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PPD's statement on United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation
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"South-South cooperation offers real, concrete solutions to common development challenges. Sharing best practices, funding pilot projects in far-flung locales, providing the capital to scale-up successful projects, supplying regional public goods, developing and adapting appropriate technologies —these are the opportunities that the international community needs to better leverage. On this United Nations Day for South-South cooperation, I call on all partners to redouble their efforts to harness the wealth of knowledge, expertise and development thinking in the Global South."

September 12th is the day for "South-South Cooperation"! United Nations celebrates this day for promoting South-South Cooperation on social, economic and political developments in developing countries. It commemorates the date when the United Nations (UN) General Assembly adopted a plan of action in 1978 to promote and implement technical cooperation among developing countries.

The United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation aims to raise people's awareness of the UN's efforts to work on technical cooperation among developing countries. It also celebrates the economic, social and political developments made in recent years by regions and countries in the south. It is a time for individuals, organizations and country itself to agree on the importance of South-South cooperation, in complementing North-South cooperation, to support low-income countries in achieving development goals.

This day is earmarked to reaffirm their goals in working with UN and other agencies to reinforce or strengthen ties on their commitment to South-South cooperation in developing countries.

In 1978 the UN General Assembly established the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation to promote, coordinate and support South-South and triangular cooperation on a global level, commemorating the adoption in 1978 of the [Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries](#). In 2003, the General Assembly declared December 19 to be observed as the UN Day for South-South Cooperation. But in 2011, the Assembly moved the date to September 12, to mark the date when it adopted the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries.

Partners in Population and Development (PPD) is an intergovernmental initiative created specifically for the purpose of expanding and improving South-to-South collaboration in the fields of reproductive health, population, and development. PPD was launched at the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), when ten developing countries from Asia, Africa and Latin America formed an intergovernmental alliance to help implement the Cairo Program of Action (POA). This POA, endorsed by 179 nations, stresses the need to establish mechanisms to

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promote development through the sharing of experiences in reproductive health (RH) and family planning (FP) within and among countries and to promote effective partnerships among the governments, Non- Governmental-Organizations (NGOs), research institutions and the private sector.

During the five-year review of the implementation of the POA ("Cairo+5"), representatives at the June 1999 Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly not only documented renewed commitment to the goals of the ICPD, but also encouraged intensified support of South- South Collaboration, and suggested 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 cooperation arrangements. South- South cooperation at all levels is an important instrument of development."

Partners in Population and Development (PPD), the umbrella representation of more than 59% of the world population of 26 member countries promote South to South Collaboration as their core mandate in the area of population and development.

Bangladesh is the one of the 10th founding member of the inter-governmental alliance; PPD and the capital of the country, Dhaka, take pride in hosting the permanent secretariat of PPD since its inception in 1994. PPD is operating its activities with the close guidance and cooperation of the Government of Bangladesh and take this opportunity to appreciate Bangladesh Government for their contribution to promote South-South Cooperation.

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