

SSTC in Reproductive Health/Family Planning: Asia, Pacific & beyond – Innovative Partnerships

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South South Cooperation – Origin

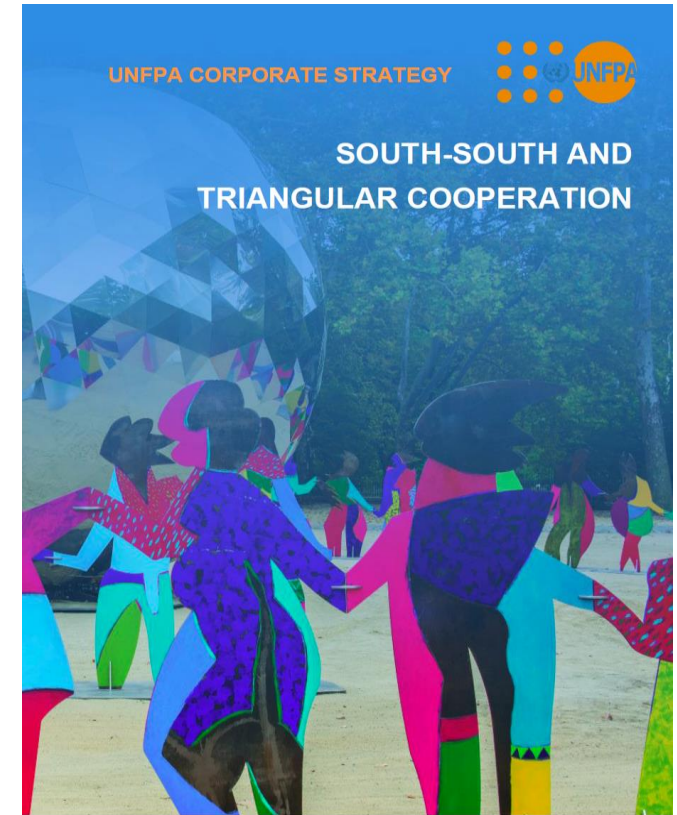


- SSC initiation: Bandung, Indonesia: 1st Asia Africa Conference, April, 1955
- Attended by 29 independent countries representing more than half global population



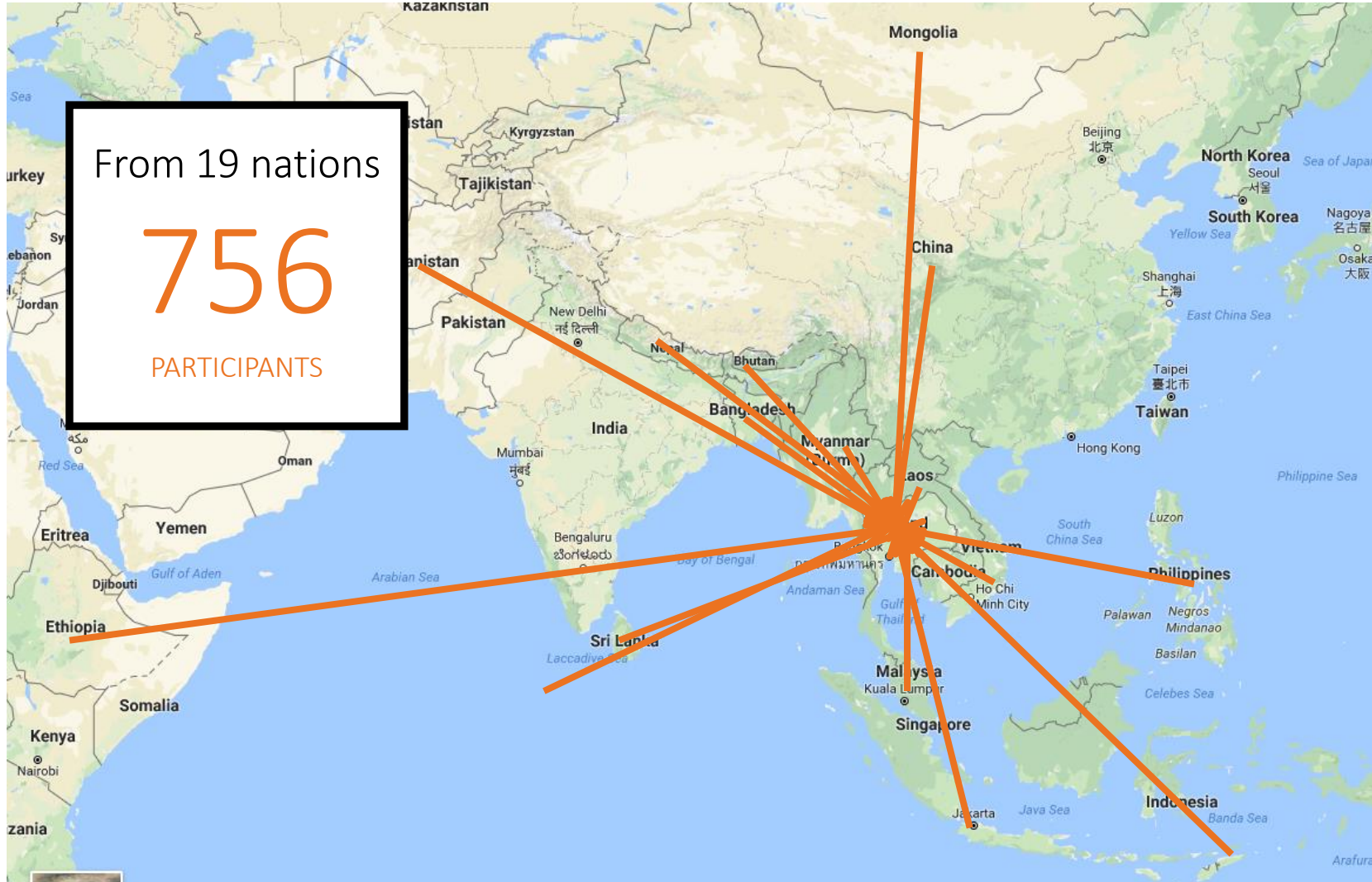
UNFPA Asia Pacific SSTC Roles in ICPD & SDGs

