



**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 (IIPDH)

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

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

Submissions should be made online at: [www.IIPDH.org](http://www.IIPDH.org)

In case of difficulties in submission please contact: [ppdjournal@ppdsec.org](mailto:ppdjournal@ppdsec.org)

### PPD's inter-Ministerial Conference 2017

The Government of Indonesia is hosting the 2017 Annual Inter-Ministerial Conference of PPD in Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 26 to 30 November 2017. The events will be jointly organized by the National Population and Family Planning Board (NPFPPB) of the Government of Indonesia and Partners in Population and Development (PPD). Please stay tuned in for the theme and other technical details of the conference. Kindly mark your calendar accordingly. For any further information regarding the IMC 2017, please communicate with the secretariat on: [imc2017@ppdsec.org](mailto:imc2017@ppdsec.org) or log on to [www.partners-popdev.org/em](http://www.partners-popdev.org/em)

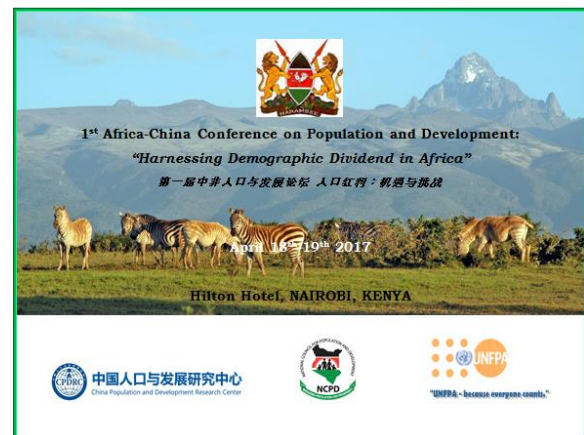
## Africa-China conference on Population and Development

The 1<sup>st</sup> Africa-China Conference on Population and Development was held on 18-19 April, 2017 at the Hilton Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya. The theme of the conference was "Harnessing the demographic dividend in Africa".

The PPD Executive Director noted that there are important lessons for Africa to harness the dividend by facilitating lower fertility (the average number of children per woman). Investments in family planning programs are critical in getting this done. Advocacy efforts on the benefits of having fewer children should also be strengthened in order to ensure that investments in family planning programs translate into lower fertility.

More news <https://www.afidep.org/?p=7093>

<http://www.knowledgebylanes.co.ke/africa-china-partner-to-harness-demographic-dividends-through-wealth-creation/>



## Coordination Committee on the South-South Cooperation

In a meeting held in New York on 6 April 2017, representatives of the South-South Cooperation countries unanimously selected South Africa as the Chair and Bangladesh as the co-Chair to the Coordinating Committee on the South-South Cooperation in Population and Development for implementing the 'Beijing Call for Action' on Population and Development in the Global South.

It should be recapped that on 18 March 2016 the Beijing Call for Action was adopted at the Ministerial Strategic Dialogue on South-South Cooperation for Population and Development jointly organized by the National Health and Family Planning Commission of the People's Republic of China (NHFPC), Partners in Population and Development (PPD) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Beijing, China. For more details on Beijing Call for Action, connect to:

<http://www.partners-popdev.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Beijing-Call-for-Action-March2016.pdf>

## PPD in 50<sup>th</sup> Session of UNCPD



PPD extended an official statement as a permanent observer in the Session of UN Commission on Population and Development (UN CPD) at its 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting (AM). The theme of this year was "Changing population age structures and sustainable development".

In his statement the Executive Director said that PPD was dedicated to the promotion of South-South Cooperation and issues related to the changing population dynamics including ageing. Bringing age structure dynamics into the discourse was timely, relevant and necessary. Various social and economic factors impacted population dynamics that in turn shaped the ability of countries to pursue sustainable development. He also added that investment in education and health care was imperative, as was ensuring women and girls have access to family planning resources as a fundamental right. All women who wanted to avoid pregnancy should have access to contraception.



