr. Patrick Mugirwa, attended the 2nd Annual Research Conference on Population, RH and Economic Development held in Arusha, Tanzania from 8 – 9 December 2007 and organized by the African Union. The objectives of the conference were to learn about on-going and planned researches in the fields of Population and RH, identify gaps in evidence and methods that inhibit development of sound policies, discuss examples of research influences on Population/FP-RH policies and share information about Hewlett's Population Reference Bureau (PRB) as well as other new research funding programmes. Many research findings and outstanding papers were presented in this meeting. Dr. Musinguzi, in his capacity as the Regional Director of PPD, was a speaker on the session "What Policy Makers Need to Know about Population: Charting a Path for Population within the Finance Ministry, Opportunities and Challenges", which created an interaface between researchers and policy makers. The paper was very well received by the participants and many queries were made about the subject.

### ***8.b. International conference on "Population and Development in Africa: Research and Policy Dialogue for Action" in Mafikeng, South Africa***

Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, Executive Director, represented Partners in Population and Development in the international conference on "Population and Development in Africa: Research and Policy Dialogue for Action" organized by Department of Social Development, South Africa in collaboration with North West University and African Population Commission in Mafikeng, South Africa, in 5—8 March 2007. This conference was a follow-up of the international seminar on "The Institutionalization of the Dialogue between Population Research and Development Policy in Africa" organized by South African Government in conjunction with the "International Forum for Social Policy (IFSP)" convened in February 2006 by UNESCO in Argentina and Uruguay.



*Mr. Harry Jooseery making a presentation in the conference*

Mr. Jooseery made a presentation in the conference entitled “Framework for Collaboration and Dialogue with Partners in Population and Development on South-South Collaboration”. The presentation was well received by the audience.

The conference adopted a number of very important recommendations which include:

- Recommendations in improving the structural integration of population research findings and research organizations into the policy processes of the African Union, regional organizations and countries.
- Facilitation of the cross-pollination of population research and development of policy expertise between various governments and research organizations in the African Continent, and
- A comprehensive report on the proceedings of the conference.

Mr. Jooseery took the opportunity to discuss with the Department of Social Development collaborations between the South African Government and Partners in Population and Development. He also met and discussed issues of common interest with the representatives of other African governments and regional organizations attending the conference.

### **8.c. Women Deliver Global Conference**

Women Deliver marked the 20th anniversary of the launch of the global Safe Motherhood Initiative in Kenya at London's Excel Conference and Exhibition Centre from 18 October to 20 October 2007. More than 1,500 politicians including ministers from Africa and Asia, human rights activists, NGOs, faith based organizations, health professionals and economists met to assess progress made in preventing maternal deaths and promoting child survival. The conference was co-sponsored by a partnership of UN agencies, including the World Bank, WHO, UNFPA and UNICEF and by the official international assistance agencies of the United Kingdom, Sweden, Norway, the Netherlands and several international NGOs.



*The Executive Director of PPD with Dr. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of UNFPA, H.E. Late Mr. Omwony Ojwok, Dr. Jotham Musinguzi at the Women Delivery Conference*

H.E. Late Mr. Omwony Ojwok, Treasurer of PPD and Honourable Minister of State, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Government of Uganda, Mr. Harry Jooseery, PPD Executive Director and Dr. Jotham Musinguzi, PPD Africa Regional Office Director participated at the conference and advocated the promotion of Reproductive Health, Population and Development through South-South Cooperation. A corporate video of PPD was launched at the meeting through the Global Health TV.

Donors, government officials, corporations, foundations and non-governmental organizations pledged their commitment to invest in women's health and to make the achievement of Millennium Development Goal #5 (improve maternal health), "a high priority on the national, regional and international health agenda."

The three-day conference announced a number of generous donations that included: a grant of more than US\$200 million from the United Kingdom to UNFPA to advance women's reproductive health worldwide; a US\$11 million investment by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in distributing new technology against blood loss after childbirth in Nigeria and India; and a commitment from Japan to put global health at the centre of the Group Eight summit meeting in Japan next year.

#### **8.d. The RH Supply Coalition Meeting, Washington DC**

PPD has been a long-term collaborative partner and a founding member of the RH Supply Coalition. Based on the common interest of ensuring RH supply and security in developing countries, both the organizations work in close collaboration and assist each other towards achieving their shared goals. The Coalition convened its Eighth Semi-Annual Membership Meeting in Washington, DC on 24-25 October 2007. While the Eighth Membership Meeting focused on ensuring commodity security in Latin America, the specific objectives of the membership meeting were to:

- Update members on current Coalition activities, initiatives, and developments.
- Share successes and challenges in ensuring RH commodity security from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) that are highly relevant for developing countries in other regions.
- Emphasize the lessons learned in LAC regarding financing mechanisms, supply chain management under health sector reform, advocacy, the private sector, reaching the underserved, and data for decision-making.

The Membership Meeting was held in two main segments: Executive Committee Meeting and Panel Discussions on different aspects of commodity supply and security issues in Latin America. The Executive Committee Meeting reviewed the progress of the Coalition since the last meeting held in London in April 2007. The substantive session commenced with an overview of the history of the Family Planning movement in Latin America, including its successes and challenges. Participants analyzed the roles of different sectors (government, NGO, civil society) in mobilizing and leveraging resources in the context of donor phase-out of contraceptive supplies; the importance of leadership from the Ministry of Health in creating a supportive policy environment for contraceptive security; and the value of civil society engagement in resource mobilization and policy implementation efforts.