- **Matches needs & supplies**—matches countries with need for good practices to best applicable & relatable experiences
- **Facilitates alliances & strengthens networks**- connects potential partner countries, institutions & experts
- **Quality Assurance** – technical expertise to institutions providing solutions during SSTC
- **Facilitates SSTC operations** – provides or mobilizes financial resources, assists in the preparation of TORs, MOUs, and study visits
- **Monitoring and evaluation** – determines the progress of the SSTC initiatives
- **Knowledge Management & communication** – documents good practices for sharing



THAILAND

SSTC Reproductive Health 2000-2017



Thailand: 1975-2017

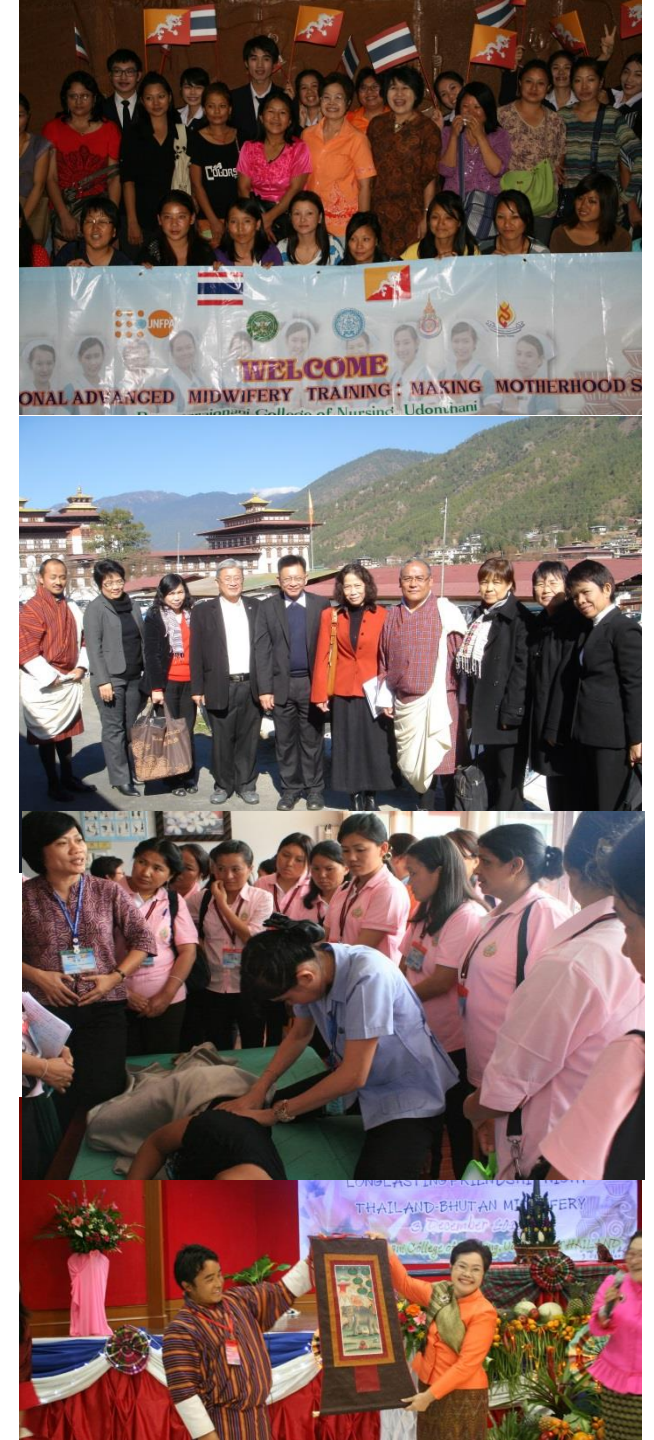
- UNFPA & Royal Thailand Government under SSC since 1975 with TICA
- Paradigm shift in 2009 from “conventional capacity development using training” to “global partnership” SSTC modality
- SSTC shift started with
 - Moving from “for” to “with” assessment of needs with partner countries
 - Standardizing quality of Thailand’s knowledge package & facilities
 - Monitoring for impact & effectiveness & review quality of technical cooperation
- **2012-2017 Maternal Health initiatives to reduce MMR**
 - **Bhutan: 2012-2014– Maternal health care services & delivery (141)**
 - **Laos: 2015-2017 - Midwifery institution building based on ICM (78)**
 - Health care providers - midwives, health workforce trainers, managers & midwifery policy makers
 - Partnerships between nursing/midwifery colleges & D/MOH
 - **Myanmar, Malaysia:** 60 participants – short courses, study visits

