



**Partners in population and Development**  
An Inter-governmental organization promoting South-South partnership

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## PPD Journal : Journal for Population, Development and Health (IJPDH)

Journal for Population, Development and Health (IJPDH), the newly launched International Journal of PPD invites submissions for possible publication. Each issue will contain original research articles, reports, case studies, and policy dialogue. In addition, the journal will also publish supplements either on its own initiative or on request from others.

IJPDH is a peer-reviewed international online journal publishing findings from high quality research and learning from policy and programmes of the global south. The areas of focus are population, development and health issues including reproductive health and rights, HIV/AIDS, poverty alleviation and women empowerment, and other topics relevant to ICPD goals and SDGs.

Submissions should be made online through [www.IJPDH.org](http://www.IJPDH.org) In case of difficulties in submission please contact [ppdjournal@ppdsec.org](mailto:ppdjournal@ppdsec.org)

## PPD at Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN) Coordination Meeting

Executive Director of PPD attended in the coordination meeting of Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN) held in Kampala, Uganda from 21–22 March 2017 under the theme “From MDGs to SDGs: Review and Development”. The meeting was aiming to contribute for the development of EARHN Strategic Plan 2017–2021.



The Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN) is a South-South network comprised of government ministries addressing population issues. The mission of EARHN is “to promote sound sexual and reproductive health policies and programmes across borders through strategic partnerships, effective coordination and sharing of critical information, experiences and expertise.”

## Executive Director’s visit in African Regional Office (ARO)

Executive Director visited African Regional Office of PPD during his last visit in Kampala while attending coordination meeting of Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN). He discussed about work plan for 2017 to implement PPD’s strategies. In this concern, Director of ARO briefed the Executive Director about upcoming events and implementations of ARO.



### **PPD's Statement at Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN) Coordination Meeting "From MDGs to SDGs: Review and Development of EARHN Strategic Plan 2017–2021"**

Partners in Population and Development (PPD) is a Southern-led, Southern-run inter-governmental organization bringing 26 developing countries together to assist each other and other developing countries to address our common population and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and challenges.

Recognizing that reproductive health and population are not solely health issues, PPD approaches SRHR and population issues from a rights-based perspective and aims to strengthen and mainstream the links between gender equality, SRHR, social justice, poverty reduction, development and the achievement of global development goals. Highlights include:

1. Building Political Will for Family Planning and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.
2. Developing and Promoting Voices of the South.
3. Identification and South-South Replication of Best Practices.
4. Brokering Commodities and Reduce Regulatory Barriers to Improve Reproductive Health Commodity Security.
5. Developing the Next Generation of Southern Leaders.

PPD values its collaboration with Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN).

The network also should develop strategies for advocacy & policy development. The network has an increasing role to play in the area of Global health and population diplomacy. Partnerships and relationships building is a key sustainable development goal (SDG 17) as well as of the MDG (MDG 8)

PPD, through its diplomatic presence in New York and Geneva is willing to amplify the advocacy efforts of EARHN at global platforms.

Detail statement will be accessed <http://www.partners-popdev.org/speech/statement-at-eastern-africa-reproductive-health-network-earhn-coordination-meeting-from-mdgs-to-sdgs-review-and-development-of->

### **Executive Director's meeting with HE David Bahati, Board Member, Uganda**

Executive Director met HE David Bahati, Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Economic Development and Board Member of Uganda during his visit in Kampala for attending the Coordination Meeting of Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARH N) in March 2017. Executive Director appreciated the contribution of the Government of Uganda to PPD specially for PPD's Secretariat Building. Dr. Betty Kyadondo, PCC and Head of Family Health Department Population Secretariat (POPSEC) was also present in the meeting.



### Executive Director's visit in Makerere University, Uganda

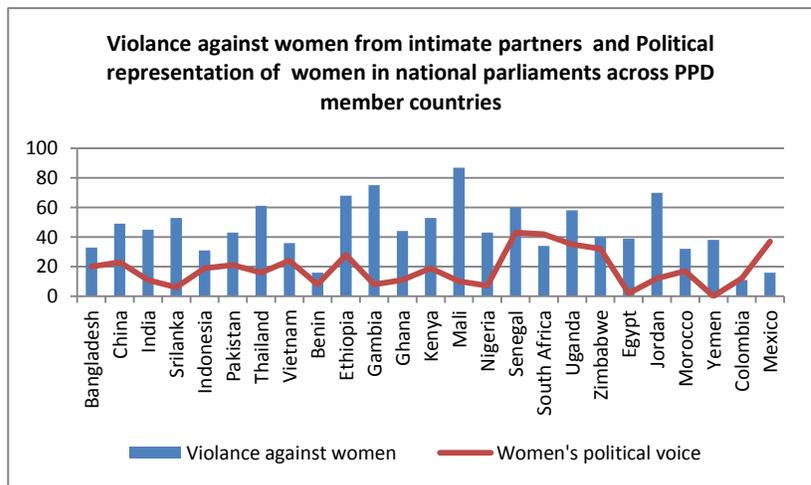
Executive Director met Mr. John Mushomi, Faculty Member of Population Studies Department, Makerere University, Uganda on March 2017. The meeting decided that PPD and Makerere University will take joint initiative to organize training workshop on Population Diplomacy. Makerere University will submit a concept to PPD and PPD will provide technical support for the workshop.