During the second segment, the panellists reviewed key considerations facing the international donor community, policymakers, family planning managers, and logistics advisors as they design and implement reforms for logistics systems functions. Participants shared the successes and challenges regarding innovative procurement agreements, use of procurement agents, and maintaining contraceptive security in integrated and decentralized logistics systems.

The “Female Condom Consortium” established in the Netherlands in May 2007 jointly by Oxfam (Novib), the World Population Foundation (WPF) and the Dutch Government was introduced to the participants. Drawing on experience derived from the introduction and distribution of the female condom, the panellists examined the challenges of ensuring broad method choice, innovative financing, role of women and alternative product sourcing.

#### ***8.e. Afro-Asian Parliamentarian’s Dialogue on Population, Health and Community Capacity Building for Sustainable Development toward TICAD IV and G8 Summit in 2008***

The Executive Director of PPD, Mr. Harry Jooseery, attended the “Afro-Asian Parliamentarians’ Dialogue on Population, Health and Community Capacity Building for Sustainable Development toward TICAD IV and G8 Summit in 2008” from 28 August to 02 September 2007 at Tokyo, Japan. The meeting was organized by Asian Population and Development Association (APDA) and Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) with support from UNFPA and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Japan.



*Mr. Jooseery presenting a paper on  
“South-South Cooperation: What it has achieved?” at the meeting*

More than 50 participants including parliamentarians from Asia-Pacific, African, European countries and Japan along with representatives from UNFPA, IPPF, MOFA, Secretariats of National Committees on Population and Development, selected NGOs and other related organizations attended the meeting.

The two-day Parliamentarians’ Meeting offered a platform to foster dialogue among parliamentarians and experts from the Asia-Pacific, African and European countries including Japan on critical issues surrounding Population and Development and issues related to Asia and Africa. They shared their experiences, best practices and lessons learned, policy tools and action plans to accelerate progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Particular focus was on the promotion of development cooperation between Japan and Asian and African countries through community capacity building, as well as Japan and South-South Dialogue. Parliamentarians adopted a Statement of Commitment for submission to the G8 Summit in 2008, outlining specific actions toward Afro-Asian and Japanese cooperation in achieving sustainable development.

PPD Executive Director made a presentation on the achievements of South-South Cooperation in promoting ICPD Goals and MDGs and urged parliamentarians to promote South-South Cooperation as a key strategy to move forward the priorities for meeting urgent Reproductive Health needs. He insisted that South-South Cooperation be given a prominent place in the Statement of Commitment of the Afro-Asian Dialogue.

#### **8.f. Acting Director of Packard Foundation visits PPD Secretariat, August 2007**

The Acting Director of Population Programme of David and Lucile Packard Foundation, Ms. Sono Aibe, visited PPD Secretariat, Dhaka on 20 August 2007 during her stopover visit to Bangladesh. She met PPD staff in a meeting where PPD’s current projects and activities were shared and reviewed. During the discussions, further potential collaboration between Packard



and PPD was emphasized. PPD acknowledged the technical and financial assistance of Packard Foundation which had a great impact on South-South Collaboration, especially for sustainable development of reproductive health in PPD Member Countries.



*Ms. Sono Aibe (5<sup>th</sup> from right) with staff of PPD.*

Both PPD and Packard agreed on the need to develop meaningful projects for strengthening South-South Collaboration for the achievement of MDGs and ICPD Programme of Action.

### **8.g. Dialogue with the Government of the Philippines**

Considering the cultural, programmatic, strategic and geo-political importance of Asia's sole catholic Christian country, the Philippines peninsula, the present PPD leadership intend to reinforce its collaboration with the country which was initiated in the late nineties. Accordingly, the Executive Director of PPD opened a dialogue with high-level government officials from the Philippines that culminated in an official mission during 12 to 15 August 2007 to the country.



*Mr. Jooseery briefing H.E. Dr. Francisco Duque (in the right), Secretary of State together with Mr. Tomas M. Osias, Executive Director, Commission on Population of Philippine*

On this mission, Mr. Jooseery had a number of high-profile meetings to discuss avenues for accelerated cooperation and the possibility of the Government of the Philippines' accession to PPD membership. He met with H.E. Dr. Francisco Duque, Secretary of State, Dr. Romeo Manalo, Under-Secretary of State and senior government officials of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The discussions that followed were held in a very cordial atmosphere which generated profound enthusiasm for PPD. The officials expressed their willingness to initiate the necessary process within the government towards joining PPD membership.

#### **8.h. Government of India Reinforces its Commitment and Contribution to PPD**

The ED of PPD Mr. Harry Jooseery met H.E. Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss, Honourable Board Member of PPD and Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, along with Mr. Naresh Dayal, Secretary, Ministry of Family Welfare of India and Ms. Aradhona Johri, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Family Welfare of India. The Honourable Minister firmly reiterated the unequivocal commitment of the Government of India to PPD and its South-South Cooperation Initiatives. Mr. Jooseery briefed the Honourable Minister on the recent, ongoing and planned PPD activities. The discussions took place on the development of Strategic Business Plan, Capacity Development Plan, Human Resources Development Plan, RH commodity exchange, resource mobilization endeavours and advocacy campaign among the Member States and key players in the international arena towards integration of ICPD and MDGs, RH and HIV/AIDS Programmes and RH Commodity Security through South-South Cooperation mechanism. In response, the Honourable Minister offered all possible support and assistance towards reinforcing PPD Secretariat and expressed India's willingness for accelerated cooperation with the PPD Member States in the specific areas of common concern. The Minister also gave his assurance to positively consider the following:



- Placement of a Business Development Consultant, specialized in programme development and resource mobilization, at the PPD Secretariat.
- Assisting PPD Secretariat in the development of its e-MIS for better coordination and monitoring of its activities for the promotion of South-South Cooperation.
- Provision of fellowships to the professionals of PPD Member States through its premiere training institutions.
- Providing RH Commodities to PPD Member States as part of South-South Cooperation Initiative.



