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Partners in Population and Development (PPD)

**An Inter-governmental Organization
For Promoting South-South Cooperation**

Partners in Population and Development (PPD) is an Inter-governmental alliance of 25 developing countries accounting for 57% of the world population. PPD was initiated during the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo in 1994 to expand and strengthen South-South collaboration between and among the developing countries in the field of reproductive health, population and development. The alliance embraced the concept of South-South collaboration to enable its members and other developing countries to share their knowledge, experiences, and expertise and best practices to ensure sustainable development and improve the quality of life through population, development and reproductive health programmes. The concept received further stimulus in the Program of Action adopted by 179 Governments at the ICPD in Cairo in 1994, which states that:

“.....more attention should be given to South-South Cooperation as well as to new ways of mobilizing private contributions, particularly in partnership with nongovernmental organizations. The international community should urge the donor agencies to improve and modify their funding procedures in order to facilitate and give high priority to supporting direct South-South collaboration arrangements.South-South Cooperation at all levels is an important instrument of development.

Vision of PPD

An Intergovernmental Alliance leading the promotion of South-South Cooperation towards attainment of the global population and Reproductive Health agenda for sustainable development.

Mission of PPD

PPD an Intergovernmental Alliance of developing countries is committed to improving the quality of life of people through sustained advocacy, capacity building, networking, knowledge sharing and management and transfer of technology in the field of reproductive health, population and development within the framework of South-South Cooperation.

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AFP	Advance Family Planning
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ARO	Africa Regional Office
ASRH	Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health
BMA	British Medical Association
CARMMA	Campaign on the Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa
CDC	Cairo Demographic Centre
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DFID	Department for International Development
DGFP	Directorate General Family Planning
EARHN	East Africa Reproductive Health Network
FP	Family Planning
GOPFP	General Office for Population and Family Planning
HIV	Human Immune deficiency Virus
ICDDR, B	International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh
ICPD	International Conference of Population and Development
ICT	Information Communication Technology
IIPS	International Institute for Population Sciences
IPAC	International Programme Advisory Committee
JAP	Joint Action Plan
MPoA	Maputo Plan of Action
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MoH	Ministry of Health
MoHFW	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
MSH	Management Sciences for Health
NIHFW	National Institute of Health and Family Welfare
NPC/TS	National Population Council/Technical Secretariat
NTF	Task Force
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NPFPC	National Population and Family Planning Commission
NSSSSC	National Support Structure for South-South Cooperation
PCC	Partner Country Coordinator
PI	Partner Institutions
PoA	Programme of Action
PPD	Partners in Population and Development
PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers
RH	Reproductive Health
RHCS	Reproductive Health Commodity Security
RHSC	Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition
SBP	Strategic Business Plan
SRH	Reproductive Health
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
S-S	South-South
SSC	South-South Cooperation
SSWG	Systems Strengthening Working Group
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
WHO	World Health Organization
ZNFPC	Zimbabwe's National Family Planning Council



Message from the Chair

We are pleased to present PPD's 2011 Annual Report. As the following pages show, PPD is making substantial progress in our effort to address Population and development in our member countries. Over the past year, we moved forward with innovation, introduction and integration of population and development interventions in many of the world's most resource-challenged settings in 25 PPD member and other developing countries.

This year's report centres on the theme of solutions, illustrating how our programs work to translate the world's knowledge, skill and capacity into solutions that truly meet the needs of the communities we serve.

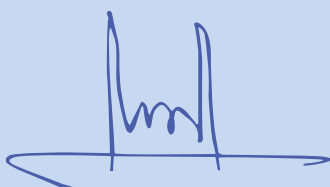
There is no denying of the fact that today; South-South collaboration has been embraced by many developing countries as an essential way of development in the field of reproductive health and family planning. Although cooperation between developing countries existed, PPDs envisions a different approach to South-South exchange, one that goes beyond the traditional approach. I note with satisfaction that PPD is successfully running different projects to promote more investment in family planning, human resource development and quality of care. In 2011 our organization continued to grow to meet population and development needs. Our growing human and financial resources are bringing more opportunity—and responsibility—to lead efforts to improve global health in the years ahead.

We are grateful to our donors and our member countries for their interest and support. Especially in times of economic hardship, we value our opportunity to contribute to the

common good. Thank you for being part of this great endeavour to bring innovative health solutions to the least fortunate among us.

I take the opportunity to thank the Executive Director of PPD and all the staff at the Secretariat, in Uganda, China and New York offices for their very hard work and wish them plenty of success.

Sincerely,



H.E. Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad

Chair PPD Board

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare

Government of India



This Annual Report briefly describes the major accomplishments of the organization in providing mandated programs and services. The report also includes a brief financial report on how the organization utilized the funds received for this fiscal year.

In 2011, PPD continued to provide solutions to the reproductive health

Mandate and Summary of 2011 –

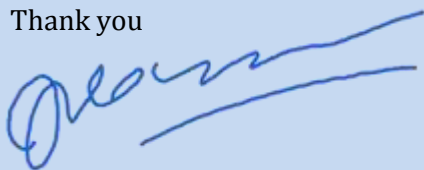
needs of the many millions of women, men and young people in developing countries. This year was marked by the review of policy and governance guidelines, reviewing the existing By- laws and the development of a survey report of staff conditions of work and the development of a new Strategic Business Plan for the coming three years. The new SBP was reviewed and approved by the Board in Pretoria, South Africa. In 2011, PPD also continued its extensive advocacy for the repositioning of family planning in the development agenda, reinforcement of program to address women empowerment and adolescent sexual and reproductive issues including evidence-based and outcome oriented programming to meet emerging reproductive health and population issues. All offices of PPD contributed tremendously and successfully in our advocacy efforts with funders, parliamentarians, the first ladies, civil society and other stakeholders and they deserve special recognition and appreciation.