### PPD's inter-ministerial conference 2017

The 2016 Annual Governance Events held in Dakar, Senegal from 26 to 30 November 2016 unanimously approved the proposal of the Government of Indonesia to host Annual Inter-Ministerial Conference on Population and Development 2017. **The one and half day long the conference will be held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia in 28-29 November 2017** and please book your calendar accordingly. The events will be jointly organized by National Population and Family Planning Board (NPFPPB) of the Government of Indonesia and Partners in Population and Development (PPD). The theme and the registration detail will be shared shortly in our special announcement.

### PPD Celebrated International Women's Day 2017 (IWD)

**Be Bold for Change;** let's fight for an inclusive, gender equal world. PPD celebrated International Women's day in befitting manner. PPD is mandated to ensure the Sexual Reproductive Health Rights for adolescent and young women living across the member countries. Moreover, PPD is fully committed to the spirit of unprecedented global movement 'Every Woman Every Child' to address the major health challenges facing women and children across the world. PPD is working rigorously to make a difference in women's life through south-south approach. PPD believes that it is high time to think globally and act locally for the women. It is crucial time to do the maximum for the future of girls to make it bright, equal, safe and rewarding. In this occasion, PPD highlighted few indicators of the member countries in its official statement.



### Celebration of the International Day for Tuberculosis

PPD observed 24th March as World TB day with all the Global Development Partners who are working toward "Unite to End TB". PPD shared own remarks on an official statement to build public awareness against one-and-a-half million death each year, mostly happens in the developing countries due to TB. As some of the PPD member countries are in the high burden HIV, undoubtedly TB is one of the crucial concerns and PPD would like to call upon the member countries to work for combatting TB from a unique platform of PPD through South to South Cooperation.

Among the 26 member countries of PPD, 12 countries are in the list of 30 high burden countries. Statistics of the PPD high burden countries are reflected in the following table.

Table 1: PPD High Burden countries for TB

Member countries	HIV Negative TB Mortality	HIV Positive TB Mortality	Total TB incidence	HIV positive TB incidence
India	480,000	37,000	2,840,000	113,000
Nigeria	180,000	57,000	586,000	100,000
Indonesia	100,000	26,000	1,020,000	78,000
Bangladesh	73,000	230	362,000	630
Pakistan	44,000	1,600	510,000	8,800
China	35,000	2,600	918,000	15,000
Ethiopia	25,000	3,900	191,000	16,000
South Africa	25,000	73,000	454,000	258,000
Viet Nam	16,000	1,100	128,000	5,500
Kenya	9,000	7,200	107,000	36,000
Thailand	8,400	5,400	117,000	15,000
Zimbabwe	1,700	6,300	38,000	26,000

### PPD is moving towards sustainability:

PPD secretariat will be moving to own complex by mid April, 2017. The secretariat is busy with final level of finish work of the new destination. By the support of the member countries the first phase of the complex is currently under construction. The host country donated the land for this permanent address of PPD secretariat.

### PPD's South to South Scholarship Program

Capacity development is one of the priority areas of PPD. PPD has been involved in Capacity Building at individual, institute and system levels since 1998 to promote SSC in the field of RH, Population and Development. PPD's scholarship program provides an excellent opportunity for young professionals to acquire new skills, accommodate new challenges, and acquire strategy for translating global commitments into national needs. PPD initiated its scholarship program in 1998. Since its inception, PPD has managed more than 1500 scholarships in the field of RH, Population and Development across the member countries. In 2016, PPD offered 31 scholarships under the different schemes. For more information regarding PPD's South to South Scholarship Program please visit <http://www.partners-popdev.org/ppd-scholarship-program/>

#### Admission Notice "Population and Sustainable Development" to CDC for Session September 2017

PPD is pleased to announce 5 scholarships for a one year diploma in "Population and Sustainable Development" for the session of September 2017. The program will be conducted by Cairo Demographic Center (CDC), Government of Egypt. PPD will accept nomination from the member countries nominated by respective Partner Country Coordinators (PCC) of PPD 15 May 2017.

#### Eligibility:

1. A university graduate in a related field of Population Studies or Statistic in Social Science
2. Government service holder with at least 2 years' experience in population & development arena.
3. Fluent in English having good communication and understanding skills since English is the medium of the instruction of the course.

The scholarship package provides free tuition, accommodation at the center's hostel and a modest stipend for meals, utilities and other incidental expenses.

## National Health Policy 2017 of India

India announced its National Health Policy 2017. The last National Health Policy was framed in 2002. After a long gap of 15 years to address the current and emerging challenges necessitated by the changing socio-economic, technological and epidemiological landscape of India. The policy aims for attainment of the highest possible level of health and well-being for all at all ages, through a preventive and promotive health care orientation in all developmental policies, and universal access to good quality health care services without anyone having to face financial hardship as a consequence. This would be achieved through increasing access, improving quality and lowering the cost of healthcare delivery. The broad principles of the Policy are centered on professionalism, integrity and ethics, equity, affordability, universality, patient centered and quality of care, accountability and pluralism. For more detail please visit <http://www.mohfw.nic.in/showfile.php?lid=4275>

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