*Mr. Jooseery with H.E. Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss (middle), Honourable Minister of Health and Family Welfare of India and Mr. Naresh Dayal, Secretary, Ministry of Family Welfare of India*

The Minister expressed his satisfaction on the pace of progress PPD has been achieving recently in addressing the most burning issues of reproductive Health, Population and Development facing PPD Member States and other developing countries.

### **8.i. PPD-ICOMP Dialogue on Reinforcing Collaborations**

PPD Executive Director Mr. Harry Jooseery and ICOMP Executive Director Professor Jay Satia met in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 28 July 2007 and discussed the potential for reinforced collaboration between the organizations. PPD and ICOMP have been working together in advocacy, leadership development and capacity building in the field of Reproductive Health and Population since 1996. In successive meetings at ICOMP office in Kuala Lumpur, the two leaders reviewed the decade of collaborations and explored avenues for future collaborations between the organizations.

The discussion was very cordial and productive as it revealed many important analogous concerns that provide ample scope for PPD and ICOMP to work together, for the benefit of the developing countries.

### **8.j. *Networking and Advocacy towards addressing HIV/AIDS Pandemic through South-South Cooperation during 4th IAS Conference***

PPD Executive Director Mr. Harry Jooseery conducted extensive networking and advocacy campaign during the Fourth IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention on addressing the HIV/AIDS pandemic in developing countries through South-South Cooperation. He met and exchanged views with prominent leaders and experts on pragmatic strategies in preventing and scaling down the prevalence of the scourge of the disease.

As the name suggests, this international HIV/AIDS conference was scientific in nature and mainly dealt with clinical, biological, scientific research and strategic issues related to HIV pathology, treatment and preventions. The conference brought together over six thousand participants and resource persons consisting of the world's most distinguished researchers, scientific leaders and clinical specialists to deliberate on multi-disciplinary and multi-perspective topics of HIV/AIDS. The main presentations and discussions of the conference were held in three main sessions, namely, Basic Science, Clinical Research Treatment and Care, and Biomedical Prevention.

Besides thought provoking presentations and discussions during the main sessions, the conference also included poster viewing, discussion sessions and a number of satellite sessions on major scientific breakthroughs, drug development, prevention strategies and programme management issues organized by multinational pharmaceutical companies in collaboration with NGOs and non-profit charitable.

### **8.k. *G8 Parliamentarians Conference***

As a preparatory process leading up to the Annual G8 Heads-of-State Summit, conferences on different thematic issues have been convened with participation of the leading parliamentarians, policy-makers and members of think tanks from the G8 countries as well as beneficiary organizations, governments and key stakeholders of official G8 assistance. The purposes of these conferences are to foster meaningful dialogue among participants on the main subject to be raised at the G8 Heads-of-State Summit.



### *Participants of the Conference*

The Parliamentary Advisory Committee of Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung, the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF) and Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW) jointly organized the “G8 Parliamentarians Conference on the Economic Rewards for Investing in HIV/AIDS Prevention and Health” at the German Parliament in Berlin on 30 – 31 May 2007.

For the first time, PPD was invited to attend the Conference and to share the insights and experience of its implementation of Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS, Population and Development Programmes in the developing countries including those in Africa, which was the main focus of the year’s conference. PPD Executive Director Mr. Harry Jooseery presented a paper entitled “Integrating HIV/AIDS within Sexual and Reproductive Health Programme in the Context of South-South Cooperation” under the session on “Funding for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and the Chances of Public-Private Partnership (PPP).”

In his speech, Mr. Jooseery stressed that “there is an urgent need to reposition Family Planning with in the whole context of Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Programme”. He further emphasized that “Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS needs to be addressed synergistically, without underscoring one at the expense of the other.” He stated that “South-South Cooperation is based on the premise that developing countries have a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise which if effectively shared among themselves, can marvel and sprinkle extraordinary energy that can reshape their own destiny.” Mr. Jooseery’s speech received wide applause and his opinions were taken into due consideration in preparing the conference outcomes.

At the concluding session, the Conference adopted a Parliamentary Appeal to G8 Heads-of-State on Parliamentary Follow-up and a set of Recommendations for the G8 Summit. The Conference also produced a forward-looking declaration recommending steps parliamentarians might take to promote and monitor the implementation of the commitments made by G8 and other donor countries.

#### **8.1. The New Bangladesh Board Member reaffirmed the commitment of Bangladesh Caretaker Government to PPD**

The Executive Director of PPD, Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, along with Manager, Administration and Finance, Mr. James Biswas, met H.E. Major General Dr. A.S.M. Matiur Rahman (Rtd), Honourable Adviser, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 18 April 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to: –

- Brief the new Board Member on PPD and its activities, and
- Invite the Honourable Adviser to the upcoming Board Meeting.