PPD could not have made substantial development without wide-ranging support from the global community, including donors, international agencies, non-governmental organizations, private sector and individuals who have demonstrated commitment and interest for South-South Cooperation. During 2011 PPD mobilized contributions from existing and new donors including the UK Government's Department for International Development (DFID), the Hewlett Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, World Bank and UNFPA. The year 2011 also afforded us a good opportunity to highlight the admirable augmentation of annual contributions from the PPD member countries.

I sincerely thank the Board of PPD, donor communities, PPD Executive Committee members, Partners Country Coordinators, Partner Institutes for their valued support and guidance. I am also grateful to PPD staff of the Secretariat, Africa Regional Office, China Program office and New York office for all the hard work.

As we embark on the implementation of the new Strategic Business Plan in 2012, I see a new light of hope for a more concerted action to address global concerns and challenges. Thank you again for trusting PPD as an intergovernmental organization for South- South Cooperation. I am confident that PPD is poised to build on its achievements in sharing South-South experiences in the implementation of the ICPD PoA beyond 2014 and in the context of MDGs.

Thank you



Dr. Joe Thomas

Executive Director

Partners in Population and Development (PPD)

Highlights of 2011

31 January, 2011

Breakfast Meeting with Member Countries' UN Representatives

New York, USA — PPD's liaison office to the United Nations (UN) and the permanent mission of Bangladesh to the UN organized a breakfast meeting for South-South Cooperation at the Bangladesh mission, in UN. Representatives of several permanent missions and United Nations agencies attended the event.

8-10 February, 2011

The International Conference "Population, Development, and Family Planning in Francophone West Africa: The Urgency for Action"

Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso - The Regional Director of PPD ARO attended the international conference on "Population, Development, and Family Planning in Francophone West Africa: The Urgency for Action," that was held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso February 8-10, 2011. The conference brought together delegations from eight countries in the region (Benin, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Togo, and Burkina) and provided a forum for identifying concrete solutions to meet the need for family planning in the region.

04 April, 2011

17th Executive Committee Meeting

New Delhi, India — The 17th Executive Committee meeting of PPD was held in Delhi on 2-4 April 2011. The meeting was organized by PPD in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

14 April, 2011

Meeting of PPD Stakeholders during 44th Session of UN-CPD

New York, USA — PPD organized jointly a breakfast meeting with the permanent mission of Bangladesh

on 14th April 2011 at the premises of the Bangladesh mission in New York. The meeting was organized for the participants from PPD member countries, as well as for representatives from the permanent missions of PPD countries located in New York. The mission of Bangladesh graciously hosted the PPD meeting.

18 May, 2011

Meeting with Viet Nam Board member:

Hanoi, Viet Nam - PPD delegation had a meeting with Dr. Duong Quoc Trong, General Director of General Office for Population-Family Planning and Board member, PPD Board. Over 55 participants from diversified disciplines e.g. high government officials from different departments of ministry of health, representatives from other ministries, UN agencies, NGOs, INGOs, CSOs and mass media attended the workshop.

19 May, 2011

South-South Workshop in Viet Nam:

Hanoi, Viet Nam - A South – South Cooperation workshop was held at the International Conference Center, Hanoi, Viet Nam on May 19, 2011. The workshop was jointly organized by PPD and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

25-26 May, 2011

Population Footprints Symposium

London UK- The Regional Director of PPD ARO, Dr. Jotham Musinguzi, participated in The UCL-Leverhulme Trust Population Footprints Global Symposium on human population growth and global carrying capacity.

10 June, 2011

PPD's participations at the United Nations' High-level Meeting on HIV/AIDS in New York-

The UN General Assembly 's three-day High-level meeting on AIDS, held during 8-10 June 2010 at UN headquarters in New York. Many members of the PPD Board including H.E Ghulam Nabi Azad, the Minister of

Health and Family Welfare of India and the Chair of the PPD Board attended the meeting.

24 June, 2011

18th Executive Committee meeting:

Dalian City, China - The 18th Executive Committee Meeting of PPD was held on 23-24 June in Dalian City, China. The meeting was organized by PPD in collaboration with Government of the People's Republic of China.

31 October, 2011

2011 Annual Partner Country Coordinators (PCCs) meeting held in

Pretoria, South Africa — PPD and the Government of South Africa jointly organized the PCC meeting. The objective of the meeting was to review and discuss PPD activities and capacity building of the member countries' focal persons.

1-2 November, 2011

International Conference on "Population Dynamics, Climate Change and sustainable Development"

Pretoria, South Africa — The Government of South Africa and PPD organized the International Conference on "Population Dynamics, Climate Change and sustainable Development". H. E. Ms. Bathabile Olive Dlamini member, PPD Board and Honourable Minister for Social Development, the Government of the Republic of South Africa inaugurated the conference. The Pretoria Declaration, a key outcome of the conference was adopted by the participants.

1 November, 2011

Launching of Publication on Innovative Experiences in Addressing Population and Reproductive Health Challenges in PPD Member States

Pretoria, South Africa — PPD launched its latest volume in the Sharing Innovative Experiences book series, experiences in addressing population and reproductive health challenges, which documents 10 case studies of innovative practices and successful approaches for tackling various aspects of population challenges with the support from UNDP South – South Unit.

02 November, 2011

PPD honored Professor Fred Sai

Pretoria, South Africa — PPD honored Professor Fred Sai with a lifetime achievement award for his continuous effort in promoting South-South cooperation at the international conference presided over by the PPD Chair.

3 November, 2011

PPD Board and Executive committee meeting

Pretoria South Africa — PPD organized its 16th Annual Board meeting and 18th Executive Committee meeting in Pretoria South Africa with remarkable participation from its board members. H.E. Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad, Honorable Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of India and Chair of PPD Board presided over these events.

