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Acronyms and Abbreviations

BAPA	Buenos Aires Plan of Action
CDC	China Demographic Center
CPD	Congress on Population and Development
CPPCC	Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
FP	Family Planning
CTC	China Technical Center
GOPFP	General Office for Population-Family Planning
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
ICFP	International Conference on Family Planning
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
MDG	Millennium Development Goals
MoHFW	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
NCPD	National Council for Population and Development
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NHC	National Health Commission
NIHFW	National Institute of Health and Family Welfare
NPC	National Population Council
NTFSSC	National Task Force for South-South Cooperation
PCC	Partner Country Coordinators
PIs	Partner Institutions
PMNCH	Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health
PoA	Program of Action
PPD	Partners in Population and Development
RH	Reproductive Health
FP	Family Planning
SHRH	Sexual Health Reproductive Health
SSC	South-South Cooperation
SSTC	South-South Technical Center
TICAD	Tokyo International Conference on African Development
UN	United Nations
UNCPD	United Nations Commission on Population and Development
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNOSSC	UN Office for South-South Cooperation
PPD	Partners in Population and Development
RH	Reproductive Health
FP	Family Planning
SHRH	Sexual Health Reproductive Health
SSC	South-South Cooperation
SSTC	South-South Technical Center
TICAD	Tokyo International Conference on African Development
UN	United Nations
UNCPD	United Nations Commission on Population and Development
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNOSSC	UN Office for South-South Cooperation

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Adnene Ben Haj Aissa
Executive Director, PPD

Foreword

It is my great pleasure to present the 2018 Annual Report of Partners in Population and Development (PPD) to the Member Countries, particularly to the Board Members, Partner Country Coordinators (PCCs) and partners including the relevant stakeholders across the world. The year 2018 was especially important for me since I have joined PPD as its Executive Director although I have been very intimately involved with the organization for 24 years ever since its inception in Cairo in 1994, rendering my continued contribution to the establishment and nurturing of the organization and implementation of its programs and activities.

While the report captured the salient highlights of major achievements in 2018, it also indicates some planned activities for the next year. The year 2018 witnessed numerous spectacular breakthroughs and milestones worthy of recording in PPD history. PPD inaugurated its own Secretariat Building Complex; reinforced its principle governance instruments - the Bye-laws, the Charter, the policy manuals; transitioned its executive leadership; reformed and strengthened the Secretariat working environment; intensified communication and coordination with member states and affiliated offices; signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UNFPA; heralding a new era of cooperation with PPD's founding partners; and initiated programs reinforcing collaborations and exchanges among member states.

The steady and persistent development of any organization is only possible when its principle owner and constituents remain steadfastly committed and supportive to its ideals regardless of any challenges or adverse circumstances. Defying all traditional

international perceptions about the existence of Southern organizations, PPD persistently continued its rapid stride establishing South-South Cooperation as the most effective and indispensable modality capable of transforming the norms and principles of international development cooperation. This has only been possible due to PPD's robust governance structure, the charismatic leadership of the Board and unremitting support and assistance of its Partner Country Coordinators (PCCs). I must pay profound tributes to PPD Board and Executive Committee members for their continued commitment and support to the organization and would like to express my thanks and gratitude to H.E. Dr. Li Bin, Hon. Chairwoman of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) for her exemplary leadership and guidance. I am also grateful to my longstanding friend Dr. Hu Hongtao, Acting Executive Director, who successfully managed the transition of the Secretariat leadership and created a congenial working atmosphere to navigate the organization forward.

The year 2019 will mark the 25th anniversary of PPD concurrently with the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo in 1994. While celebrating its historical milestone, the organization will have a self-introspection into its past accomplishments and contemplate on future course of action in leading and promoting South-South Cooperation in Reproductive health, Population and development for the achievement of ICPD/PoA and the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

About PPD

Partners in Population and Development (PPD) are an international Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO) of 26 member countries from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East representing 59% of the world population. The Alliance was launched in conjunction with the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), 1994 in Cairo, Egypt for the promotion of South-South Cooperation in Reproductive Health, Population and Development. PPD has its Permanent Secretariat based in Dhaka, Bangladesh, a Regional Office in Kampala, Uganda, a Program Office in Taicang, China and has been granted the Permanent Observer Status at the United Nations.