### **PPD's Statement by Executive Director of PPD at the Commission on Population and Development-Fiftieth Session, United Nations Headquarters, 2017**

PPD continues to be dedicated to the promotion and strengthening of South-South Cooperation in reproductive health, family planning, and issues related to population policies and dynamics including ageing.

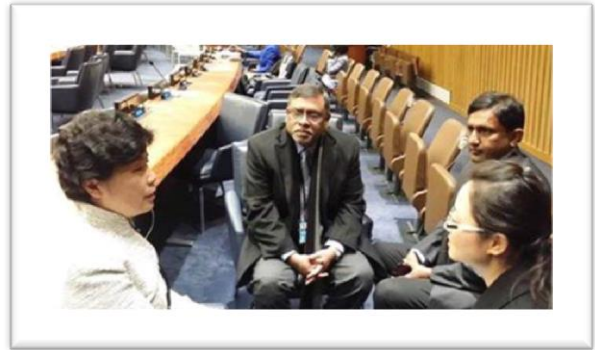
PPD partners with both its members and other countries in implementing the ICPD Program of Action through advocacy, policy dialogues, exchange of information and experience, capacity building, training and technical cooperation,.

Recognizing that population dynamics is central to all development action, the Declaration urges the governments to capture in their planning endeavors the subtle and complex interdependence of population dynamics vis-à-vis health, education and access to social amenities.

As part of this approach and in line with the positive experiences across many developing countries, PPD is committed to advocate and support experiences in South-South cooperation in population and reproductive health that have proven to be effective. Further details can be accessed at: <http://www.partners-popdev.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/PPD-Statement-CPD-50th-session3-Apr4-2017.pdf>

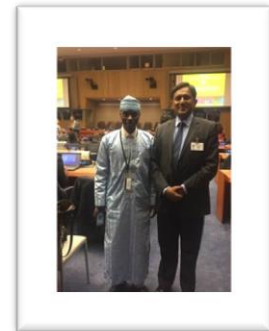
## Strategic bi-lateral meeting arranged by PPD

Population diplomacy in practice – the unique avenue offered by PPD. Concurrently, PPD organized a strategic bi-lateral meeting between China and Bangladesh during the Fiftieth UN CPD session. His Excellency CUI Li, Chair, PPD Board and Honorable Minister, National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC), Government of the People's Republic of China and H.E. Mr. ZAHID MALEQUE Honorable State Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh led the discussion.



## Executive Director's Courtesy Visits

The Executive Director called on H.E. Dr. CUI Li, State Minister for Health and Population, Government of the People's Republic of China, Mr Abdullie Bah, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Office of the President, The Republic of The Gambia and Ms. Patricia Chemor, Member, PPD Board and Secretary-General, Consejo Nacional de Población (CONAPO) Mexico during his visit in New York to attended the Fiftieth session of UN CPD session.



## Dhaka Youth Call to Action

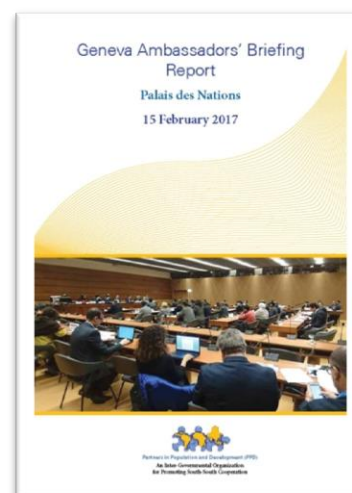
The Executive Director talked about the population dividend during a high level discussion held in Dhaka on Youth Call to Action organized by SERAC-Bangladesh on 12 April 2017. Dr. Dipu Moni, ex-Foreign Minister and Honorable Chairperson, Parliamentary Standing Committee of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh Parliament also participated in the discussion.