Our Partners

PPD is governed by a Board consisting mainly of Ministers of Health, Population and Social Development from the Member States. The Board elects the four Executive Committee members for a three year term (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) and Bangladesh is a permanent member of the Executive Committee. The Board meets once each year to discuss the governance, policy, programmatic and financial issues while the Executive Committee meets twice between the Board meetings to provide guidance to and evaluate the achievements of the organization. The By-Laws signed by each member state regulate the governance and functioning of the organization.

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PPD has its Secretariat headed by the Executive Director, which is located in Dhaka, Bangladesh. It has a Regional Office in Kampala, Uganda headed by a Regional Director to coordinate South-South program activities in Africa. It has a Program Office in Taicang, China headed by a Director to organize its South-South Capacity Development activities for professionals from the member states. In order to represent PPD in the United Nations, PPD maintains a Liaison Office to the UN in New York headed by the PPD Permanent Observer to the United Nations. PPD also has a country coordinating mechanism involving one senior government official in each member state known as Partners Country Coordinators (PCCs) to coordinate South-South program activities with different sectors within the country, among other member countries and with the PPD offices and its affiliates.

AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE (ARO)

Background

The 11th PPD Executive Committee Meeting held in April 2006 in China, took the decision to open a Regional Africa Office to oversee the sexual and reproductive health program in Africa while fostering South-South Cooperation. In 2007, PPD opened a Regional Office in Kampala, Uganda. The PPD ARO links 14 African countries who are members of PPD. The office works through three strategies:

1. Policy dialogue;
2. Networking and building strategic partnerships in the region; and
3. Sharing of experiences and good practices.

Sharing experiences and good practices

“Lesson learning” field visit to Ethiopia

PPD ARO in partnership with the Federal Ministry of Health and Ministry of Finance of Ethiopia organized a *lesson learning field visit* to Ethiopia’s Health Extension Programme (HEP). The HEP is an innovative community based approach to increase access to health information and services. Participants on the field visit were drawn from Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN) member countries including Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, South Sudan and Uganda. This capacity building program was part of Advance Family Planning (AFP) initiative funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. The AFP Consortium is led by the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) Bloomberg School of Public Health and Bill & Melinda Gates Institute. Partners include the Centre for Communication Programs at JHU, African Women’s Development Fund, Partners in Population and Development, and Futures Group International.



Capacity Building workshop on “Spitfire advocacy strategies”, in Nairobi, Kenya

PPD ARO and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA jointly organized a training workshop on the *Spitfire Strategies™* Approach for family planning advocacy. The workshop was held from July 19-21, 2011, at Chester House, Nairobi, Kenya for EARHN focal persons. This activity was a part of the Advance Family Planning (AFP) initiative aimed at revitalizes family planning programs through increased and more effective funding and improved policy commitments at the local, national and global levels.



Capacity building for presenters on “Sub Saharan Africa Rapid Model”

A capacity building programme on *Sub Saharan RAPID Model* on advocacy was organized for PPD ARO staff on January 5-7, 2011 in Kampala, Uganda. The objective of the training was to build the skills of PPD ARO Staff in using a *Sub Saharan RAPID Model* to undertake effective advocacy for RH/FP in Africa. Dr Tom Goliber of Futures Group International facilitated this event.

Networking and building partnership

Health Policy Project (HPP) Orientation Workshop, Washington, USA

Mr. Abdelylah Lakssir, International Programme Officer with PPD ARO, attended the HPP orientation workshop held in Washington, DC, USA from 22-28 January 2011. HPP is a five years cooperative agreement funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). It is implemented by the Futures Group, in collaboration with the Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA), Futures Institute and PPD ARO. The project focuses on reproductive health, HIV and AIDS, maternal health, and health systems strengthening.

Packard Foundation Grantees and Partners Meeting, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Patrick Mugirwa, Programme Officer with PPDARO attended the Packard Foundation grantees and partners meeting which was held from February 1-2, 2011 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The purpose of the meeting was to share experiences, achievements and challenges in implementing programmes by the Packard Foundation supported grantees.

Capacity plus Project Orientation Meetings, Washington D.C

PPDARO Programme Officer, Mr. Patrick Mugirwa attended the Capacity Plus Project orientation program in, Washington D.C. This was on invitation by Capacity Plus project management to PPDARO as an associate partner to a 5- year project on Human Resources for Health Systems

Strengthening. The purpose of the mission was to orient the PPD ARO staff to better understand the work of Capacity Plus. In addition, the mission gave an opportunity to PPDARO and the Capacity Plus project's Communications Unit to work together and develop effective Human Resources for Health (HRH) advocacy messages and materials.

Advance Family Planning (AFP) Partners Meeting, Baltimore, US

Three staff from PPD ARO namely Dr. Jotham Musinguzi, Mr. Abdelylah Lakssir and Mr. Patrick Mugirwa attended AFP Partners Meeting in Baltimore, US from March 21 – 25. The purpose of the meeting was to share experiences, lessons learned, achievements and challenges regarding implementation of AFP interventions by AFP partners and to develop an annual work plan.

Partnership with the African Union (AU)

PPD ARO has become a key partner to the AU in advocating and implementing several activities. Most of these activities are around the promotion and implementation of the Maputo Plan of Action (PoA) as a continental framework of SRHR to help in achieving the ICPD PoA and MDGs. The following are some of the activities that PPD ARO was involved in through partnership with AU in 2011:



- i. Experts meeting on the harmonization of Maputo PoA with MDG4 and 5 and Abuja Declaration with MDG6, April 6 - 8, 2011
- ii. Fifth Session of African Health Ministers Conference (CAMH5), Windhoek, Namibia, April 17 – 21, 2011
- iii. The Fourth EARHN Coordination Meeting, April 25 – 30, Kampala, Uganda
- iv. 8th Ordinary Session of the African Population Commission (APC) 15-16 September 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- v. Meeting for development of the integrated Africa Maternal, New born and Child Health (MNCH) advocacy strategy and guidelines for CSO Engagement for Promotion & Implementation of Maputo PoA.