Challenge

- Need to measure effectiveness and efficiency

UNFPA role

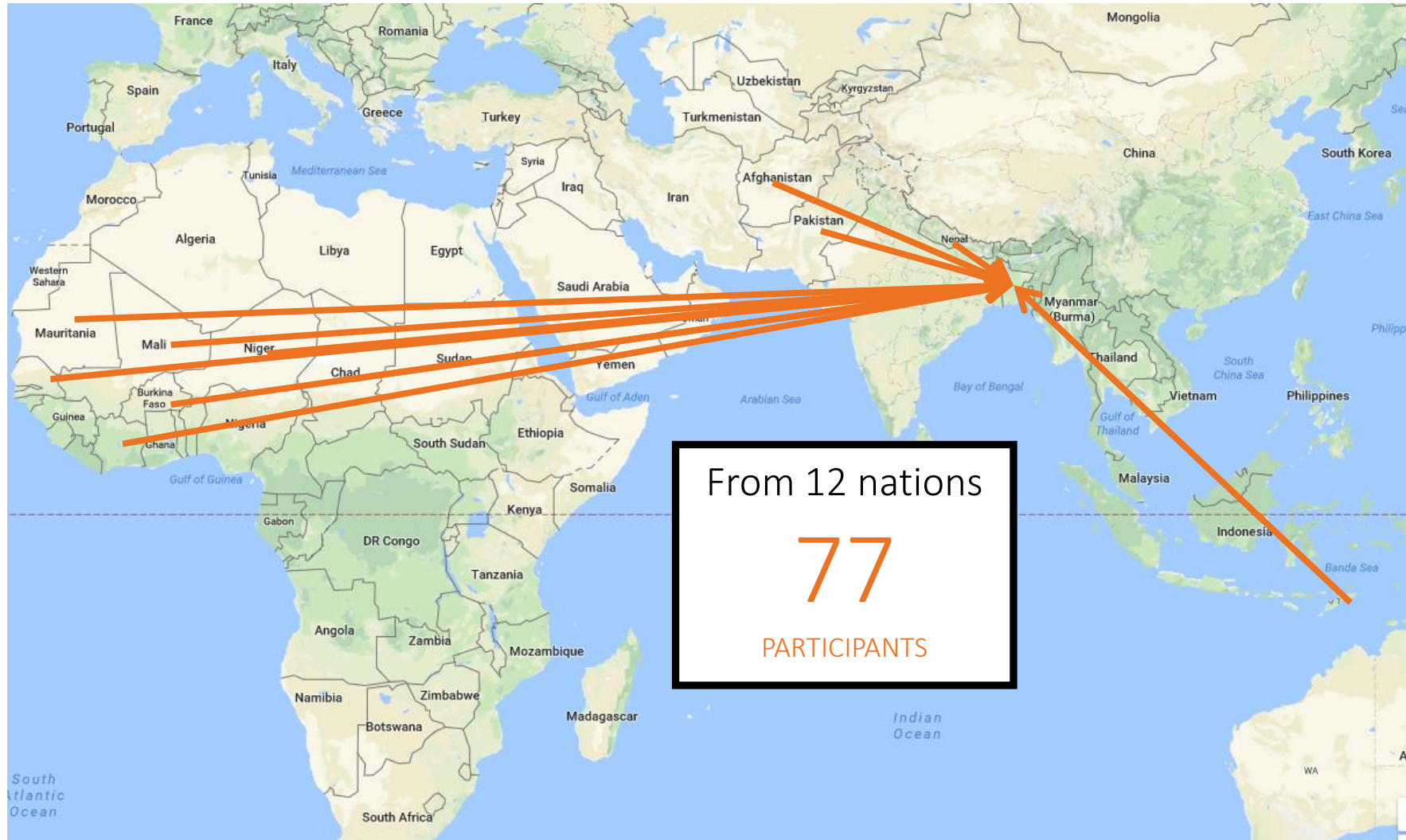
- Facilitate participatory approach to needs assessment, project design, QA & ME