## PPD's new publication

The report of Geneva Ambassador's meeting has been released in PPD website. In February 2016, H.E. Mr. Coly Seck, Ambassador of Senegal to the United Nations in Geneva chaired a 'Geneva Ambassadors' Briefing' on the outcome of the Inter-Ministerial Conference of PPD. The 13th Inter-Ministerial Conference of Partners in Population and Development (PPD) was held in Dakar, Senegal in November 2016 with a focus on challenges for population and development issues in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The main purpose of the Geneva Ambassadors' Briefing was to follow up on the Dakar Call for Action;<sup>2</sup> show examples of actual South-South cooperation in the field of population and development under the auspices of PPD;<sup>3</sup> and define an agenda for mobilizing health diplomacy on these issues among the Geneva mission. The detail report is available in <http://www.partners-popdev.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Geneva-Ambassadors-Briefing-Report-15Feb2017.pdf>



## PPD is moving to new premise



PPD Secretariat will be moving to its own complex on land located and donated by the Government of Bangladesh during the month of April 2017. The Secretariat is busy with winding up from the old address and preparing the move to the new address. This land, donated by the Bangladesh Government is situated in the government demarcated classified administrative zone in Dhaka.

Construction of the 6 storey Secretariat Building Complex has been completed and is ready for inauguration and occupation. The foundation stone of the Secretariat building was unveiled by the Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh on 12 November 2012 during the 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of PPD. The building is located in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Administrative Zone, Agargaon.

## 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, institutional 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. For more information regarding PPD's South to South Scholarship Program please visit: <http://www.partners-popdev.org/ppd-scholarship-program/>



**Admission Notice**  
***“One Year Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management (PGDPHM)”***

National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi, India

Commencing Date: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017

PPD is pleased to announce 10 scholarships for a one-year Post Graduate Diploma in “Public Health Management (PGDPHM)” for the session of September 2017. The program will be conducted by National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi, India. PPD will accept, from the member countries, nominations from respective Partner Country Coordinators (PCC) of PPD until 31 May 2017.

**Eligibility:**

1. Working in the central, state and local governments with at least 3 years of service experience in the health sector.
2. MBBS/BDS/AYUSH graduate or BSc. in nursing/health, science/natural science or Bachelors of occupation therapy/physiotherapy or MA is social science or an equivalent qualification.
3. Good communication and understanding skills in English language

Government of India will meet the expenses towards tuition, training materials, boarding and lodging and will provide an additional stipend of INR5000(Rupees Five thousand only) per student per month. The Travel and Visa processing cost for joining the course will be met by the sponsoring institution or the candidate. The application should be sent to Ms Khan Tahrima at [tahrima@ppdsec.org](mailto:tahrima@ppdsec.org)

For further details please visit:

<http://www.partners-popdev.org/announcement/one-year-post-graduate-diploma-in-public-health-management-pgdphm-at->

**Admission Notice**  
***“One year diploma Population and Sustainable Development”***

Cairo Demographic Center (CDC), Government of Egypt

Commencing Date: September 2017

PPD is pleased to announce 5 scholarships for a one-year diploma in “Population and Sustainable Development” in 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. BA/BSc in Population Studies/Statistics or any related field in Social Sciences.
2. Government Employee with minimum 2 years’ experience in population & development.
3. English fluency with 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.

The application should be sent to Ms. Tahrima Khan at [tahrima@ppdsec.org](mailto:tahrima@ppdsec.org).