Policy Dialogue

Meeting of Uganda's Parliamentary Forum on MDGs

In May 2011, PPD ARO facilitated a breakfast meeting in Kampala for Uganda's Parliamentary Forum on MDGs. The purpose of the meeting was to share progress and challenges to Uganda's attainment of the MDGs and to agree by consensus on the pertinent issues in the Strategic Plan for the forum.



Workshops with Sector Heads and technical personnel in Mukono and Mayuge districts of Uganda

PPD ARO in partnership with Population Secretariat and the Ministry of Local Government of Uganda organized a series of workshops in Mukono and Mayuge Districts in Uganda. These workshops aimed to help the district officials as well as sub-counties' technical and administrative personnel to understand the concept of integrating and prioritizing family planning in their development plans and budgets as well as implement it in the 2011/2012 financial year. The sectors represented in those meetings included; finance, production, education, health, community services, water, environment, technical and works, management support services and district planning unit.

Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition (RHSC) Conference and side meeting for Chinese Membership in RHSCs

PPD ARO was represented during the RHSC's Conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 20–24, 2011. The theme of the conference was "Access for All: Supplying a new decade for reproductive health". PPD participated in the Coalition meeting mainly as the organizer of Pillar III which was on "Country ownership in a globalized world. Beside this, a parallel meeting was conducted by PPD and Pathfinder International where they discussed about their joint proposals' to RHSC to engage China as a potential member of this coalition.

CHINA PROGRAMME OFFICE (CPO)

Background

With the support of the People's Republic of China, in 2006, PPD opened a Program Office in China. The Program Office is located in the Premises of China Training Centre (CTC) in Taicang City. The objective of the office is to galvanize resources and spearhead a series of program activities:

- Through Capacity Building for the promotion of South-South Cooperation in RH, Population and Development activities.
- Facilitates the transfer of RH Commodities and Technologies between developing countries.

Capacity Building for South-South Cooperation

Study tour for professionals from Bangladesh



PPD China Program Office in collaboration with Nanjing Training Centre organized a study tour for health professionals from Bangladesh. The Bangladeshi delegation consisted of eleven FP program managers and technical service providers from Bangladesh Directorate General of FP, local FP divisions and UNFPA Bangladesh office. The study tour provided them first-hand experience of China's FP program and MCH system at national and community levels.

Seminar on Mother and Children Health Care Promotion for Anglophone African Countries

PPD China Program office organized a three week long seminar on Mother and Children health care promotion for Anglophone African countries. This seminar was sponsored by National Population and Family Planning Commission (NPFPC) and Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) of China. Six PPD



participants from Ethiopia, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda and South Africa attended this event. This was an opportunity for the participants to learn from China's experience in promoting MCH care, China's family planning program and on challenges to achieve MDGs and ICPDs goals. The workshop was graced by the presence of H.E. Mrs. Nompumelelo Ntuli-Zuma, first lady of the Peoples' Republic of South Africa who attended the session and it is hoped that she would become a goodwill ambassador and advocate of MCH issues.

Seminar on Mother and Children Health Care Promotion for French-speaking African Countries



A seminar on Mother and Children Health care promotion for Francophone African countries was organized by PPD China office from 10- 28 July, 2011. This seminar brought three PPD participants from Benin, South Africa, Mali. The seminar was sponsored by MOFCOM and NPFPC. During the seminar, participants made a commitment that they will work to strengthen policy dialogue and technical cooperation among themselves and their respective member countries.

International Seminar for South-South Cooperation on NGO Capacity Building in Population and Reproductive Health



An international seminar for South-South Cooperation on NGO capacity building in population and reproductive health was organized by PPD China office from 9-10 October 2011. This event opened a platform for South-South Cooperation as it was attended by over thirty different stakeholders from Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Strengthened Partnership

Partnership with UNFPA China country Program

PPD China office is an important partner of UNFPA China regarding South-South Cooperation (SSC). PPD China office was on the leading Committee for drafting the SSC proposal of the 7th UNFPA Country Program Action Plan (CPAP). The proposal suggested creating adequate and structured institutional support among the concerned national stakeholders. The proposal also made suggestions on issues like: facilitating the capacity building to national partners and encouraging wide participation of public and private sectors in South-South Cooperation in population and development.

Technical and Consultative Support

PPD China office provided technical and consultative support for different government departments and organizations on the following issues: 1. Population and climate change; 2. Sino-implant, including its overseas registration and bulk procurement by international donor agencies, WHO prequalification 3. Impacts of decentralization on FP programs in Indonesia; 4. Population and FP programs in Malaysia; 5. Early childhood development; 6. Latest trends on global population and development; 7. Government agencies dedicated to population and development in selected countries; 8. United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).



NEW YORK OFFICE

Background

PPD was conferred the Permanent Observer status at the UN General Assembly through its resolution No 57/29 in November 2002. According to the requirement of UN Observers, PPD maintains a liaison office to the UN in New York. The role of the office is to -

- Provide high-level representation for PPD at the meetings of the General Assembly, Economic and Social Council, UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board and other UN organs;
- Maintains regular liaison with the Permanent Missions of PPD member countries and other UN members, and senior officials of UN organizations;
- Explore the possibility of establishing a US committee as a non-profit entity for PPD
- Undertakes other external relations activities, as appropriate and develop or participate in projects, relevant to the work of the PPD.

Represented PPD at the UN General Assembly / its committees and other UN bodies:

- During this period, the PPD UN Observer represented the organization at the 65th and 66th Session of the *General Assembly*. PPD was also represented at the various GA High Level Meetings : (a) on Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (b) on Desertification (c) on the Tenth Anniversary of Durban Conference (d) on the High Level General Debate on the Role of Negotiations in Settlement of Conflicts. (e) High Level Summit on Youth organized by the 65th Session of the General Assembly during 25-28 July 2011. (f) High Level Summit on HIV/AIDS.
- The Observer gave statements on behalf of PPD in the various Commissions of the United Nations, including, the 49th session of the Commission on Social development, 55th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 44th session of the Commission on Population and Development and 19th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.
- The Observer and the Executive Director of PPD represented PPD in different sessions of UNDP / UNFPA / UNOPS Executive Board Meeting and made statements on behalf of PPD that can be accessed on the PPD website.

