

# ***HIGHLIGHTS ON PPD ARO Achievements October 2010- November2011***

*By  
Patrick Mugirwa, Programme Officer, PPD ARO*

*At  
PCC meeting for the Africa Region 2011  
Dakar, Senegal*

*November 28, 2011*

# ***About PPD Africa Regional Office***

- The 2006 PPD Board meeting decided to reinforce South-South cooperation in Africa
- AS part of PPD global PPD Africa Regional office was established in February 2007 in Kampala, Uganda.
- PPD ARO operates and functions according to signed MOU with the Government of Uganda (free space, tax free status, support staff, etc)
- A Strategic Plan that guides the work of the office was developed for the period 2007-2011

# ***VISION AND MISSION OF PPD ARO***

**Vision** “ *A continent that meets its reproductive health needs, promotes the population and development agenda and thereby addresses poverty, through south-south cooperation”*

**Mission:** *PPD Africa, as part of the global south-south inter-governmental alliance, provides a platform for the promotion of and resource mobilization for Reproductive Health, Population and Development in Africa through three elements:*

- Policy dialogue;*
- Networking and building strategic partnerships in the region;*
- Sharing of experiences.*

# ***Some of ARO's achievements since establishment***

- Developed parliamentary leadership for, and commitment to family planning and reproductive health in the region
- Created champions for SRHR in Africa, including First Ladies, Cultural Leaders and Parliamentarians
- Helped strengthen accountability for the Maputo Plan of Action as continental framework for the achievement of the ICPD and MDGs targets
- Built strategic partnership with key institutions in the region (African Union, CAFS, APHRC, AFIDEP, SEAPACOH, EARHN, WARHN, SARHN, etc)
- Attracted many donors (Hewlett, Gates and Packard Foundations, UNFPA, DSW, IntraHealth, Women Deliver and others)

# ***PPD ARO Activities***

***October 2010 - November 2011***

***(in line with PPD SBP)***

- **GOAL 1: STRENGTHENED SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION IN POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**
- Facilitation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Ugandan NTF June 30, 2011, Kampala, Uganda:
  - To review the current RH/FP, gender, population and development situation in Uganda
  - To identify 2 or 3 priority advocacy issues that will be the major focus of the NTF work for the next 1 – 2 years
  - To share information on upcoming advocacy events and opportunities and strategize on how the NTF members can effectively participate in them.
- Study Visit of the Health Extension Programme (HEP) of Ethiopia for EARHN focal persons, August 30 – September 1.
  - To expose the EARHN member countries to the Health Extension Programme (HEP) of Ethiopia as a best practice that can be replicated in the other EARHN member countries.
  - To strengthen EARHN's organizational capacities, systems and structure in sharing, documenting and disseminating best practices.

# ***PPD ARO Activities***

***October 2010- September 2011  
(in line with PPD SBP)***

## **GOAL 2: STRENGTHENED CAPACITIES AT SYSTEMS, INSTITUTIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL LEVELS**

- Training of PCCs in Web-based social networking and communication  
December 7 – 9, 2010, Nairobi, Kenya
  - To build capacity of the PCCs in using Web.2.0 collaborative technologies, basic ICT skills, information management and storage systems, and internet based communication technologies
  - To enhance the sharing of explicit and implicit knowledge between and among the PCCs and PPD offices
- Capacity building on presentation using Sub Saharan Africa Rapid Model  
January 5 - 7, 2011 in Kampala, Uganda
  - To build the skills of PPD ARO Staff in using Sub Saharan RAPID Model to undertake effective advocacy for FP/RH in Africa

# ***PPD ARO Activities***

***October 2009- September 2010  
(in line with PPD SBP)***

## **GOAL 2: STRENGTHENED CAPACITIES AT SYSTEMS, INSTITUTIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL LEVELS (cont')**

- **Capacity Building workshop on Spitfire for EARHN focal persons, July 19 – 21, Nairobi, Kenya**
  - To build capacity of participants to use SmartChart as one of the most widely used and effective Spitfire tools for developing and implementing advocacy strategies; and
  - To apply the tool to one or two advocacy opportunities in each of the EARHN member countries