The ED expressed his gratitude to the Government of Bangladesh for hosting PPD Secretariat at Dhaka and for providing substantial office support. He briefed the Adviser about PPD's present and upcoming activities and also updated him on past involvement in the country. He apprised the Adviser that by virtue of his position he is an Honourable Board Member of the organization and invited him to the next Board Meeting in November 2007. The ED also raised some pending issues that required Honourable Adviser's support.



*Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, the Executive Director of PPD briefing the Honourable Adviser H.E. Major General Dr. ASM Matiur Rahman (Rtd) about PPD.*

The Adviser was very happy to know all about PPD and its activities and was thankful of what PPD was doing in Bangladesh. He was very committed and he promised to extend Bangladesh Government's support to PPD. The PCC of Bangladesh, Mr. Syed Mustafizur Rahman, was also present in the meeting. He asked his staff to include PPD in his ministry's information distribution list and also to invite PPD to all events, related to Health, Population and Development, that the Ministry of Health and their partner organizations arrange. He agreed to participate in the PPD Board Meeting. The Adviser wished to be periodically informed of PPD activities in Bangladesh. About the issue of allotment of land for PPD Secretariat for its own building, he has agreed to expedite the process in the shortest possible time. He expressed his extreme happiness over the commitment of PPD in RH and ICPD Programme of Actions and MDGs.

### **8.m. 40th Session of the UN Commission on Population and Development.**

The 40th Session of the UN Commission on Population and Development, which took place at the United Nations, New York, from 9 to 13 April 2007, had as its main theme the Changing Age Structures of Populations and Their Implications for Development. In the documents presented at the sessions and the discussions that followed, special attention was given to the issues relating to population aging and also to the problems facing the very large numbers of adolescents and young people in many developing countries.

In her statement at the opening session, Dr Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA pointed out that the amount of support given to the family planning sector had declined to 9 percent from 55 percent in 1994 and indicated that unless greater support was given to Reproductive Health services, including family planning, the objective of providing universal Reproductive Health services by 2015 would not be met.



*Dr Thoraya Obaid, ED of UNFPA*

Mr Jiang Fan, Vice Minister of the National Population and Family Commission of China, in his statement, stressed the need “to advance South-South Cooperation” and “to reinforce policy dialogues and experience sharing.” He added that “We call for greater support and assistance to the Partners in Population and Development, an intergovernmental organization of developing countries for population and development, so that Partners may play a better role in this concern.”

In a similar vein, Dr Sugiri Syarief, Chairman, National Family Planning Coordination Board (BKKBN) of Indonesia, called on the international community and donors “to strengthen South-South Cooperation through the Partners in Population and Development. The members of Partners in Population and Development represent more than 50 percent of the world’s population. Therefore, sustaining population policies and programmes in Member States of Partners in Population and Development will greatly impact the global population dynamic and the group’s development programmes.”

PPD was represented at the Session by Mr Jyoti Shankar Singh, Partners’ Permanent Observer to the United Nations.

## **8.n High Level Meeting on SRH Policies in Africa held in Barcelona, Spain**

Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, Executive Director, represented Partners in Population and Development in the high level meeting on SRH Policies in Africa held in Barcelona, Spain from 27 February to 03 March 2007. The meeting was jointly organized by the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI), the Catalan Agency for Cooperation and Development (ACCD) and the Spanish Interest Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health. The meeting brought together representatives from international development agencies, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, representatives of the Ministry of Health of ten African countries, namely, Angola, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Namibia, Mozambique, Mauritania, Senegal, Kenya, Ghana and Tanzania. Mr. Jooseery delivered a speech at the meeting on the role South-South Cooperation in improving the RH situation in Africa.

In order for comprehensive and in-depth examination of all relevant Reproductive Health issues and to maximize its outcomes, the meeting was divided in four technical segments, as follows:



- (i) Commodities Supplies and Contraceptives,
- (ii) Maternal Mortality,
- (iii) Integration of HIV/AIDS, Reproductive Health and Family Planning, and
- (iv) Prevention and Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Cervical Cancers.

The Meeting concluded with specific recommendations for appropriate policy changes and associated structural adjustments for realization of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in African countries.

### **8.o. International Conference on Muslim Religious Leaders to Support Population and Development to Achieve MDGs in Bali, Indonesia**

On invitation of the Government of Indonesia, Mr. Harry Jooseery, Executive Director, attended and delivered a speech at the “International Conference on Muslim Religious Leaders to Support Population and Development to Achieve MDGs” held in Sanur, Bali, Indonesia from 12 to 16 February 2007. The conference brought together, among others, the senior Muslim religious leaders, Islamic scholars and jurisprudents from Muslim countries of Asia and Middle East, who command profound respect and loyalty of their followers in those countries, to deliberate on how they can effectively contribute to the attainment of MDGs.



*Mr Harry Jooseery with some participants of the Conference*

In his speech, Mr. Jooseery, citing quotations from Islamic religious scriptures, underscored the importance of religious leadership and sought cooperation of the leaders in bringing out concrete changes in the socio-economic arena that will contribute to the attainment of MDGs for improvement of the living conditions of the people. Mr. Jooseery also explained how South-South Cooperation in Population and Development can squarely contribute to the development, peace, and prosperity of mankind, which is the ultimate objectives of all divine injunctions and religious schools of thought revealed and recorded in human history. His speech was greatly applauded by the audience, and the religious leaders expressed their willingness to extend their support and cooperation to the strengthening of population and development endeavours and promotion of South-South Collaboration of PPD.