Liaison with the Permanent Missions of PPD member countries and other UN members and senior officials of UN Organizations

Liaison and External Relations Work within United Nations

The permanent observer maintained regular liaison with the permanent missions of PPD member countries, other UN members and with senior officials of the UN. In UNFPA, the observer liaised with the Deputy Executive Director, Director and Deputy Director of technical division to : (a) define collaboration areas between PPD and UNFPA for 2011 (b) discussed and responded to the UNFPA external evaluation of PPD activities during 2008-2010 (c) submitted and followed up on PPD projects, including negotiating a grant for PPD in 2011 for selected PPD activities and (d) provided technical clarifications to UNFPA on grant related issues and the Letter of Understanding.

The PPD UN Observer office actively collaborated with the UNDP Unit for South-South Cooperation on strengthening cooperation between the two institutions including the publication and launch of PPD innovative practices in population and reproductive health.

Advocacy and facilitating activities for PPD member countries

The PPD Permanent UN Observer sensitized PPD member countries about PPD activities and on program through their missions in New York. In 2011, the Observer's Office jointly organized with the permanent mission of Bangladesh two breakfast meetings in New York for PPD and other developing countries' mission on South-South cooperation on 31 January and 14 April 2011. Both of the events were well attended and much appreciated by the PPD member countries. A proposal was made by the participants that it should become a regular feature in the margins of the annual sessions of the Commission on Population and Development.

Beside this, during the General Assembly session on 8-10 June 2011 the observer office also facilitated the meeting between H.E the Indian Health Minister, the Chair of the PPD Executive Board and H.E the Bangladesh Minister for Health, the permanent member of the PPD Board.

Yogyakarta Declaration as an UN Document!

The United Nations supported PPD as a Permanent Observer to the UN for improvement of reproductive health, family planning and maternal health in the developing countries through South-South Cooperation. In 2011, the United Nations issued the "Yogyakarta Declaration" of PPD as an official document of the Commission on Population and Development and widely disseminated it in all its 6 official languages, namely English, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Arabic. The Yogyakarta Declaration was adopted by the Ministers and senior government officials of 25 PPD member together with more than 250 participants including international experts, representatives of NGOs, Civil-society, UNFPA and WHO at the International Conference on "Promoting Family Planning and Maternal Health for Poverty Alleviation" organized by PPD and the Government of Indonesia in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 26 and 27 October 2010.

The Declaration sets out a number of recommendations for developing countries and other partners related to major issues and concerns related to family planning, maternal health and poverty alleviation, financial and human resources required to improve family planning and maternal health and leveraging South-South cooperation for the attainment of ICPD Goals and MDGs. Participants at the conference expressed firm commitments for the implementation of the Declaration through reorientation and readjustment of their national policies and programs. PPD wishes to thank the United Nations wholeheartedly for this crucial support and looks forward to continued support for improving lives of the peoples of developing countries in the days to come.



Our Commitment towards Reproductive Health

PPD to meet integrated and comprehensive Family Planning needs

PPD is partnering with a DFID funded Research Program Consortium (RPC) for meeting the Unmet Needs for Family Planning and Improving Access to Safe Abortion. The other members in the consortium are Africa Population and Health Research Centre, Centre for Population Studies, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR, B) and Marie Stopes International. The overall objective of this six years long program which was approved in 2011 is to support an evidence-based approach to scaling up access to family planning (FP) and safe abortion through generating, communicating and building the capacity of developing country programs to use new knowledge to support efforts to reduce unmet need for FP and safe abortion services.

- Dr. Jotham Musinguzi, PPD Africa Regional Director and Ms. Therese Maye Diouf, International Program Coordinator of PPD participated in the first Senior Management Team (SMT) meeting of STEP UP project in London, UK. The main objective of the meeting was to develop a work plan with a timeline, define the responsibilities and outputs of the Inception Phase of this project.
- The STEP UP consortium organized a stakeholders meeting in BRAC center Dhaka on 18th April 2011. The main objective of this meeting was to initiate the Consortium's activities in Bangladesh. The meeting was chaired by Mr. D K Nath and the Project Director Mr. Stan Berstain gave an overview of the project. PPD was represented by two program officers (Dr. Nazrul Islam and Dr. Mahbubur Rashid) in this meeting.
- The Executive Director of PPD Mr. Harry S. Jooseery attended the second meeting of the Senior Management Team (SMT) for the

Research Programme Consortium, STEP UP, which was held on May 23–25 2011 at the Grange White Hall Hotel, London with an aim to identify the research strategy for the project.

- The STEP UP consortium convened a half-day meeting in Nairobi, Kenya on 19th May 2011 to launch the new project. The major themes discussed during the meeting were around ‘strengthening and expanding the reach of existing RH programmes so that they function more effectively and efficiently.

Human Rights Based Approach to Maternal Health

The World Bank and PPD signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a new project on raising Voices from South for integration of a Human Rights Based Approach to Maternal Health. This project is under the World Bank’s Population and Reproductive Health Capacity Building Program (PRHCBP). This program is to support innovative ways to stimulate and sustain local responses to population and reproductive health needs.

This project supports PPD in facilitating multi stakeholders’ participatory process of integration of Human Rights Based Approach to maternal health through utilizing its existing National Task Forces. The project is implemented in three PPD member countries (Bangladesh, Uganda and Senegal).

