#### **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.

#### RH Indicators for EARHN Member Countries[1]

	Pop (m)	PGR	TFR	IMR	MMR	Life Expect.	Literacy Rate (%)	<b>CPR</b> (%)
Burundi	8.5	3.0	5.4	98	620	49	59.3	9
Ethiopia	85	2.7	5.4	77	673	50.7	35.9	15
Kenya	40	2.7	4.6	52	414	53.0	73.6	46
Rwanda	10.4	2.9	6.1	86	750	47.4	64.9	36
Tanzania	45	3.0	5.4	58	578	50	69.4	26
Uganda	33.8	3.4	6.5	76	435	50	66.8	24

m Population Reference Bureau 2010 World Population Data Sheet.

#### **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**

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

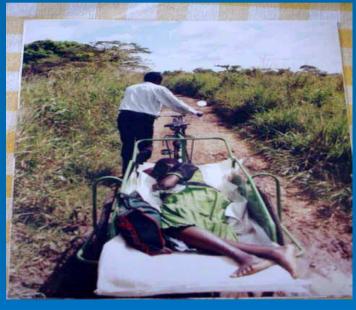
#### Mandate CON'T....

- 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.	<ol> <li>Advocate and promote SRHR in the region.</li> <li>Enhance members' capacity to conduct advocacy for RH.</li> </ol>

### 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	1. Share best practices and information.		
SRHR programmes.	2. Formulate an annual WORK PLAN and monitor and evaluate EARHN activities.		

## Strategic Focus 2: Programme Development and Expansion

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

## Strategic Focus 3: Institutional Strengthening

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

## Strategic Focus 3: Institutional Strengthening

**Strategic Objective 2.** 

To coordinate activities and mobilise resources in furtherance of EARHN's goals and objectives.

Strategic actions

1. Develop and implement a resource mobilization action plan.

2. Mobilize resources for sustainability (from country governments and development partners).

### **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 it is a matter of life and death

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"Yes we can"