Background of the Establishment of PPD

The idea of forming the Alliance for South-South collaboration owes its origins to the deliberations held in Bellagio, Italy in October 1993, followed by another meeting in August 1994 in Bali, which concluded that “a number of developing countries have been remarkably successful in the design and implementation of national population policies and programs. This represents a unique pool of practical experiences which can greatly assist other developing countries in their efforts to design and implement national strategies.” It was realized in the meeting that sharing of these experiences through South-South Cooperation under an intergovernmental framework would immensely benefit the developing countries, which led to further consultations and launching of the Alliance at International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 1994 in Cairo, Egypt.



Vision

“An Intergovernmental Alliance leading the promotion of South-South Cooperation towards the attainment of the global population and reproductive health agenda for sustainable development”

Mission

“To achieve its vision through sustained advocacy, capacity building, networking, knowledge management/ sharing and transfer of technology in the field of reproductive health and rights, population and development within the framework of South-South Cooperation”.

Priority Areas



Strategic Interventions



Major Achievements

• Inauguration of PPD Secretariat Building Complex in Dhaka

PPD Permanent Secretariat Building Complex was inaugurated on 23rd July 2018 in conjunction with 31st PPD Executive Committee Meeting, which is a landmark achievement of PPD towards institutionalization of SSC with resource base in reproductive health, population and development globally. The building complex inauguration stone was unveiled by the Vice Minister H.E. Mr. Wang Pei'an representing the Chair of PPD, H.E. Dr. Li Bin, Hon. Vice Chairwoman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and Bangladesh Board and Executive Committee Member, H.E. Mr. Mohammed Nasim MP, Hon. Minister of Health and Family Welfare of Bangladesh in presence of all the Executive Committee Members, senior Bangladesh Government officials, representatives from local UN agencies, civil-society leaders, diplomats, media persons and other dignitaries.



H.E. Mr. Mohammed Nasim MP and H.E. Mr. Wang Pei'an inaugurating the PPD Building Complex in presence of the Executive Committee Members



H.E. Mr. Mohammed Nasim MP and H.E. Mr. Wang Pei'an planting a tree in the PPD Building premises

The six storied PPD Secretariat Building was constructed with generous financial contributions from PPD member countries amounting USD 2.5 million, which is demonstrating a unique symbol of global SSC in RH, population and development. Government of Bangladesh donated the land in an administrative zone of Dhaka to establish the permanent PPD Secretariat office. Government of the People's Republic of China provided the major contribution for the construction of the building. Governments of India, South Africa and Thailand contributed in the building construction. PPD is immensely grateful to all the member countries for their generous contribution demonstrating unwavering commitment to the organization for the promotion of South-South Cooperation.

On this auspicious occasion, the Executive Committee Members led by H.E. Mr. Mohammed Nasim MP and H.E. Mr. Wang Pei'an planted a tree in the Secretariat premises as a symbol of longstanding cooperation, friendship and solidarity among the PPD member countries.

• Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with UNFPA

PPD and UNFPA have renewed commitments for deepening their longstanding relationship for advancing SSC in RH, population and development areas. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and an Implementing Partners (IP) Agreement were signed between UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem and PPD Acting Executive Director Dr. Hu Hongtao at UNFPA Headquarters in New York on 11 April 2018. PPD Board Members and PCCs attending the 51st Session of the 2018 United Nations Commission on Population and Development, along with UNFPA senior officials participated in the MoU Signing Ceremony. Notably, this is the second time PPD and UNFPA signed bilateral MoU on collaboration. The first MoU was signed between PPD and UNFPA back in 2002.