Distribution of RH Commodities and Technologies by China

PPD with assistance from the Government of China facilitated the distribution of Reproductive Health commodities and transfer of technologies and equipment to Bangladesh in 2011. China also agreed to conduct a clinical trial on Sino-implant in Bangladesh in partnership with PPD. In February 2011, consignment of condoms was delivered to the Government of Bangladesh.

Data on Product and Services

PPD has established a Database on exchange of expertise, experiences, technologies and commodities in the field of reproductive health, family planning, population and development. The process was initiated in 2008 and it covers information on South-South, North South and triangular cooperation on the above aspects. In 2011, a report was prepared and shared with the member countries. The goal of the data base of “products and services” is to collect and make information accessible as a ready reference for the member countries to initiate further exchanges.

Publication on Innovative Experiences in Addressing Population and Reproductive Health Challenges in PPD Member States

PPD launched its latest volume on Sharing Innovative Experiences book series, “Experiences in Addressing Population and Reproductive Health Challenges”,

which documents ten case studies of innovative practices and successful approaches for addressing population challenge. The book was a collaboration of the UNDP Special Unit for South-South Collaboration, UNFPA and PPD.

The publication was launched by H.E. Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad, Minister, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of India and the Chair of the PPD Board, H.E. Ms. Bathabile Dlamini, Minister of Social Development, Government of the Republic of South Africa and H.E. Prof. A. F. M. Ruhul Haque, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh in the presence of other ministers and other senior officials from PPD member and other countries.

This publication includes ten selected successful examples from countries in Africa, the Arab States and Asia. The ten countries represented are Bangladesh, China, Ghana, India, Indonesia, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia and Uganda. These case studies were prepared by national



government agencies, professional institutions, national experts and practitioners.

The Chair of the PPD Board H.E Ghulam Nabi Azad said in the launching ceremony that the experience of

sharing case studies would be beneficial not only in promoting population stabilization and reproductive health agenda in general but also in fast tracking achievement of MDGs and ICPD goals in developing countries.





Our work for Capacity Building

PPD Fellowship program

The Fellowship Program is one of PPD's successful initiatives aimed at building capacity of senior level officials and managers in development sectors in population and development and reproductive health. In 2011 PPD facilitated several fellowships for long and short term courses.

- The Government of Egypt provided one-year fellowships for Diploma and Master's Degree courses in Demography through Cairo Demographic Center (CDC). In 2011, CDC offered 7 fellowships to PPD member countries, namely Pakistan, Uganda, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe and Viet Nam.

Sending greetings from the city of New Delhi only write to inform you about how well the NlHFW's courses.

Thank you very much for this great opportunity. I am at your service"-

Leopoldo García Caudillo,
Mexican Fellow

- The South African Government provided twenty three fellowships to PPD in the year 2011 for a short course on "Leadership Training in Sustainable Development: the Population Environment and Development Nexus".

- The Government of India had graciously offered ten scholarships to PPD member countries for 2011-2012. This fellowship was for a one year Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health Management (PGDPHM) at the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi, India. Countries that benefitted from PPD scholarships in this year are Mexico, Yemen, Pakistan, The Gambia, Uganda, and Viet Nam.

- The National Family and Population of Tunisia in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) provided five fellowships to PPD francophone countries (Morocco, Senegal, Mali and Benin).
- The Centre for Population Study of Thailand offered one scholarship to Egypt. This is a high level training program for ten days in demographic analysis and computer application. This training program was jointly organized by Asian Meta Centre and CPS Thailand.

Initiatives by China and Thailand on PPD's Generic Modules

PPD China Office translated the four generic modules into Chinese in January 2011. The translated modules were widely distributed and advocated in China's domestic training courses and also shared with the population and family planning training centers at both the national and the provincial level in China.

In addition, the Partner Institution (PI) in Thailand developed a training module on International Migration. The module contains international migration and gender issues, trafficking in women and children, international migration; levels and trends, consequences of international migration, migration system, migration policies and migration information and statistics. The Module has been shared with all PIs for incorporation into their respective curricula.

Knowledge Sharing on PPD and South-South Cooperation for PCC and New Member Countries

In order to update and provide the new PCC and new member countries with an orientation on the mandate of PPD and the concept of South-South Cooperation, the secretariat has developed:

- A handbook containing details about the PPD mandate, vision and mission
- A book on the concept of South-South Cooperation, its history and evolution and the positioning of PPD in the global SSC initiative



Our Commitment towards South-South Cooperation

Viet Nam constituted a National Task Force to strengthen South-South Cooperation

A South – South Cooperation workshop was held at the International Conference Center, Hanoi, Viet Nam on May 19, 2011. The workshop was jointly organized by PPD and the General Office for Population-Family Planning (GOPFP), Ministry of Health, and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. Dr. Nguyen Ba Thuy, Vice Minister, Ministry of Health was present as the chief guest at the workshop. Mr. Bruce Campbell, Country Representative, UNFPA represented all the UN agencies at the workshop. During his inaugural speech, the Hon. Vice Minister Dr. Thuy thanked PPD for its facilitating role of promoting South-South Cooperation to help its member countries to achieve the ICPD goals and MDGs. He expressed his Government's commitment to the South-South Cooperation with a constituted and functioning National Task

Force in Viet Nam to work closely with PPD. During the workshop, a number of mass media representatives interviewed the Hon. Vice Minister, the Executive Director of PPD, UNFPA representatives and Board member of PPD on the importance of SSC, the potential roles that Viet Nam can play and how Viet Nam could be benefited through the South-South modality.



Promoting SSC through National Task Forces (NTFs)

PPD constituted twelve NTFs in its member countries and these have been instrumental in galvanizing efforts from Government, NGOs, Civil Society and UN agencies at the national level. During the year, a series of NTF meetings were held in Bangladesh, Ghana, India, Uganda and Yemen where national action plans have been developed. It is worth noting that the NTF in Uganda and India have been particularly very active in organizing consultations on SRH and SSC with development partners and parliamentarians respectively.