## 9. Communication

### 9.a. Website

One of the most important roles of the PPD Secretariat is to function as the central point for networking and clearinghouse of information for the PPD Member States and other stakeholders. In order to serve this purpose, PPD developed a very comprehensive communication strategy right from the beginning of the Secretariat's functioning in Dhaka. Accordingly, PPD had created and launched its own website [www.south-south.org] in cyberspace in 1996 as a static website, which was subsequently converted into an interactive and dynamic website allowing Member States to directly contribute to the improvement of resources by updating information.

In 2006, under the leadership and guidance of Mr. Harry Jooseery, following his joining as the fourth Executive Director of PPD, the website was renamed as **www.partners-popdev.org** restructured and redesigned to give it a more impressive outlook and attract more viewers, and above all to increasingly benefit information seekers in the relevant fields. Since then the website has been undergoing constant updates with latest information and has been enriched with diversified resources.



*Home page of the PPD Website*

The resources now available in the PPD website are enormous. To name a few, it contains country profiles, vital country statistics of Reproductive Health and Population Programmes, news items, photo galleries of PPD events, various technical documents and research papers, speeches and presentations made by PPD leadership at different forums, calendar of events, theme based articles, and declarations adopted at various PPD forums. Currently PPD

website receives close to one thousand hits per day. PPD often receives appreciations from the viewers who include policy makers, programme developers and researchers.

## **9.b. Advocacy Materials**

### **Code of Conduct Booklet**

PPD has developed a Code of Conduct handbook for its staffs and stakeholders as a guideline to be followed in order to achieve highest professional standards at any level. The handbook delineates key organization values and standards that are expected to be adopted by all PPD staffs and key stakeholders.



### **Report on Real Life Experience Sharing on Consulting for Reproductive Health**

The objective of the project South-South Technical Advisory Services (STAS) is to create and expand opportunities for developing countries so as to benefit from each other in terms of expertise and experience on RH, Population and Development. Within the 5 year time frame of STAS, PPD has aimed at achieving several targets which includes, among others, enabling the pool of new consultants to share their real-life experiences. This led to the publication of a report “Real Life Experience Sharing Workshop” where PPD brought together some of the formerly trained consultants to help them exchange real life experiences of consultancy in the area of Population and Development and Sexual Reproductive Health and thereby learn from each other. The workshop was held in 2--3 July 2007 in Cairo Egypt.



### **Booklet on PPD Partner Institutions: An Overview of Programs and Capacities**

This publication consists of an inquiry report among the selected Partner Institutions (PIs) of PPD to review the ongoing training and research activities, as well as the current and potential capabilities of those Institutions to build analytical capacities of developing countries. It serves as an overview document of programmes and capacities in the Southern countries to help each other, as well as to provide a framework for promoting networking and collaboration among Southern Institutions.



## **Documentation on Consultation on Capacity Development**

This book is a substantial documentation of the Consultative Meeting held at Taicang, China, in May 2007 to develop a capacity development strategy on training and research priorities. The meeting was attended by the representatives of the 17 Partner Institutions (PIs), UNFPA, different governments and a group of international experts. The document presents a set of sub- regional overviews, working group reports with recommended matrix on identified priorities and also documents the policy commitments expressed during the meeting.



## **Publication of Four Modules for Capacity Building**

Conscious of the need to move strategically and attain meaningful results, PPD conducted a needs assessment among institutions involved in capacity building in PPD Member States to document their Capacity Building Programmes, along with the gaps and potentials. At a Consultative Meeting of experts and representatives of 17 Partner Institutions (PIs) from the developing countries held in Taicang, China the assessed finding were discussed. Experts proposed the development of specific generic modules on selected priority themes to be incorporated and integrated into existing curriculum of PIs and to be utilized through PPD's Capacity Building Programmes. At another Consultative Meeting held in Dhaka, Bangladesh experts discussed and finalized the modules. This document is a compilation of four generic modules:



1. A Historical and Institutional Perspective on Population , ICPD Goals and MDGs
2. Population and Poverty
3. Reproductive Health
4. Increasing Human Capacity to Address Gender Equity and Development

It also contains another module on gender, which is already being utilized by the Cairo Demographic Centre, Egypt.

## **Handbook for Consultants**

South-South Technical Advisory Services (STAS) project, aimed at establishing a RH consultant database for developing countries, identifies barriers for the effective utilization of consultants on RH and provides a platform to advance their skills in development and marketing.



To further enhance capacity of consultants and to enable them to contribute effectively to the promotion of South-South

Cooperation in RH, PPD organized a series of training workshops in Kenya, Thailand, Indonesia, Yemen and Morocco for more than one hundred professionals. This training handbook compiles highlights of the most important features and elements presented during the trainings in order to help consultants carry out successful and effective consulting services. This specific document is a useful reference point and guidance for all who wish to advance and expand their consulting career. A French version of this document is also available.

### **Annual Report 2006**

The report highlights PPD's efforts to promote South-South Cooperation and its activities in the Member States during the year 2006. It also summarizes the programme implementations, advocacy and resource mobilization and governance issues. In 2006 PPD emphasised on advocacy and resource mobilization. As a result in 2007, South Africa joined as a new Member of PPD. Ethiopia, Ghana, Nepal and the Philippines have also showed their keen interest to join the PPD Alliance.



### **PPD Watch – A Monthly Newsletter**

**PPD Watch** is a monthly newsletter of Partners in Population and Development (PPD) which carries news items, articles and chronicles of events and interventions in the field of Reproductive Health, Population and Development undertaken by PPD as well as by other organizations and entities worldwide.