BANGLADESH

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2007-2016



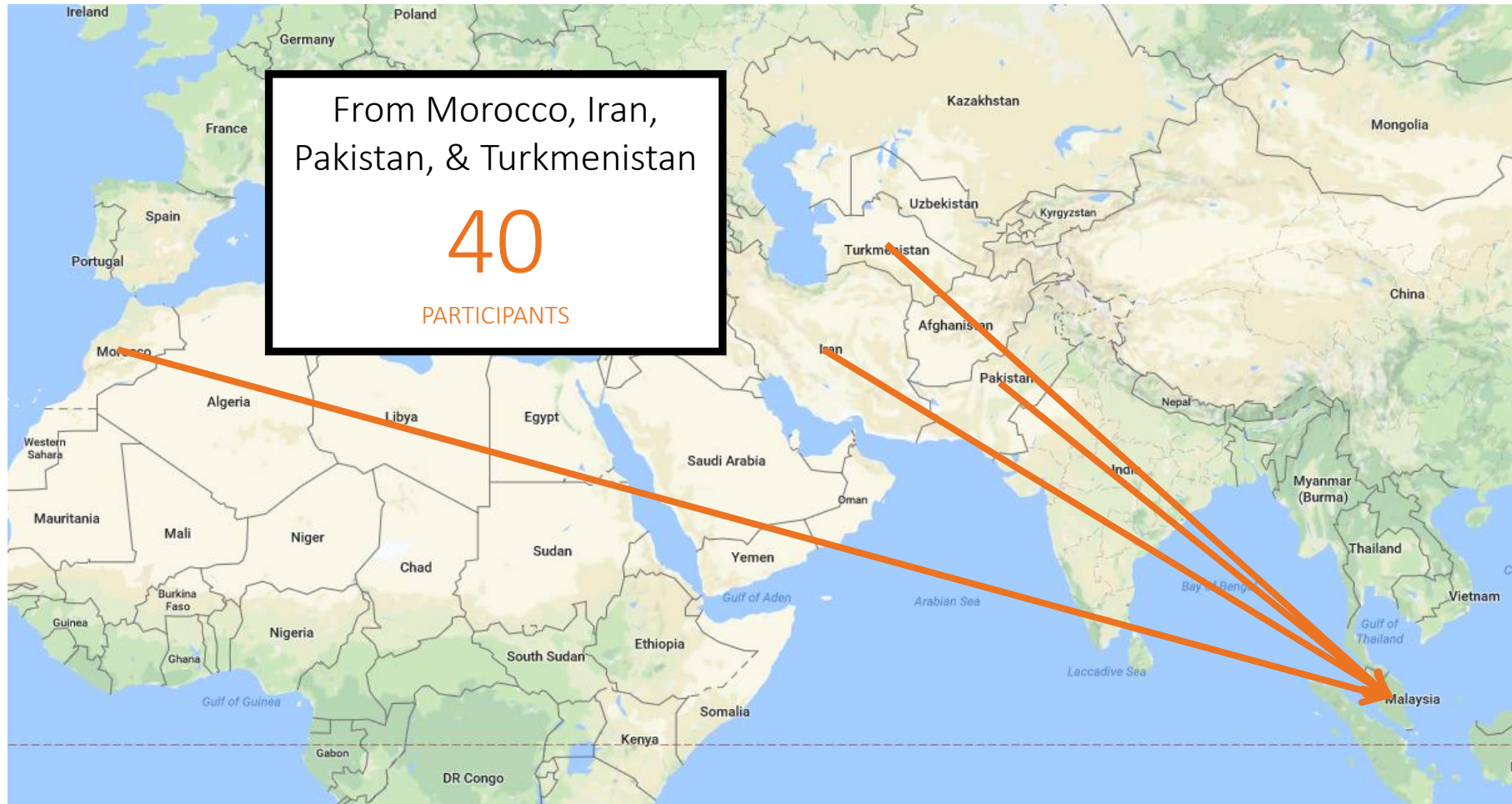
Bangladesh: 2007-2011

- **Fistula SSTC programme:** DGHS & UNFPA & recipient country
 - 2007: Training doctors & anesthetists on fistula surgery & mgmt. 2007 (7)
 - 2008: Knowledge sharing of fistula experts from Pakistan (3), Timor Leste (4), Nepal (3), Afghanistan (3) resulted in 29 fistula surgeries done
 - 2011: Fistula experts sent to Nepal, Timor Leste for training of experts & experts sent to Bangladesh for further training
- **Challenge**
 - Complex issue like fistula management will need longer exposure and will have funding implications
- **Future**
 - CO intends to learn from other countries in establishing midwifery led continuum of care & improving quality of care in health facilities.



MALAYSIA

SSTC Reproductive Health 2016



Malaysia: 2003-2017

- MOH, MOWFCD-NPFDB, UNFPA, recipient country with MOFA/formerly PM office agreements
- **Areas:** MCH, Contraception, Safe abortion, Health system & Health system response to GBV & HPV
- 2016: 4 SSTCs- 40 participants from Pakistan, Iran, Morocco, Turkmenistan: study tours and capacity building
- **UNFPA role:**
 - Directed requests to Malaysia CO then linked requesting countries to relevant Government or institution
 - Suggested programme & content of SSTC initiatives based on requests
 - Facilitated logistics
- **Challenge**
 - Need for a more strategic approach, coordination, QA & determination of effectiveness through tracking of recipients
- **Future plans**
 - Malaysia – Thailand Joint SSTC
 - Work with MOFA to streamline SSTC through a “thought thorough” approach with bilateral funding – establishment of international development assistance, similar to other BRICs