*Dr. Natalia Kanem, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UNFPA and
Dr. Hu Hongtao, Acting Executive Director of PPD signing the MoU*

Under the signed MoU, PPD and UNFPA would strengthen their collaboration in the field of Advocacy and policy dialogue, capacity development and sharing of information and best practices to promote South-South Cooperation for the achievement of the ICPD Program of Action and the attainment of the SDGs

• Community Clinics Project funded by the Government of India

Community clinic initiative was envisioned by the Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina more than two decades ago during her first term in office (1996-2000) to reach out primary healthcare, nutrition and family planning services to the doorsteps of the underprivileged and marginalized people residing in the remote rural areas of Bangladesh.

It's a stunning success in providing primary healthcare services with referrals for secondary treatments prompted many PPD member countries to replicate the system in their countries. Against this backdrop, PPD submitted a proposal to the Government of India to fund the establishment of community clinics.

The Government of India provided a grant for construction of 36 Community Clinics under the framework of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Prime Ministers H.E. Narendra Modi of India and H.E. Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh in April 2017.



H.E. Mr. Mohammed Nasim (L) and H.E. Mr. Harsh Vardhan Shringla (R) inaugurating the commencement of the Community Clinic construction in Sunamganj, Sylhet of Bangladesh

Bangladesh Minister of Health and Family Welfare and PPD Board Member H.E. Mr. Mohammed Nasim, MP and the Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Harsh Vardhan Shringla inaugurated the commencement of the construction work of the Community Clinics in Sunamganj, Sylhet of Bangladesh on 4th January 2018, through a ceremony attended by Parliament Members, central and local government administration officials, national media and community people

• Leadership Change in PPD Secretariat

The PPD Secretariat witnessed leadership transition in the year 2018. Following discontinuation services of the former Executive Director in November 2017, Dr. Hu Hongtao of China was assigned as the Acting Executive Director with the task of facilitating recruitment of a New Executive Director.

In July 2018, Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa, from Tunisia was selected as the 5th Executive Director of Partners in Population and Development by PPD Governing Board, who took over the charges from Dr. Hu Hongtao.

Before joining PPD, Mr. Adnene was Director of Technical Cooperation Dept. and served the Tunisian Government as a senior official in different capacities at the National Board for Family and Population under the Ministry of Health of Tunisia. Besides, he has developed enormous international connections through ingenious networking and frequent representation of his country in numerous high-level international fora.



Mr. Adnene brought to PPD wealth of leadership, management and technical expertise of more than 25 years in the field of international cooperation and partnership in Reproductive Health, Population and Development acquired from his closest professional attachment with the field and longest association with PPD

As one of the founding architects of PPD, Mr. Adnene has an excellent relationship with the member states and development partners. He is a well conversant about PPD mandates, priority focus areas, governance and management policies and procedures. He has profound commitment and passion to navigate PPD and promote South-South Cooperation to greater height. Mr. Adnene communicates proficiently in three languages of PPD constituencies which is a unique advantage for the global management of PPD.

Program Activities

- **216,000 hard-to-reach population of Bangladesh will benefit from 36 community clinics being established by PPD**

Establishment of the community clinics is one of the landmark projects being successfully piloted by PPD in Bangladesh for widespread replication into member countries through SSC to promote primary healthcare services in hard-to-reach and underprivileged population by strengthening community healthcare facilities in remote rural areas of the country. With a generous grant of 1.1 million USD from the Indian Government to the Government of Bangladesh, PPD, in collaboration with Bangladesh Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has been establishing 36 Community clinics, which is nearing completion. Construction of 24 out of 36 clinics have been completed and commissioned operation with service provisions while construction of the remaining will be finalized early 2019. These 36 clinics will enable more than 216,000 rural people getting access to primary healthcare and RH/FP services.