National Task Force (NTF) Meeting in Kampala, Uganda:

In 2010 with funding from PPD Secretariat, Uganda established a National Task Force (NTF) on South-South Cooperation (SSC) and a 22-member NTF was constituted. On June 30, 2011 the Second meeting of this NTF was held at Imperial Royale Hotel in Kampala. The main objectives of this meeting were to: review the current RH/FP, gender, population and development situation in Uganda, identify priority advocacy issues and share information on upcoming advocacy events. As a way forward, the NTF agreed to hold bi-annual NTF meetings.

PPD honours Professor Fred Sai with a lifetime achievement award for promoting South-South Cooperation

PPD honoured Professor Fred Sai with a lifetime achievement award for promoting South-South cooperation during the International Conference on “Family Planning, Population Dynamics and Climate Change”. PPD and the Ministry of Social Development of the Republic of South Africa jointly organized the event in Pretoria, South Africa.

This is one of the many awards bestowed on Professor Sai, including the 1993 United Nations Population Award and the 1995 Prince Mahidol Award in recognition of his long-standing involvement in global leadership on international family planning and population issues. Professor Sai is a Ghanaian family health physician, who trained at the universities of London, Edinburgh and Harvard and has been a relentless champion of family planning and reproductive health. He has published extensively on a wide range of related social and ethical issues.



PPD's International Conference on "Population Dynamics, Climate Change and sustainable Development"

The government of South Africa and Partners in Population and Development organized the International Conference on "Population Dynamics, Climate Change and sustainable Development" in Pretoria from 1-2 November 2011. H.E. Ms. Bathabile Olive Dlamini, PPD Board member and Honourable Minister for Social



H.E. Ms. Bathabile Olive Dlamini, Honourable Minister for Social Development of the Government of the Republic of South Africa delivering her opening speech

Development, the Government of the Republic of South Africa inaugurated the conference in the presence of ministers from PPD Member countries, parliamentarians, policy-makers, and heads of leading

international organizations, NGOs and the member of civil-society.

In her opening remarks H.E. Ms. Bathabile Olive Dlamini put emphasis on the review of the implementation of the Population Policy. She added, "...it proves that each country must carry out the ICPD Programme of Action according to its own unique situation. Population is a global issue. It is therefore important that we strengthen national, regional and international cooperation in speeding up shared solutions to our shared population challenges."

The Chair of the PPD Board, H.E Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad, Minister,

Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of India emphasized that the route to a climate sustainable human population, to a



H.E. Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad, Honourable Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of India delivering statement in the opening session

certain extent, lies in the removal of barriers to use of family planning and in the rights-based population policies envisioned by the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) participants in Cairo in 1994. He said that, “Empirical evidence indicates that population dynamics will play a key role in efforts to mitigate and adapt to the effects of changes in the climate system. Universal access to reproductive health will ultimately contribute to declines in fertility. These fertility declines would lead to population levels below those projected in most greenhouse-gas emission scenarios

developed by the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change”.

The Conference was convened to discuss the linkages between population dynamics, climate change and sustainable development, share existing knowledge and views and exchange

national experiences in dealing with the complex and interrelated issues from a human rights perspective. The conference was organized around the following themes:

- Population dynamics and human rights: The implications of climate change
- Population, environment and development as framework for climate change mitigation and adaptation



H.E. Prof. A. F. M. Ruhul Haque, MP, Honorable Minister of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh delivering speech in one of the session



H.E. Dr. Shamsudeen Usman, Honourable Minister and Deputy Chairman, National Planning Commission (NPC) of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria chairs one of the session

- Adolescents, youths, women, displaced and ageing population: prospects for sustainable development
- Knowledge sharing: integrating family planning, reproductive health and rights and climate change: South-South Cooperation for sustainable development

Different sessions of the conference:



At the end of two days of deliberation, participants adopted the Pretoria Declaration and committed to promote and implement it to strengthen adaptation and mitigation measures to deal with the adverse consequences of climate change and to advance sustainable development.



Pretoria Declaration- at a glance

Commitment and the way forward

We, the participants in this International Conference on Population Dynamics, Climate Change and Sustainable Development, commit ourselves to actively following up and implementing the recommendations contained in this Declaration and strengthen cooperation among ourselves through South-South Cooperation and with all the development partners, including Parliamentarians, research institutions, civil society organizations, the private sector and the donor community.

We call on Governments:

- I. To raise the importance of population dynamics in the upcoming deliberations of the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Durban in November 2011, and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in Rio de Janeiro in June 2012;
- II. To integrate climate risk management into population and health policies and to incorporate population dynamics issues into sustainable development policies;
- III. To Establish early warning systems to forecast and manage climate change, environmental emergencies and disasters;

We call on Partners in Population and Development:

- I. To build coalitions with other organizations working on climate change and sustainable development;
- II. To facilitate knowledge sharing and exchange of information and experiences among member countries and with other countries on the efforts and progress in addressing population dynamics, climate change and sustainable development;
- III. To regularly monitor and to report on the progress in the follow up and implementation of the recommend actions contained in this Declaration.

We call on development partners:

- i. To provide technical and financial support for promoting South-South cooperation.

The participants wish to express their appreciation to the Government of the Republic of South Africa for hosting the Conference, for making excellent arrangements and for its wonderful hospitality.

Governance

PPD Board and Executive committee meeting in Pretoria South Africa:

PPD organized its 16th Annual Board meeting and 18th Executive committee meeting in Pretoria South Africa with remarkable participation of its Board members. H.E. Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad, Honourable Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of India and Chair of the PPD Board presided over these events. The Board Members renewed commitment and support of their respective Governments towards South-South Cooperation in the greater interest of the developing countries.