PPD started publishing the newsletter from the beginning of 2007. **PPD Watch** was distributed to all PPD stakeholders and at all important events and has been highly appreciated by its readers.

### **PPD Corporate Video**

In association with a BBC team of journalists, PPD produced a video which has been displayed on several occasions at international workshops and conferences. The Corporate Video was first displayed during the Women Deliver Conference held in October 2007 in London. It is available in DVD format as well.



### **Brochure on PPD**

PPD Brochure was redesigned and produced in 2007 highlighting current events and activities of PPD. It contains basic information on PPD including its vision, mission, values, strategic plan, strategic business plan and the current programme activities of PPD.



### **Corporate CD**

This CD highlights the corporate status of PPD in multimedia format. Corporate Video of PPD is also included here.



## **10. Governance**

PPD has a two-tier governance structure: a Board consisting of Ministers of Health, Population, Finance and Planning from the Member States and an Executive Committee elected triennially from among the Board Members. While the Board performs the overall governance, the Executive Committee provides leadership to the Board and bridges between governance and executive branches of the Alliance, i.e. the PPD Secretariat and the Board. The Partners Country Coordinators (PCC) who are all senior civil service officials, though not legally an integral part of the governance, represent the bureaucracy of the Member States in the governance. While the Board representing the political authority provides policy directions, the PCCs oversee programme development and their implementation in concert with the PPD Secretariat. Thus the active involvement of the political and bureaucratic authorities of the Member States makes PPD truly a unique inter-governmental alliance in nature and function.

PPD governance events, therefore, consist of a Board Meeting, an Executive Committee Meeting and a PCC Meeting held consecutively once a year in one of the Member States. Since the Board Meeting is the highest policy formulation forum, it is invariably preceded by an international forum with participation of senior government officials of the Member States, acclaimed international population and development experts, donor agencies, opinion leaders and civil society organizations. The international forum deliberates on issues of urgent priorities of the Member States and recommends policy orientation for approval of the Board and commitment of the countries for implementation.

In 2007, the PPD Annual Board Meeting, the PCC Meeting, Executive Committee Meeting and an International Forum had been hosted by the Ministry of Health of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco in Rabat from 19 to 22 November 2007.

### **10.a. Twelfth Annual Board Meeting of PPD**

The XII Annual Board Meeting of PPD was organized in Rabat, Morocco on 22 November 2007 in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Government of the Kingdom of Morocco. The Meeting was presided over by H.E. Mr. Zhang Weiqing, Chair, PPD and Minister of National Population and Family Planning Commission of China and was attended by the Ministers, Board Members, Partners Country Coordinators (PCCs) of PPD Member States, the representative of UNFPA and government delegations from Ghana, Philippines and South Africa. Ms. Purnima Mane, Deputy Executive Director (Programme), UNFPA and UN Assistant Secretary-General represented UNFPA at the Board Meeting.





*Participants of the Twelfth Annual Board Meeting*

The Board approved, among others, the Strategic Business Plan, Capacity Development Plan, Strategic Plan for Africa and the Rabat Declaration containing recommendations formulated at the International Forum on ICPD and MDGs held immediately before the Board Meeting. The Board decided to hold the next Annual Board Meeting in Sana'a, Yemen in November 2008.

The Board also approved the Executive Director's Report including his recommendations as well as his paper "Financial Commitment of the Member States" which recommends increase in the annual membership contributions by the Member States to PPD, as proposed in the matrix he had developed on the basis of Human Development Index (HDI) of the Member States.

Major decisions of the Board Meeting include:

- I. South Africa was unanimously accepted as a New Member.
- II. Strategic Business Plan was approved.
- III. Rabat Declaration was approved.
- IV. China doubles its annual contribution to PPD from \$ 20,000 to \$ 40,000.

### **10.b. Twelfth Executive Committee Meeting**

PPD organized the Twelfth Executive Committee (EXCO) Meeting at Hotel La Tour Hassan in Rabat, Morocco on 19 December 2007. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Zhang Weiqing, Chair, PPD Board and Minister of NPFPC, Government of the People's Republic of China. The meeting was attended by H.E. Mr. Oumar Ibrahim Toure, Vice Chair, PPD Board and Minister of Health, Government of Mali; Mr. Charles Zirarema, Acting Director, Population Secretariat, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda representing Treasurer of PPD H.E. Late\_Mr.\_Omwony Ojwok, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda; Dr. Fouad Hamadi, General Secretary, Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Morocco representing the Secretary of PPD Board, H. E. Madam Yasmina Baddou, Minister of Health, Government of Morocco; Mr. BM Jamal Hossain representing the Honourable Board Member of Bangladesh, H.E. Dr. A. S. M. Matiur

Rahman, Minister of Health and family Welfare, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh; and Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, Executive Director, PPD.

The participants reviewed and adopted the minutes of the Eleventh Board Meeting held in Beijing China on 11 November 2006, the matters arising from the decisions of the Beijing Board Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting, the programmatic, operational and financial issues of PPD.



*In the panel from the left Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, Executive Director of PPD, H.E. Mr. Oumar Ibrahim Toure, Vice Chair, PPD Board and Minister of Health, Government of Mali, H.E. Mr. Zhang Weiqing, Chair, PPD Board and Minister of NPFPC, Government of the People's Republic of China and Dr. Fouad Hamadi, General Secretary, Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Morocco*

The EXCO members approved the Capacity Development Plan, the Human Resource Development Plan and the Strategic Business Plan. Members thanked the UNFPA, the Hewlett Foundation, the Packard Foundation, and the Government of Netherlands for their technical and financial support to PPD. They also reviewed the agenda and preparations for the forthcoming Twelfth Annual Board Meeting in Rabat, Morocco.