Health Services provided at the Community Clinics of Bangladesh

Services provided at Community Clinics

Health Education and Counseling
Maternal and neonatal health care
Integrated Management of Childhood illness
Reproductive Health and Family Planning
EPI, ARI, CDD
Micro-nutrient supplementation
Screening of Non-communicable diseases with upwards referral
Treatment of minor ailments and simple injuries

• Inter Country Cooperation Project

UNFPA and PPD has begun reinforcing their continuing partnership with joint organization of international Inter-Ministerial Conference in population and development in Yogyakarta in November 2017. Subsequently, during 51st Session of UNCPD held in April 2018 in New York, UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem and PPD Acting Executive Director Dr. Hu Hongtao signed a MoU heralding a new chapter of collaboration on the auspicious occasion of the 25th Anniversary of adoption of ICPD PoA and creation of PPD. Under this MoU, UNFPA and PPD signed an Implementing Partner Agreement in June 2018 containing implementation of series of activities including organization of the International Inter-ministerial Conference on SSC in population and development held in Bali, Indonesia from 18 to 20 September 2018, the South-South Survey in PPD member countries to assess the capacity of National Focal Persons and Partner Country Coordinators, developing training module on capacity development in SSC for key actors in PPD member countries. The conduct of South-South Survey findings led to the development of a comprehensive Capacity Assessment Report with recommendations for a number of future actions towards further deepening collaborations on promoting SSC in RH, Population and Development between UNFPA and PPD.

The report highlighted the necessity of establishing more impactful “Centers of Excellence” on south-south cooperation in population and development in PPD member countries for effective knowledge management, research, innovation, scale-up best practices and translation of agendas of ICPD and SDGs into policies and programs. In addition, extensive capacity building and training programs for SSC focal persons and other government officials in developing countries should also be undertaken to enable key actors to initiate, coordinate and promote South-South and Triangular Cooperation programs. The report focused on the importance of institutionalization of south-south and triangular cooperation at the national, regional and global level and ensure national budget allocation along with donor’s funding for south-south cooperation in reproductive health population and development

PPD Scholarship Program

Initiated in 1998, the PPD Scholarship Program is a flagship program of PPD that is significantly contributing towards the development of human resources base in member countries through leadership and capacity development of professionals in program development and service delivery in RH and FP. In the year 2018, PPD facilitated 27 scholarships with the support from the Government of India, the Government of Egypt and the Government of South Africa for professionals of the member countries.



Group photo of PPD scholarship fellows

The Government of Egypt offered ten (10) scholarships for One year Diploma in “Population and Sustainable Development” at the Cairo Demographic Center (CDC), in Cairo, Egypt. The scholarship recipient countries are The Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria South Africa, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

The Government of India offered ten (10) scholarships for One Year “Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management” in National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW), New Delhi, India. The scholarship recipient countries are The Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

The Government of South Africa offered seven (7) scholarships for “One Year Post Graduate Diploma in Population and Policy Analysis” in North-West university of South Africa. The scholarship recipient countries are Egypt, Gambia, Nigeria, Ghana and Uganda.

- **Initiative to reduce maternal mortality in PPD member countries**

Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Reduction in the member countries is one of the foremost strategic priorities of PPD. To this pursuit, PPD Secretariat developed a project proposal entitled “Providing Comprehensive, Safe and Appropriate Intervention to Prevent Postpartum Hemorrhage to Reduce Maternal Mortality” and submitted to China South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund (CSSCAF) seeking financial assistance.

Funding of the project is the pipeline and the project is expected to commence from mid-2019. The project is specifically aimed at reducing maternal mortality rates in three selected PPD member countries, namely Bangladesh, Ghana and Uganda which have high Maternal morbidity and Mortality ratio.



PPD Secretariat with assistance of the Partner Country Coordinators (PCCs) of the respective countries have identified two (2) maternity hospitals in each country and relevant focal points to implement activities of the project mainly in the field of capacity building, transfer of technology, equipment and essential commodities. More of such projects utilizing successful experiences and best practices to be generated from this project are expected to be gradually implemented in other member countries in successive phases.