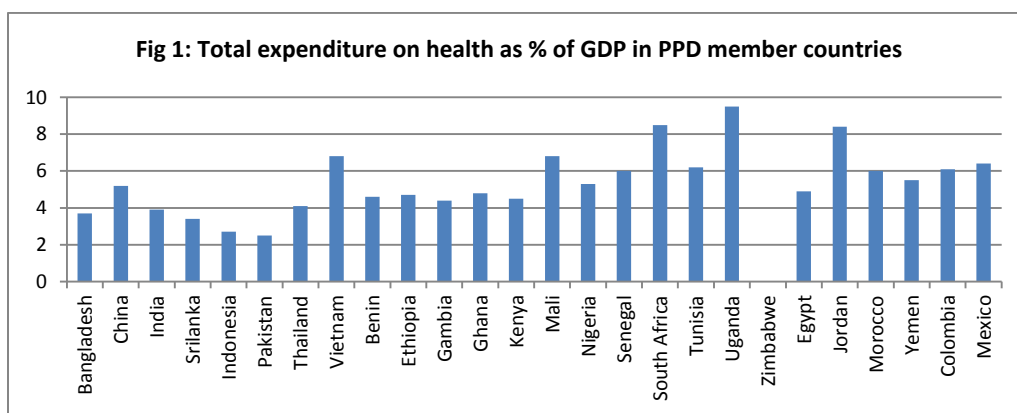
For more detail please visit

<http://www.partners-popdev.org/announcement/one-year-scholarship-in-population-and-sustainable-development-at-cairo-demographic-center-cdc/>

## World Health Day 2017

**World Health Day 2017:** PPD observed World Health Day on 7 April with all the member countries and stakeholders. The theme of this year is “Depression: let’s talk”. PPD considers the theme as the wake-up call for member countries to re-think their approaches to mental health.

An estimated 450 million people across the globe currently suffer from some form of depression. Overall women have higher rates of depression than men. One in 10 women experience symptoms of depression in the week following her delivery of the baby. By 2030, depression will be the second highest cause of disease burden in middle-income countries and the third highest in low-income countries. Global Data show that 9.9% of the gross domestic product was spent globally on health in 2014, but the expenditure is much lower across PPD member countries



## World Malaria Day' 2017

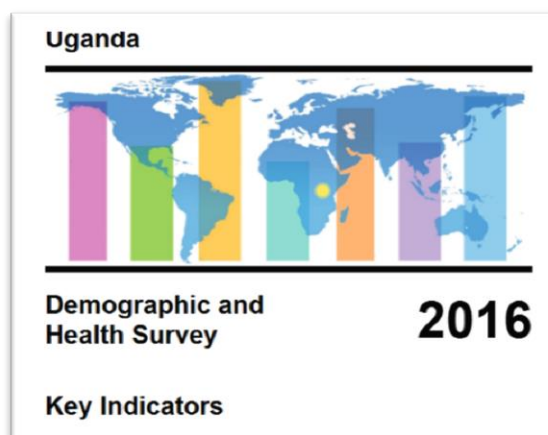
“Malaria presents a disproportionate burden on the Children from Global South. PPD member countries are urged to increase Global South to South Cooperation to End Malaria for Good”.

On 25 April, World Malaria Day, PPD Secretariat observed the day with the member countries reminding them about the impact of malaria on children. This year’s global theme for World Malaria Day is “End Malaria for Good”.

According to WHO, 400,000 people are falling ill annually due to Malaria. Sub-Saharan Africa carries a disproportionately high share of the global malaria burden. WHO indicated that in 2015 the region was home to 90% of malaria cases and 92% of malaria deaths. “The burden of Malaria related deaths among children (0–4 years) across PPD member countries specially members of African region is quiet alarming”, said Dr. Joe Thomas, the Executive Director of PPD. According to WHO World Malaria Report (2016), One child dies from malaria every two minutes.

## Country Highlights

Uganda recently released the 6<sup>th</sup> Demographic and Health Survey (UDHS), the Key Indicators Report has been unfolded preliminary highlights. The UDHS report will provide a comprehensive overview of population and maternal and child health issues. The report will open the avenue of updated data that will be freely accessible to all stakeholders. Full report is available in <https://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/PR80/PR80.pdf>



**About PPD:** *Partners in Population and Development is an intergovernmental alliance comprising 26 developing countries. It provides a mechanism for promoting partnership and cooperation among member countries with a view to achieving the goals of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), and its Programme of Action and the Sustainable Development Goals. It holds permanent observer status in the General Assembly. The current member countries of the alliance are Bangladesh, Benin, China, Colombia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe comprising 59% of the world population.*

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