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**The strategy of the National Board for
Family and Population for south –south
cooperation in reproductive health**

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International Context

- Adoption of Cairo ICPD P/A 1994
- Launching of PPD in 1994, chairmanship of its Board in 1995 and continuous support to its mission and plans as member
- Commitment for the implementation of the MDG's (Point N°8: Promote international Partnership for development)

Regional Context

- Adoption of declarations (Abuja, Maputo) & P/A of African Union & Commitment for partnership with African countries (West African Network launched in Tunisia in 1997)
- Implementation of regional projects in RH within the framework of League of Arab States (LAS) (PAPCHILD, PAPFAM, MICS 3,...)

National Context

- High level political commitment to reinforce bilateral and triangular cooperation with African countries
- ONFP is an independent institution having an administrative and financial autonomy
- ONFP having an advanced RH/FP program, with successful experiences and active network of GO and NGO's → (TFR: from 7 to 2,2 in 2006 & GR: from 3,5 % to 1,01% in 2006)
- Developed approaches can be transferred to similar social and cultural context in African countries
- Implemented by ONFP's staff know how and expertise
- ONFP acting as agency for consulting and project implementation

Distinctions

Tunisia was designated by UNFPA :

- In 1994: Centre of Excellence in Population for Africa & the Arab World
- In 2004: Centre of Reference for the Arab region in terms of youth peer education in RH/FP.

Tunisia was designated by JICA

- In 1999: A Provider of expertise in RH for African French speaking countries

Fields of expertise

- International training (theoretical courses in the CEFIR and practice in ONFP's RH Centers)
- Technical assistance & transfer of successful experiences (mobile strategy, advocacy in population & development, IEC approaches , ...)

Fields of training

- ✓RH/FP program management;
- ✓HIV/AIDS infection control
- ✓Contraceptive technologies
- ✓New IEC approaches for adolescents and youth in SRH for similar social & cultural context in other countries
- ✓Gender based violence
- ✓Medical abortion
- ✓Research methodology in RH;

Fields of technical assistance

- Situation analyses and needs assessment in RH;
- Elaboration of strategies and formulation of RH/FP proposals
- Institutional and individual capacity building;
- Program management, monitoring & Evaluation

Bilateral cooperation agreements



Achievements: ICPD@ 15

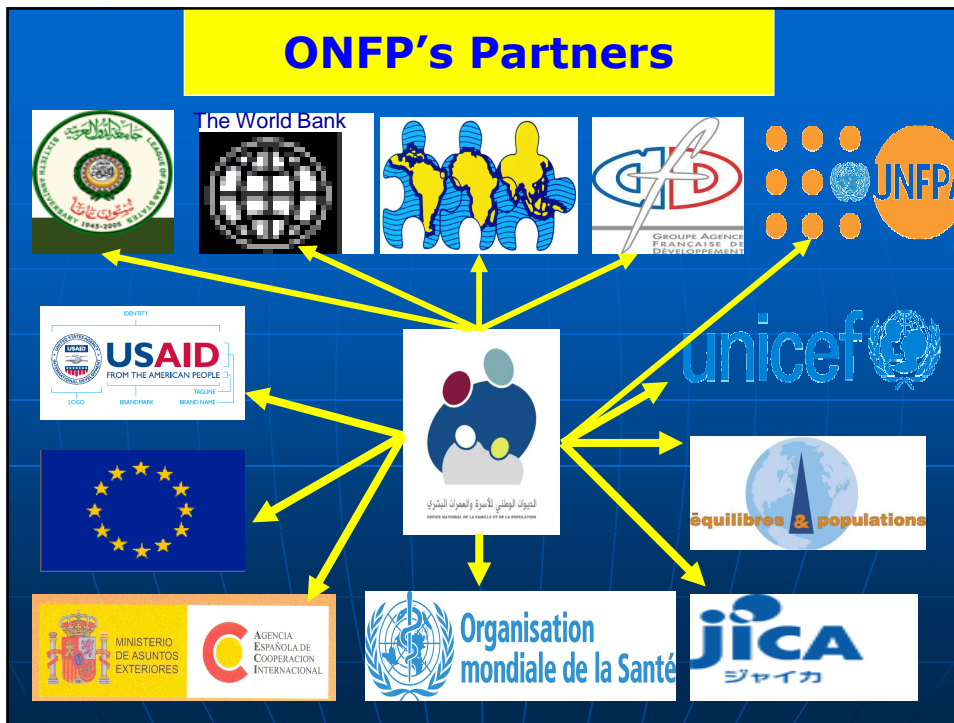
- 1600 medical & paramedical staff, educators and managers from Arab and African countries were trained in the ONFP's CEFIR
- Organization of more than 15 training sessions in beneficiary countries
- Implementation of more than 30 T.A. missions including long term ONFP's staff assignment in developing countries

Dispatch of experts

- Niger: Ministry of health (UNFPA, French coop. & JICA)
- Ivory Coast: Ministry of health (UNFPA)
- Togo: Ministry of health (IPPF)
- Mauritania: Ministry of health (UNFPA & Spanish cooperation)
- Djibouti: Ministry of health (UNFPA)
- Chad: Ministry of Economy (World Bank)
- Mali: Ministry of health (Spanish cooperation)

Project implementation

- 2001: Support to RH/FP program in Kollo health district (Niger)
- 2005: RH/FP mobile service provision in Palla and Mayo Kebbi health district (Chad)
- 2007: Reduction of maternal mortality rates and improvement of RH/FP in Trerza (Mauritania)



Concrete example of a South-South project

Contribute to the reduction of maternal & neonatal mortality & morbidity rates in the health district of Kollo.



A South-South-North triangular cooperation project : **France-Tunisia-Niger**, launched within the framework of *Partners in Population & Development* with the purpose to transfer from **Tunisia** and adapt to the context of **Niger** ; best practices, approaches, strategies, and management methods.



Assessment of objectives achievement

| Description | Situation in 2001 | Set rate | Achieved rates |
|--|-------------------|----------|----------------|
| Covering the population by quality RH/PF services | 27 % | 80 % | 80 % |
| Full antenatal consultations rate | 10 % | 40 % | 57,7 % |
| Contraceptive prevalence rate | 1,5 % | 10 % | 22,5 % |
| Rate of postnatal consultations | 5 % | 25 % | 13,4 % |
| Rate of population with adequate knowledge about RH/PF | - | 60 % | 60 % |
| Rate of deliveries carried out in a health facility | 5 % | 10 % | 8,41 % |
| Number of trained traditional midwives | 40 | 100 | 100 |
| Health units providing emergency obstetrical services | -- | 100 % | 50 % |

AWARDS 2008

JICA international award to ONFP in recognition of the exemplary bilateral and triangular collaboration between both institutions

UNDP award to ONFP in recognition of the results achieved by its south-south cooperation project with Niger (Kollo)

Challenges & Opportunities

1) Challenges

- More commitment from Governments and donors for RH/FP and south-south cooperation
- Harmonization of the partners interventions in beneficiary countries programs
- Capacity building of ONFP's experts to better answer the requests emanating from southern countries

2) Opportunities

- Renewed national commitment to ONFP's S/S cooperation
- Increase in the number of requests emanating from southern countries to learn from the Tunisian best practices (Mali, Djibouti,)
- New partners involved in south-south cooperation (Belgian cooperation, spanish development agency,...)



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