Selected hospitals from Ghana, Uganda and Bangladesh

• The 15th International Inter-Ministerial Conference (IIMC)

The 15th IIMC on South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) in Population and Family Planning was organized jointly by PPD and UNFPA and generously hosted by the National Population and Family Planning Board (NPFPPB-BKKBN) of the Government of Indonesia in Bali, Indonesia from 18 to 20 September 2018. The central theme of the conference was “South-South and Triangular Cooperation: Emerging Population and Development Issues influencing the 2030 Agenda”. The one and half day long conference was divided into six technical sessions.

The conference offered a great platform to discuss emerging population and development issues; such as ageing and low fertility; demographic dividend; youth, peace and security; and population censuses and data that would benefit SSTC partnership approach.

The Conference concluded with official adoption of Bali Call for Action aimed at submission to the Second High-Level UN Conference on SSC scheduled to be held from 20 to 22 March 2019 celebrating the 40th anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA+40).

About 250 participants from more than 40 countries including the ministers, parliamentarians, scientists, academia, research scholars, internationally acclaimed experts, civil-society and development partners converged in Bali to deliberate and examine how SSTC accelerate achievement of unfinished ICPD PoA and 2030 SDG Agenda in the context of emerging population and development issues.



Participants to the Conference debated on six main themes in population:

1. **SSTC on Low Fertility and Ageing.** This technical session discussed and shared experiences of countries grappling with ageing and low fertility, including lessons learned, substantive issues for policy consideration, opportunities for SSTC, possible modalities to implement SSTC including platforms and methods of collaboration.
2. **SSTC on Youth: including Demographic Dividend and Youth, Peace and Security.** These two related technical sessions discussed and shared the SSTC on the demographic dividend and the progress and impact of its integration into policies and programming at the national and subnational levels, and its monitoring and evaluation. The second part of the series explored initiatives and opportunities for SSTC among relevant countries on Youth, Peace and Security, based on selected countries' experiences, in terms of initiation of UN Resolution 2250, bridging the development, humanitarian and peace nexus, and applying lessons learned using various modalities, platforms and methods of collaboration;

3. **SSTC on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights including Family Planning.** This technical session discussed and shared the current and past SSTC on SRH and RR including rights based Family Planning: its modalities, platforms and methods of collaboration, impact assessment systems, and its lessons learned for future SSTC initiatives.
4. **STC in Humanitarian Programming.** This session focused on lessons learned, emerging issues and opportunities for SSTC on humanitarian response, disaster risk reduction and related issues.
5. **SSTC on Population Data.** This session focused on population data, surveys and censuses. Given the upcoming census 2020 around, SSTC has been ongoing for preparation, methodology and utilization of modern technology, registry based systems and remote sensing technology. Such sharing of good practices would enable countries to identify potential partners based on current successes.
6. **Impact Assessment of SSTC in Population and Family Planning.** This session focused on impact assessment, reporting and documentation for the SSTC in population and family planning and the establishment of a systems approach for tracking good practices for sharing including impact, investment returns and efficiency gains.



Panelists receiving their crest at the end of the session

Advocacy, Resource Mobilization and Partnerships

• Consolidating Cooperation with UNFPA

UNFPA, Govt. of Indonesia and PPD jointly organized the International Inter ministerial Conference on SSTC followed by the 23rd Board Meeting of PPD held in Bali, Indonesia in September 2018. It was an added impetus towards deepening of the collaboration between UNFPA and PPD with the adoption of the outcome document committing to work together in achieving ICPD and SDG 2030 Agenda. PPD and UNFPA committed to work together towards joint implementation of series of programs of mutual interest during the period 2019 – 2021 including the joint organization of the 16th International Inter Ministerial Conference on South-South Cooperation in Population and Development scheduled to be held in Tunis from 21 to 24 October 2019. The joint activities are as follows :



*From L to R: Mr Lin Yanming, Chief ICCO/UNFPA, Mr Adnene Ben Haj Aissa, ED of PPD
Mr Ramiz Alakbarov, Director, Policy and Strategy Division, UNFPA and Dr. Hu Hongtao, Senior Advisor to PPD*

- 1) The Round Table on “SSC for the Next Generation: Leveraging the Demographic Dividend” as side event during the UN High Level Conference on South-South Cooperation to be held from 20 to 22nd March 2019 in Buenos Aires, Argentina;
- 2) The High Level Panel Discussion on “Promoting SSC for the implementation of ICPD Plan of Action and Sustainable Development Goals” to be held on 1st April 2019 on the occasion of the 52nd Session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development (UNCPD) in New York scheduled for 1 to 5 April 2019.
- 3) The 16th International Inter-Ministerial Conference on SSC in Population and Development in Tunis from 21-24 October 2019.
- 4) The ICPD Summit to be held in Nairobi, Kenya during the period 12 – 14 November 2019.