The EXCO members approved also a number of important decisions as recommended by the Executive Director.

### **10.c. Partners Country Coordinator (PCC) Meeting**

PPD and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco jointly organized the PCC meeting on 19 November 2007 in Rabat, Morocco. The objective of the meeting was to review and discuss ongoing and future PPD programmes and a number of planning tools developed by PPD Secretariat for the coming years. The meeting was attended by PCCs and a number of international consultants who assisted PPD in the development of the documents.

The following issues were presented and discussed:

- The Programme Overview of PPD

- The Strategic Plan for Africa
- The Capacity Building Plan
- The Human Resource Development Plan
- The Strategic Business Plan



*Participants of the PCC meeting*

The PCCs appreciated the innovative initiatives undertaken by PPD to accelerate the achievements of the ICPD Goals and MDGs. They agreed that the implementation of these plans should be supported by the member countries at national level, where PCCs can play a greater role by involving other ministries and mobilizing resources. The role of civil society organizations through networking was also noted to be crucial for the implementation of the plans. In addition, PCCs urged for a strengthening of the Regional Networks in Africa. The contributions of China in Capacity Building, RH Commodity Supply and Transfer of Technologies were well received and appreciated by the participants.

#### **10.d. First Annual African PCC Meeting**

PPD Africa Office organized the first Annual African PCC Meeting in Kampala, Uganda from 27 to 28 September 2007. The main objectives of the meeting were to:

- Review the Strategic Plan (2007–2011) for Africa, and
- Share experiences and good practices acquired in implementing Reproductive Health and Population Programmes through South-South Collaboration.

The meeting was attended by 11 African PCCs from Benin, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe, three representatives of non-member states, such as, Ethiopia, Ghana, and Tanzania, Hewlett Foundations officials and the staff of the Population Secretariat of Uganda.



*Participants of the African PCC Meeting*

H.E. Dr. Emmanuel Otaala, Honourable Minister of State for Youth and Gender of the Government of Uganda, addressed the participants at the Opening Session. Under the chairmanship of the Acting Director of Population Secretariat of Uganda, the Opening Ceremony of the meeting was also addressed by Dr. Jotham Musinguzi, the Regional Director of PPD Africa Office, Mr. Hassan Motashami, UNFPA Representative in Uganda, Dr Sara Seims, Director of Hewlett Foundation Population Programme, Ms. Sylvia Namabidde, Representative of Ugandan Parliamentary Forum on Food Security and Mr. Harry S. Jooseery, the Executive Director of PPD. Mr Jooseery underscored the importance of the role of PCCs for the promotion of South-South Collaboration. He urged the participants to minutely review the Strategic Plan for Africa and give advice on improvements for the attainment of the MDGs and ICPD PoA through South-South Collaboration.

Dr. Sara Seims stressed the importance of investing more in Africa and commended PPD's initiative of opening an Africa Office to address emerging RH needs in Africa. Apart from the Strategic Plan for Africa, the meeting also discussed the Strategic Business Plan and Capacity Development Plan of PPD as a way forward for future PPD activities in all the Member States. The representatives of the three non-member countries expressed their interest to join PPD.



*Dr. Sara Seims*

In his closing speech, Mr Harry Jooseery thanked the participants for their contribution to the improvement of the Strategic Plan for Africa. He also welcomed the representatives of Ethiopia, Ghana and Tanzania to open dialogues towards joining PPD and invited their governments to the 12<sup>th</sup> PPD Board Meeting scheduled to be held in Rabat, Morocco from 19 – 22 November 2007. He thanked particularly Dr. Sara Seims for her invaluable support to PPD, especially the Africa Office, the opening of which was spearheaded by Hewlett Foundation.



## **11. Memberships**

### ***11.a. South-Africa joins PPD***

South Africa's impressive success in ensuring comprehensive access to the provision of Reproductive Health information, services and supplies, reducing maternal and infant mortality, prevention and care in HIV/AIDS and most particularly in manufacturing and providing easy access to high quality Reproductive Health commodity and antiretroviral drugs in affordable costs are admired worldwide. Considering the fact that South Africa's strengths could be immensely beneficial to the PPD Member States, particularly the African Member States if channelled through the South-South Cooperation mechanism, PPD opened dialogue with South Africa for an accelerated collaboration. PPD Executive Director, Mr. Harry Jooseery, had a number of meetings and exchange of communications with South African officials to enable the country to better understand PPD. While South Africa had already been committed to the ideals of South-South Cooperation, the country carefully studied PPD, its mission and mandates and its activities and accomplishments in promoting South-South Cooperation.

Finally South Africa decided to join PPD and conveyed its decision requesting the Board to accede the country to the membership of PPD in the 12th Annual Board Meeting of PPD held in Rabat, Morocco on 22 November 2007. The Board unanimously approved South Africa's request for PPD membership with immediate effect. On behalf of the Board, H.E. Mr. Zhang Weiqing, Chair of PPD, and Mr. Harry Jooseery, Executive Director of PPD, welcomed South Africa on board to PPD and anticipated that other PPD Member States would benefit tremendously from South Africa's rich knowledge, experience and expertise while South Africa would also gain from the strengths of the other Member States.

