

# Uganda's Progress: 2010 –2011

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# Planned Activities

**To increase awareness and support for RH among key policy and decision makers.**

- Mentoring Sectors and districts on integration of P&D in sector plans.
- RH advocacy workshops with Members of Parliament, development partners and district leaders.
- Reproductive Health Media advocacy campaigns
- Tracking progress on reduction of IMR and MMR by the MOFPED and MOH.

# Planned activities cont...

**Strengthen linkages and strategic partnerships with other international, regional and national institutions and civil society organizations**

- Regional exchange and learning visits.
- Regional and international conventions.
- National BCC/advocacy conventions.
- Integration of population variables in district plans.
- Developing and mentor national and community based FP champions.

# Planned Activities cont...

**Enhance capacity of partner organizations to offer integrated SRHR programmes**

- Source, package, document, disseminate and exchange good practices and innovative models.
- EARHN coordination meetings
- Hold in- country coordination meetings.
- Participate in field exchange visits.

# Planned Activities cont....

- **Facilitate the strengthening of health systems, in particular with regard to provision of RH supplies.**
- RHCS advocacy campaigns in country and in the region.
- Advocacy campaigns with the major stakeholders.
- Source, package, document, disseminate and exchange good practices and innovative models on RH commodity security
- Resource mobilization

# Planned Activities cont....

**To strengthen  
EARHN's  
organizational  
capacities,  
systems and  
structures**

- Develop and implement annual work plans.
- Monitor and evaluate the work plans.
- EARHN Coordination meetings

# Programme implementation

Advocacy  
with Good  
Will  
Ambassadors,  
Members of  
Parliament,  
government,  
development  
partners and  
CSOs.



- **Reproductive health Supplies Advocacy**

**Political Leaders !**  
Availability of Reproductive Health Supplies  
SAVES lives of 2000 Ugandan Mothers Every Year

Increase funding for **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES**  
and **Save Lives**

Logos: Ministry of Health, IPPF, RHCAN, www.rhu.or.ug

This advertisement features a smiling family of three (a man, a woman, and a baby) on the right side. On the left, there is a collection of reproductive health supplies including boxes of 'INJECTADLAN' and 'ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES', along with several 10,000 Ugandan Shilling banknotes. The background is a gradient of red and white.

- Additional GOU support towards RHCS.
- MOFPED directly funds the National Medical Stores.

**Political Leaders !**  
Shortages of Contraceptives  
**COST LIVES**

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# Programme implementation...

- Accelerated framework for reducing maternal and childhood mortality (MDG 4 and 5) in Uganda.
- Corporate Breakfast (s) for Bank Executives, State Corporations, Media Houses and Industries to raise awareness on the magnitude and lay strategies to build partnerships for maternal health action.
- Media sensitization and reporting on salient RH issues nationwide.
- Partnered with leading musicians and young people to join forces for family planning and Adolescent reproductive health and rights.

# Uganda's achievements

1. World Bank \$130m loan for improvement of health infrastructure on condition that the country prioritizes maternal health.
2. Increased commitment to reproductive health supplies among policy and decision makers, with a marked increase on the current reproductive health supplies budget.
3. Family planning prioritization at district and lower local government planning and budgeting processes.

# Uganda's achievements

5. Influenced behaviour change towards improved health and well being, through FP Champions, FBOs and Village Health Teams.
6. Expanded family planning service sites and outreaches and community based distribution of depo provera.
7. Strengthened efforts for RHCS through capacity building for Logistics management, developing RHCS strategy and establishment of the RHCS Advocacy Network.
8. Strengthened ASRH by creating youth role models and youth centres in the districts.

# Uganda's achievements

9. Increased media coverage of population and RH issues.
10. Closely worked with the Ministry of Local Government to prioritise population variables and family planning into the planning and budgeting processes.

# Lessons learnt “Best practices”

1. Sustained political commitment is fundamental.
2. Policy guidelines for CBD of depo provera will boost CPR.
3. Government support to NMS will enhance RHCS.
4. Pro-active role of the mass media stimulates and sustains public debates.
5. Advocacy program for religious and cultural leaders is paramount for the promotion of family Planning and other RH interventions.

# Lessons learnt cont...

6. Active Government –NGO collaboration increases the strength of the government to bring success in programs.
7. Targeting grassroots' communities is key in eliminating poverty.
8. Women empowerment through micro credit, skill development and Functional Adult Literacy.

**THANK YOU**

