

# **EARHN STRATEGIC PLAN**



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# What is EARHN and why?

- A South-South initiative of government ministries addressing population, RH & development.
- Comprises of Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.
- Countries share similar social, political, demographic and geographic environments and challenges.

# What are the RH problems?

- High fertility
- High population growth rates superseding economic growth and poverty reduction
- High STI/HIV prevalence
- Poor infant and maternal health indices
- Large numbers of vulnerable adolescents who are often unable to access appropriate information and services.

## **EARHN VISION:**

An Eastern Africa region free from sexual and reproductive health burdens.

## **MISSION:**

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.

# Mandate

1. Promoting south–south cooperation and strengthening partnership with all stakeholders in the field of reproductive health.
2. Conducting evidence-based advocacy for sound policies and programmes in the promotion of reproductive health.
3. Facilitating need-based and demand-driven capacity building to support RH in the region.

# Mandate CON'T...

4. Compiling, publishing and disseminating best practices in reproductive health and creating appropriate fora for policy dialogue and sharing of experiences.
5. Mobilizing resources for reproductive health to support the realization of the ICPD PoA, the MDGs and the Maputo Plan of Action



# Strategic Goal

To contribute to the improvement of the SRHR situation in Eastern Africa.



# STRATEGIC FOCUSES

**EARHN has developed six strategic objectives organized into three areas of strategic focus:**

- 1) Advocacy and Coalition Building,**
- 2) Programme Development and Expansion,**
- 3) Institutional Strengthening.**



## Strategic Focus1: Advocacy and coalition building

Strategic Objective 1	Strategic Actions
To increase awareness and support for RH among key policy and decision makers in the region.	1. Advocate and promote SRHR in the region.
	2. Enhance members' capacity to conduct advocacy for RH.

# Strategic Focus 1: Advocacy and coalition building

## **Strategic Objective 2**

To strengthen linkages and strategic partnerships internationally, within the region, national institutions and civil society organisations.

## **Strategic Actions**

1. Engage new countries and organizations in EARHN activities.
2. Strengthen communication mechanisms.
3. Facilitate exchange visits.
4. Engage cultural and traditional institutions to address socio-cultural barriers that impede SRHR.

## Strategic Focus 2: Programme Development and Expansion

Strategic Objective 1	Strategic Actions
To enhance capacity of partner organizations to offer integrated SRHR programmes.	1. Share best practices and information.
	2. Formulate annual <b>WORK PLANS</b> and monitor and evaluate <b>EARHN</b> activities.

## **Strategic Focus 2: Programme Development and Expansion**

<b>Strategic Objective 2</b>	<b>Strategic Actions</b>
<b>To facilitate the strengthening of health systems, in particular with regard to provision of RH supplies.</b>	<b>1. Facilitate information sharing among member countries on RH supplies (provision, procurement, distribution).</b>
	<b>2. Documentation and dissemination of good practices.</b>

## **Strategic Focus 3: Institutional Strengthening**

<b>Strategic Objective 1</b>	<b>Strategic actions</b>
<b>To strengthen EARHN's organizational capacities, systems and structure.</b>	<b>1. Establish efficient /effective institutional mechanisms.</b>
	<b>2. Implement annual work plans and budgets.</b>
	<b>3. M &amp; E</b>
	<b>4. Annual coordination meetings and reviews.</b>



# Strategic Focus 3: Institutional Strengthening

<b>Strategic Objective 2.</b>	<b>Strategic actions</b>
<b>To coordinate activities and mobilise resources in furtherance of EARHN's goals and objectives.</b>	<b>1. Develop and implement a resource mobilization action plan.</b>
	<b>2. Mobilize resources for sustainability (from country governments and development partners).</b>

# Monitoring and Evaluation

- M & E is responsibility of the EARHN coordinating country.
- Is supported through reports and updates from country coordinators.
- The log frame is the basis for monitoring.

# M & E con't...

- Indicators are systematically collected, monitored and learned from.
- Indicators are reported on during annual EARHN coordination meetings.
- The Log frame is used to assess the success of the Strategic Plan and will also be basis for evaluation after 5 years.

**Sex is not only a sexy thing to  
speak about but is a matter of  
life and death**

**Together we can make a  
difference**

**“Yes we can”**

**Thank you**