Participants of the Board Meeting



Executive Committee Meeting

The Board Members agreed that the 17th Annual Board meeting will be held in November 2012 in Bangladesh. These meetings reviewed a new

Governance Charter, approved a new Administrative Manual, Financial Manual and Personnel Manual for streamlining the functioning of the organization and ensuring greater participation and transparency. The existing by-laws were revised for the first time since the inception of PPD. The amendments expanded the membership of the Executive Committee, provided for constitution of new Committees for closer and more effective oversight on program and financial matters and expanded the leadership of PPD to include a Deputy Executive Director.

Reviewing the progress made in different spheres of population development, a new Strategic Business Plan (SBP) for the period 2012-2014 was also approved to facilitate expansion of activities for the benefit of the member countries.

The Board unanimously re-elected its existing Executive Committee for a further 3 year term. The members of the newly constituted Executive Committee include India as Chair, China as Vice-Chair, Kenya as Secretary, and Tunisia as Treasurer, Mexico and South Africa as members and Bangladesh as a permanent member.

The 17th and 18th Executive Committee Meeting 2011:

The 17th Executive Committee Meeting of PPD was held in Delhi, India from 2-4 April, 2011. The meeting was jointly organized by PPD and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.



17th Executive Committee Meeting in India

The following members attended the meeting:

1. H.E. Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad, Honorable Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of India and Chair of PPD

2. H.E. Dr. Li Bin, the Vice Chair, Minister of National Population and Family Planning Commission (NPFPC), Government of the People's Republic of China

3. H.E. Prof. Dr. AFM Ruhul Haque, Host Country Board Member and Honorable Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

4. Dr. Boniface Omuga K'Oyugi MBS, Secretary and CEO of National Coordinating Agency for Population and Development (NCAPD), Government of Kenya



18th Executive Committee Meeting in India

Similarly, the 18th Executive Committee Meeting of PPD was held from 23-24 June in Dalian City, China. The meeting was organized by PPD in collaboration with the National Population and Family Planning Commission, Government of the People's Republic of China.



Organizational Capacity Building

Consultative Workshop on Strategic Business Plan for 2012-2014:

PPD has taken steps to develop a new three year Strategic Business Plan (2012- 2014) taking into consideration the achievements made during the last four years and the emerging needs and challenges. The new SBP was drafted through a consultative meeting which was jointly organized by the PPD and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. This meeting brought together experts, staff from the Secretariat and other PPD offices, selected PCCs and representatives of the Board and Executive Committee Members, UNFPA and Partner Institutions. It was opened by Professor Dr. A F M Ruhul Haque, Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Board Member, PPD. Before the meeting a rapid survey was also conducted through a structured questionnaire administered to all PPD member states to identify

gaps, challenges and country specific needs to develop the SBP. This new SBP was reviewed and approved by the Board members during the 16th Board meeting in Pretoria, South Africa.

Policy Manual and Governance Procedures:

PPD hired an international consulting firm for reviewing and updating its policies and manuals as recommended by the Executive Committee during the New Delhi meeting held in April 2011. The consulting firm reviewed the manuals and proposed new policies which were submitted to the Executive Committee Meeting held in June 2011 in Dalian, China for discussion. Based on the comments made by the Executive Committee, the firm revised all documents and these were discussed thoroughly during the Dhaka

Consultative Workshop held in September 2011 and reviewed during the Board meeting in South Africa.

and undertook strong advocacy campaigns with 9 countries for enlisting their support to become part of the PPD alliance.

Mexico rekindles its PPD membership:

Mexico and Colombia were among the 10 founding member countries of PPD but until 2011, played an active role within the alliance. During the reporting period, PPD undertook advocacy communication and visits to Mexico and Colombia to renew their membership on the PPD Board. PPD was successful in renewing Mexico's membership on the Board. Mexico paid its financial contribution to PPD for 2011 and was elected as a member of the Executive Committee.

Strengthening Africa Regional Office (ARO):

PPD Secretariat conducted an internal financial, management and program audit of its ARO. The audit report was submitted to the Executive Committee in June 2011 at Dalian China. Considering the recommendations of the Executive Committee, PPD Executive Director accompanied by a member of the audit team visited ARO and discussed the audit report with ARO staff and agreed on how to address the audit findings.

Expansion of PPD Membership:

PPD advocated with several countries to become part of the alliance. The PPD Board Chair contacted Brazil, Cambodia, Jamaica, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Trinidad and Tobago to invite them to PPD events as observers. Representatives of these countries responded positively to the invitation of the PPD Board Chair and made statements during the Board Meeting in November 2011. The Executive Director undertook an advocacy mission to the Philippines to discuss with the Minister of Health of Philippines and other high ranking officers from the government about joining PPD. On the advice of the Chair, PPD Secretariat negotiated

Revision of PPD Staff Salary/ Benefits and Conditions of Service:

PPD hired a local consultancy firm to conduct a survey on staff working conditions and staff salary and benefits. The survey report along with recommendations was submitted to the Executive Committee held in June 2011 in Dalian, China. Based on the recommendations of the Executive Committee the consultant revised the report and submitted to the Dhaka consultative meeting held in September 2011 as well as presented the report during the 16th Board meeting in November 2011. The Board approved a general 10% increment of all secretariat national staff salaries.

New Deputy Executive Director joins the PPD team:

PPD appointed Dr. Lorna Tumwebaze as a new Deputy Executive Director. Dr. Tumwebaze joined the PPD team on 28th November 2011. By profession, she is a physician and public health specialist with over 15 year's progressive and successful experience in managerial and technical responsibility of complex multi-year & multi-partnership national and regional Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS programs. She has long and short term work experience in Uganda, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Zambia, Rwanda, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Namibia, South Africa, Botswana and Ghana. She has effectively provided leadership for programs funded by PEPFAR/USAID, Centers for disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department for International Development (DfID), the World Bank, Barnfonden Sweden and Foundations (Bill and Melinda Gates, Rockefeller, and Woodruff). Lorna received her education from Makerere University Medical School, Boston University School of Public Health and the Universities of San Francisco and Berkeley, California USA.