### ***11.b. Ethiopia, Ghana and Philippines' Membership of PPD***

As the South-South Cooperation programmes increasingly gain momentum and their success in addressing Reproductive Health, Population and Development problems are widely appreciated, more and more developing countries are keen to join the PPD Alliance. Ethiopia, Ghana and Philippines have already been in contact with PPD regarding accession of membership to PPD. These countries were invited to the 12th PPD Annual Board Meeting held in Rabat, Morocco on 22 November 2007. Representatives of Ghana and Philippines attended the event and made statements expressing their respective countries' interest in joining PPD, but they wished to take time to work within their governments.

The Government of Ethiopia could not attend the Board Meeting, but the Minister of Health of the Government of Ethiopia submitted a formal request to accede the country to the membership of PPD, which will be discussed and considered during the next PPD Annual Board Meeting to be held in November 2008.

## 12. Highlights

### 12.a. China Doubles its Annual Membership Contribution to PPD

The annual membership contribution of PPD was fixed at US\$ 20,000/- during the Second Annual Board Meeting held in Mexico City during 8-11 July 1996, and since then the contribution has been unchanged. While the international development agencies are keen to support South-South projects and programmes, it was expected that core expenses would be met by the Member States as a mark of their commitment to the Alliance. It has recently transpired that even if the membership contributions are regularly paid in full, it is still not sufficient to cover the core activities of the Alliance. The PPD Executive Director, Mr. Harry Jooseery, developed a proposal recommending an increase in the annual membership contribution on the basis of the human development index (HDI) of the Member States and submitted it to the 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting held in Rabat on 22 November 2007 for consideration and approval. The Board approved the proposal and requested the Member States to increase their membership contribution as proposed.



*H.E. Mr. Oumar Ibrahim TOURE, Vice-Chair of PPD Board and Honourable Minister of Health, Mali presenting a plaque to H.E. Mr. Zhang Weiqing, Chair, PPD Board and Minister of NPFPC, Government of the People's Republic of China, in recognition to his outstanding contribution to South-South Cooperation*

H.E. Mr. Zhang Weiqing, Chair of PPD Board and Minister of NPFPC of China, announced the doubling of China's annual membership contribution from \$20,000 to \$40,000 to PPD from the fiscal year 2008 onwards. It may be mentioned here that China has been providing accelerated programme support to the PPD Member States under three bilateral Memoranda of Understanding signed with PPD on Capacity Building, Reproductive Health Commodity Supply and Transfer of Technology.

The PPD Board also took the opportunity to pay profound tributes to the Honourable Chair in recognition of his inspiring leadership and outstanding contribution to the promotion of South-South Cooperation in general and growth and sustainability of PPD in particular.



## **12.b. PPD Annual Plan Retreat 2007**

PPD operates under long-term strategic plans developed in concert with its Member States, institutional affiliates, partner organizations, donors and other stakeholders. It has a 10-year strategic plan (2005-2014) in force which was developed and approved by the Board in 2004. PPD Secretariat begins its year with a planning exercise to come up with a concrete plan for the year under the broader framework of the long-term strategic plan and other contemporary issues emerging from changing global scenarios, the outcome of governance and technical meetings and emerging needs and priorities in the Member States.

PPD Secretariat had their Annual Plan Retreat for 2007 from 28 to 29 January in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. The specific objectives of this year's retreat were to:

1. Revisit experiences to identify strengths, shortcomings and lessons learnt;
2. Position organization in the changed contexts, nationally and globally;
3. Review commitments (for 2007) and identify challenges ahead;
4. Design strategic directions to respond to commitments and challenges; and,
5. Align organizational strengths and weaknesses to meet the expectations.



*PPD Staff at the Annual Plan Retreat 2007*

The 2007 Annual Planning Retreat was particularly important and different from other retreats since there was a new leader with a new perspective and new visions who had completed his first year in office by successfully attaining a complete grasp of the overall condition of the organization. At the very outset, the Executive Director provided a brief but

in-depth overview of the contemporary global scenario, the overall condition of PPD and his guidance on how to situate PPD in the global context and devise an appropriate way forward.

In the two days of intensive exercise in line with the guidance provided by the Executive Director, staff revisited the accomplishments and shortcomings of 2006, reflected on the present and designed plans for 2007 and beyond in view of PPD's mandate, new leadership and new vision. At the end of the two day rigorous retreat, the team produced the draft of an analytical report and an outline for the work plan for 2007, which was later fine-tuned at the Secretariat. It may be mentioned here that the outcome of the retreat laid the basis for a number of innovative initiatives such as the development of a Strategic Business Plan, Capacity Development Plan and a Human Resource Plan.

## **13. Financial Report**

The Financial situation during the fiscal year 2007 has improved significantly. During this period, PPD received US \$1.23 million from the member countries and different donor agencies. The total fund increased by 20%, core fund increased by 30% and fixed deposits increased by 45% compared to the preceding year.

In this fiscal year 14 countries paid their annual membership contributions, which is 30% higher than the preceding year.

In response to the ED's recommendation for an increase in annual contributions from Member States, China announced that the country would double its contribution from 2008 onwards.

The financial audits for the fiscal year 2007 have been completed and the Auditors' Report commends the financial transactions carried out by PPD.

PPD has regained creditworthiness and confidence among donors and stakeholders substantially during the fiscal year.

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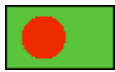


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