# ***PPD ARO Activities***

***October 2010- September 2011***

***(in line with PPD SBP)***

## **GOAL 3: STRENGTHENED NETWORKS AND PARTNERSHIPS**

- **Health Policy Project (HPP) Orientation Workshop , January 22 -28, 2011, Washington, DC, USA**
  - To orient staff and partner agencies to this newly launched five-year Project
- **The International Conference “Population, Development, and Family Planning in Francophone West Africa: The Urgency for Action,” February 8-10, 2011, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso**
  - To identify concrete solutions to meet the need for family planning in the region
- **Packard Foundation Grantees and Partners Meeting, Jan 31 – Feb 2, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.**
  - To share experiences, achievements and challenges in implementing programmes by the Packard Foundation supported grantees.
- **Capacityplus Project Orientation Meetings, March 7 – 9, Washington, D.C**
  - To orient the staff to have a better understanding of the nature of the work of the two organizations (PPD and CapacityPlus)
  - To develop advocacy messages and materials that PPD ARO can use in its advocacy work for HRH

# ***PPD ARO Activities***

***October 2010- September 2011  
(in line with PPD SBP)***

## **GOAL 3: STRENGTHENED NETWORKS AND PARTNERSHIPS (cont')**

- **Advance Family Planning (AFP) Partners Meeting, March 21 – 25, Baltimore, US**
  - To share experiences, lessons learned, achievements and challenges regarding implementation of AFP interventions
- **Partnership with The African Union**
  - Experts meeting on the harmonization of Maputo Plan of Action with MDG4 and 5 and Abuja Declaration with MDG6, April 6 - 8, 2011, Nairobi, Kenya
  - Fifth Session of African Health Ministers Conference (CAMH5), April 17 – 21, 2011, Windhoek, Namibia
  - Meeting for development of integrated Africa Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) advocacy strategy and guidelines for CSO Engagement for Promotion & Implementation of Maputo Plan of Action on SRHR, August 16-20, 2011, Lusaka, Zambia
  - 8th Ordinary Session of the African Population Commission, 15-16 September 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

# ***PPD ARO Activities***

***October 2010- September 2011***

***(in line with PPD SBP)***

## **GOAL 3: STRENGTHENED NETWORKS AND PARTNERSHIPS (cont')**

- **The Fourth Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN) Coordination Meeting, April 25 – 30, Kampala, Uganda**

- To share country experiences regarding the implementation of EARHN strategic plan 2007-2011;
- To review the EARHN strategic plan 2007-2011 and elaborate a new EARHN strategic plan (2011-2016) with more focus on FP/RH issues;
- To create a common understanding of the Family Planning and Reproductive Health (FP/RH) situation and challenges in the region;
- To network and galvanize efforts for increased advocacy, leadership and stewardship on issues of FP/RH among parliamentarians and other champions; and
- To have consensus on policy and strategic actions to address FP/RH in the region

- **Meeting of Uganda's Parliamentary Forum on MDGs, May 11, 2011**

- To share progress and challenges to Uganda's attainment of the MDGs
- To agree by consensus on the on the pertinent issues in the SP for the forum to rally around

# ***PPD ARO Activities***

***October 2010- September 2011  
(in line with PPD SBP)***

## **GOAL 3: STRENGTHENED NETWORKS AND PARTNERSHIPS (cont')**

- **Others:**
  - **STEP UP Project Meeting, May 23 – 25, 2011, London, UK**
  - **Population Footprints Symposium, May 25 – 26, London, UK**
  - **Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition Conference, June 20 - 24, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

# ***PPD ARO Activities***

***October 2009- September 2010  
(in line with PPD SBP)***

## **GOAL 4: IMPROVED VOLUNTARY FP AND OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES**

- **Workshops (3) with Sector Heads and technical personnel in Mukono and Mayuge districts of Uganda**
  - To prioritize family planning in the planning and budgeting processes at the district level
  - To pilot the intervention as south-south model intervention to be replicated in Uganda as well as in other PPD member and collaborating countries

# ***PPD ARO Activities***

***October 2010 September 2011***

***(in line with PPD SBP)***

<b>Source of funding</b>	<b>Amount in USD</b>	<b>Type of funding</b>	<b>Period of funding</b>
Hewlett Foundation	2,100,000	Core and prog.me activities	Jan 2011 – Dec 2013
Gates Foundation and Packard Foundation - AFP	1,281,000	Programme activities	Oct 2009 – Sept 2012
Packard Foundation	50,000	Programme activities	2011
USAID (Futures Group) – Health Policy Project (HPP)	4,596.424	Core and Programme activities	2010 - 2015
UNFPA- Uganda	20,000	Activity Support	2011
Women-Deliver	60,000	Activity Support	Dec 2010-2011
IntraHealth (CapacityPlus)	150,798	Activity Support	2010-2011
Marie Stoppes International	23,000	Activity Support	2011

***THANK YOU***