IRAN

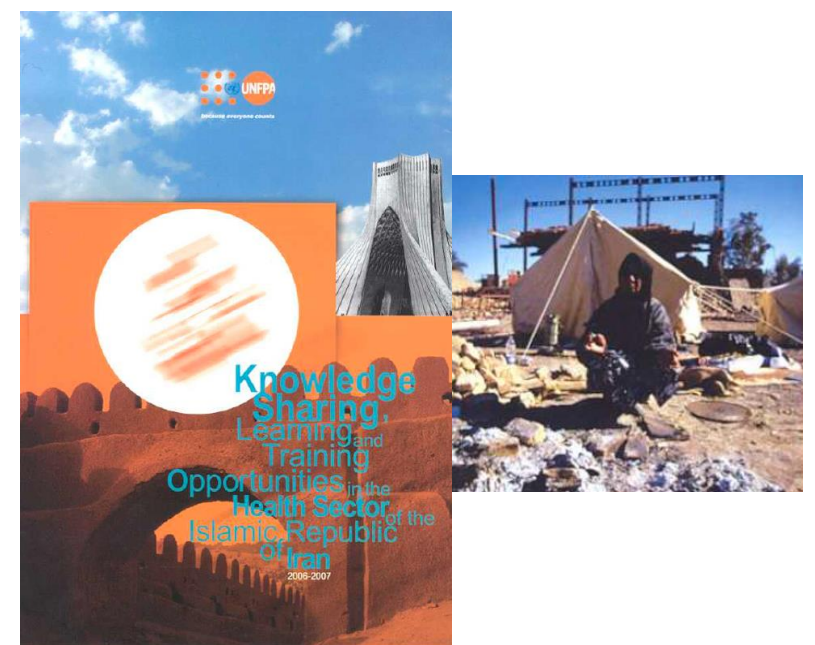
SSTC Reproductive Health

2016-2018



Iran: 2000s - 2017

- From 2000 – study tours to Iran from neighbouring countries in MCH
 - Safe motherhood, harm reduction-HIV, SRH in emergencies, PHC, Vasectomy for Afghan surgeons, SRH programme, infertility, FP
- 2016, 2017 Study Tour of Afghan delegation to Iranian Community Health System – PHC networks, urban health houses, birth spacing, pre-marriage counselling
- 2016-8: Iran University of Medical Sc & MOHME, Afghanistan MOPH, Kabul Medical University & UNFPA: Improving maternal health in Afghanistan & for Afghan refugees in Iran
 - Afghan friendly maternity ward at a South Tehran hospital
 - 50 Afghan refugee women trained as midwives using tailor made curriculum to enhance repatriation & reintegration
- **Challenges**
 - Establishing a formal mechanism and dedicated resources eg roster of experts, identifying relevant partners & funding mechanisms
 - Ensuring good documentation and evaluations,
 - Promoting existing knowledge
- **Future Plans**
 - CO will work with MOHME for SSTC formalized system eg Afghanistan



INDIA

SSTC Reproductive Health

2013-2015



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NATIONS

South-South Collaboration – RH & FP

- **Logistics Management Information System (LMIS) for RH Commodities**
 - 2014: with MoHFW in Odisha, UNFPA facilitated a DPRK visit: contraceptive procurement practices, QA & inventory MIS
 - 2016-2017: IIHMR RHCS & FP training
- **Gender Biased Sex Selection (GBSS)**
 - 2013: organized an inter-regional workshop on GBSS for Eastern Europe, South, East & Central Asian
 - 2015: provided guidance: regional & global action plan to address GBSS
 - Identified Regional Training Institution for Inter-regional(Asia-Pacific, Est Europe & Central Asia) capacity building addressing GBSS

Challenge

- Countries in South and East Asia especially India, Nepal, China, Vietnam & Eastern European countries recognize GBSS problem and SSTC formal system evolving

Opportunities for Future Engagement

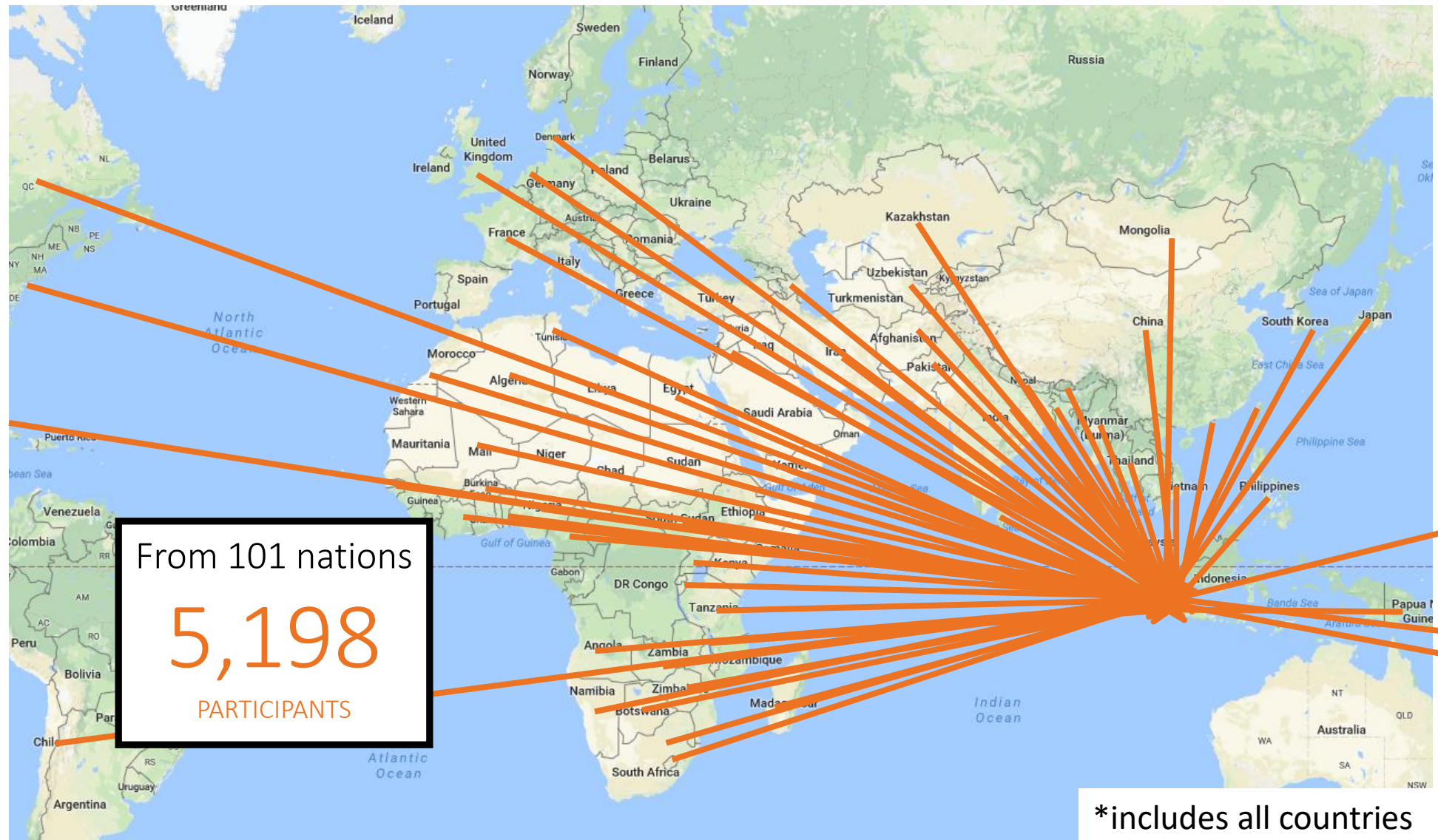
- Innovative use of technology: e-LMIS on smart phones
- Learning extension to other countries where GBSS emerging
- UNFPA India can play a stronger TA & regional coordination role in RH



INDONESIA

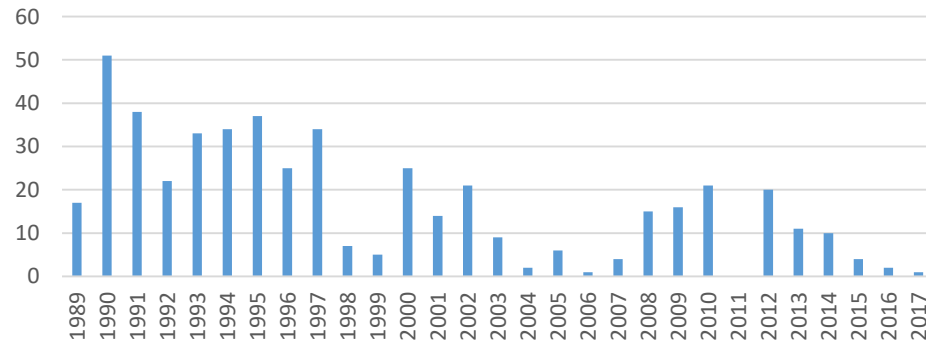
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1980-2017

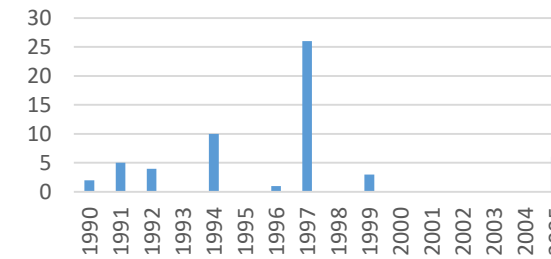


Indonesia SSC Recipients in RH by Region 1980-2017

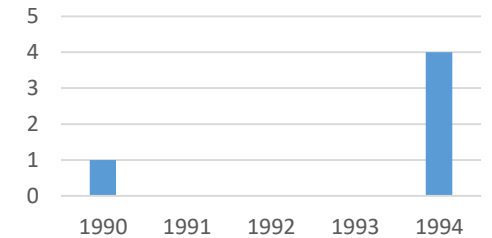
Arab States



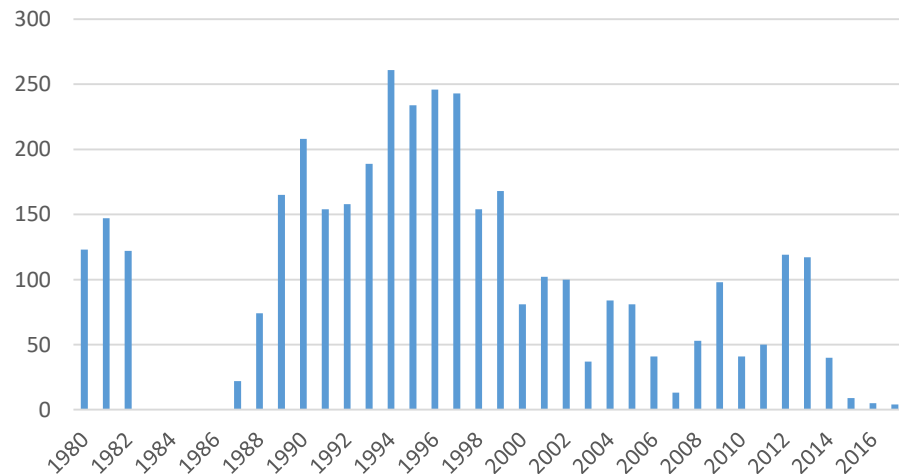
Eastern Europe & Central Asia



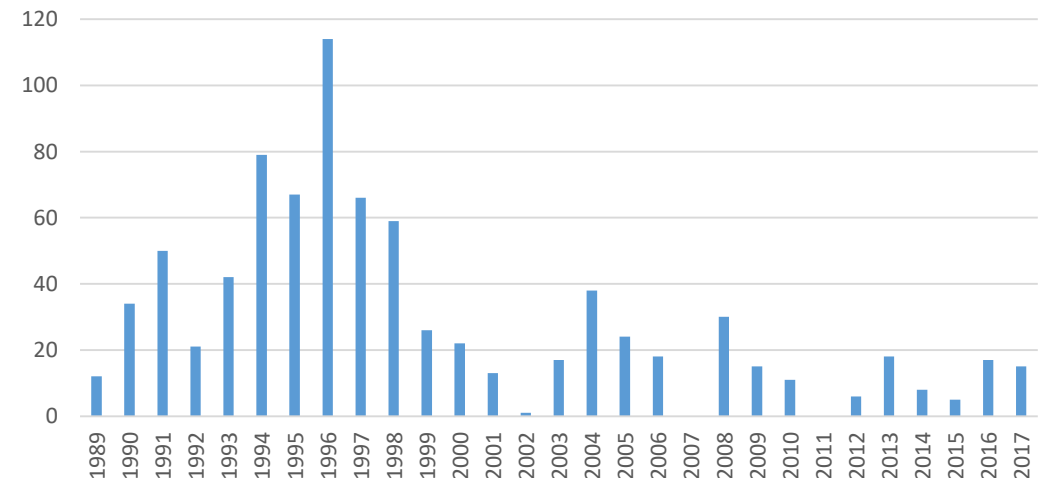
Latin America & the Caribbean



Asia & the Pacific



Sub-Saharan Africa



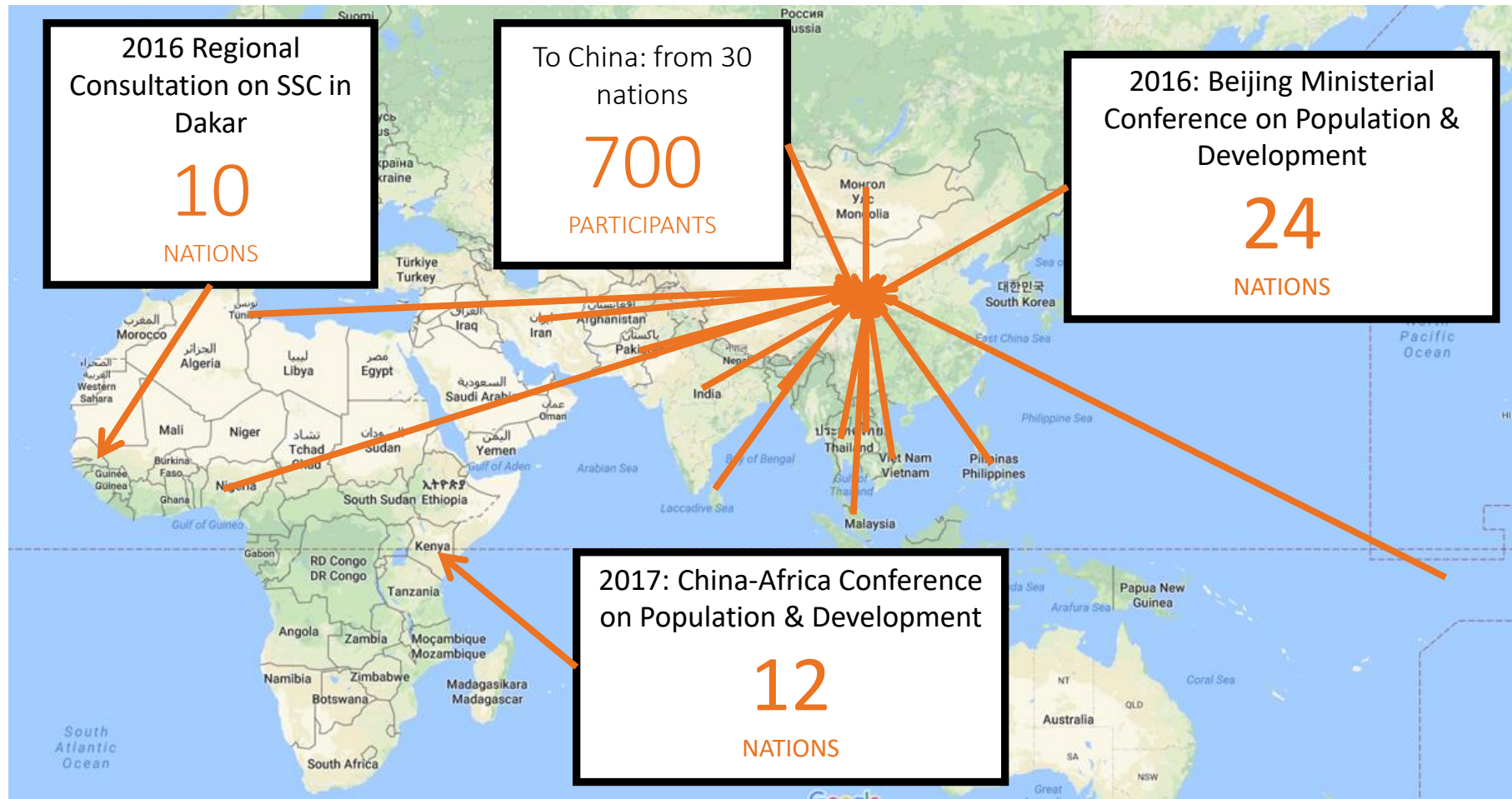
SSTC in Indonesia

- **SSTC – 1980s - 2017**
 - **Bilateral & Multiple:** MRLs, Clinical Comprehensive Rights based FP, RHCS, Programme management including district leadership, demand creation, ARH
 - **Bilateral:** Numerous - Philippines- Indonesia Autonomous Regions of Muslim Mindanao in family planning, adolescent reproductive health & leadership: powerful – both contribute, both benefit
 - Shift from fee-based modality to scholarships & partial scholarships by GoI
- **Challenge/Opportunity**
 - Evaluations done but ongoing follow-up of impact & documenting success of application of SSTC
- **Future Plans**
 - MRL training to expand to other OIC countries
 - M & E for followup of impact
 - SSTC expansion to demographic dividend application & FP under UHC



CHINA

SSTC Reproductive Health 2016-17



China: 1997-2017: UNFPA Role

- Provided support to 5 SSC training institutes in SRH & PD:
 - SSC training institutes, through capacity building, & joint promotional visits built a pool of expert & staff with experience & technical skills.
 - 1998-2002, nearly 700 international participants from >30 countries benefited from >42 training workshops on project management, RH/FP, perinatal care, RH quality care, etc.
- Worked with Government officials & academics for international meetings & workshops to understand needs of other developing countries
- Facilitated senior level government delegations visits from Thailand, Ghana & Pakistan to China
- RE: RHCS: Technically supporting the China-Africa health cooperation
- RE: RHCS: Providing TA to key partners in China to expand supply base of quality WHO pre-qualified RH commodities for other developing countries & to contribute to establishing health systems for “last mile delivery”.
- Worked with Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) & NHFPC to integrate MISP into RCSC & health humanitarian response mechanisms 2011-2015.
- As China expands its humanitarian support to other developing countries, UNFPA is working with partners to share China’s experiences.



China

Key Milestones in SSTC in RH

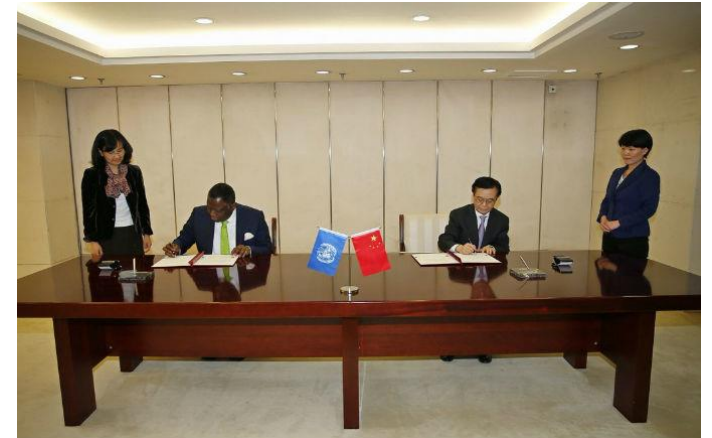
- **March 2016: Beijing Ministerial Conference on SSC on Population & Development, Beijing, China**
- March 2016: MoU between the Ministry of Commerce & UNFPA to promote SSC in Population & Development
- **June 2016: Regional Consultation for development of SSC, Dakar, Senegal**
- **April 2017: China-Africa conference on Population & Development, Nairobi, Kenya**
- May 2017: MoU between the Ministry of Commerce & UNFPA to promote cooperation in the Belt & Road Initiative

Challenges/Opportunities

- Few national institutions in China have the capacity & interest to implement in developing countries
- Upcoming launch of the SSC Assistance Fund by the Govt of China

Future Plans

- Support Govt of China to develop its capacities & protocols in delivery of SSC in PD



Asia, Pacific, Africa & Beyond

Need for Systematic Approach to SSTC

- **Partnership platforms within & between regions to bring partners together for a systematic approach – Communities of Practice, Networks of Centres of Excellence**
- **Centres of Excellence on ICPD:**
 - Example: NHFPC, PD SSTC Centre of Excellence, China*
 - Systemic approach for large scale sharing & system for SSTC for ICPD globally*
 - 100 MCH projects China –Asia, Africa – “Belt Road Initiative” : Regional Cooperation in MCH*
- **Advocacy, capacity building exchanges, system & instruments for quality assurance, assessment of results measurement of SSTC : *impact quantification & determining development progress linked to financial and human resource investment***
- **Documentation & coordinated amplification of lessons learned & good practices for scaling up & sustainability**
 - Indonesia in other OICs with MRLs in FP
 - Iran CO in SRH in humanitarian, pre-pregnancy counselling
 - Thailand in midwifery education
 - UNFPA-ASEAN Skilled Birth Attendants Reciprocity of Recognition of Councils & Standardized Care

Evolving innovative partnerships

- Identification of **new countries in Asia, Africa & other regions** for other vital areas of maternal health, in order to address SDGs, including for
 - Universal Health Coverage
 - SRH services for adolescents & youth
 - Improved maternal death surveillance & response systems
 - Gender based violence impacting maternal health (such as in Sri Lanka)
- **Private public partnerships:** initiate in-depth review & use innovative opportunities for ICPD,
- Engaging **NGOs and civil society** in inter-country collaboration
- Not only at national level but **twinning** of towns, provinces etc
- Engaging & **mobilizing emerging economies** BRICs to create funding mechanisms with existing and **emerging banks** eg New Development Bank
- **Basic premise: inequities, inequalities, leaving no one behind – reaching furthest left behind first through SSTC**



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