- **Partnership with Gates Institute for Population & Reproductive Health Research**

PPD, UNFPA and Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health Research organized jointly a high level round table during the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) held in November 2018 in Kigali, Rwanda. The round table brought together the ministers from PPD member countries and non-member countries, parliamentarians, senior government officials, international development partners and representatives from civil society



The Executive Director of PPD (second from Left) delivering keynote speech at the high level roundtable in presence of Dr. Natalia Kanem, Executive Director, UNFPA and Dr. Alvaro Bermejo, Director General, IPPF and PPD member countries Representatives



Participants at the Round Table

This round table offered a great opportunity to present achievements made by PPD over the last 24 years in mobilizing national political support and increased financial allocation for Family Planning Programs in member countries and other developing countries through South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

PPD, UNFPA and the Gates institute agreed in principle to work collectively to engage the Parliamentarians within their communities to advocate in favor of Family Planning, Reproductive Health and Population Programs and pave the way for promoting and institutionalization of South-South Cooperation (SSC) to coordinate among different stakeholders implementing the Programs within the framework of newly created SSC entity.

- **Partnership with United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)**



PPD entered into high level discussions with UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) on the occasion of the Global South-South Development Expo held in New York from 28 to 30 November 2018 to enhance collaboration between both the organizations. The meeting with Mr. Jorge Chediek, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General and Director of UNOSSC offered an opportunity to share PPD's programs and activities for the promotion of South-South Cooperation in Reproductive Health, Population and Development. PPD was invited to join the efforts of the UNOSSC for the implementation of South-South in Action project related to documenting best practices in PPD member countries. PPD and UNOSSC will develop a South-South Cooperation leadership development program of its focal persons in PPD member countries. The UNOSSC was invited to participate in future PPD programs and

activities and contribute in sharing experiences from other countries.

Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa, ED of PPD with Mr Jorge Chediek, Special Envoy of the UN SG and Director of UNOSSC

- **Collaboration with JICA**

PPD represented in the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) Ministerial Meeting held in Tokyo hosted by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in October 2018 and explored opportunities for collaboration with JICA and other development partners. The TICAD Conference was the preparatory to the TICAD Summit of Heads of States and the Governments to be held in Yokohoma, Japan in August 2019 where PPD will be represented and share its South-South Cooperation programs implemented in PPD African member countries. The 2019 TICAD Summit to be held in Yokohama will be an occasion to advocate for PPD and renew the collaboration with Japanese institutions including JICA and Japan Association for Family Planning.



Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa, ED of PPD with Representatives from JICA

• Collaboration with PMNCH

PPD participated in the PMNCH Partnership Forum, hosted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India from 12-13 December 2018 New Delhi, India. The forum inaugurated by Indian Prime Minister Norendra Modi, offered an excellent opportunity to explore new avenues for collaboration with the PMNCH and other organizations. The event brought together governments, UN agencies, civil society and academia to renew commitments for strengthening partnerships to generate significant and tangible results in improving maternal, newborn and child health towards the achievement of SDGs. Delegates from PPD member countries attending the Forum shared their countries experiences in promoting maternal and child health and stressed on the role of south-south exchange and cooperation in accelerating the achievement of global health goals

The Partners' Forum declaration focused on implementing concrete and result-oriented actions to be undertaken by all stakeholders under the six thematic priorities of Every Woman, Every Child initiative to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) including primary health care for improving the survival, health and well-being of women, child and adolescent.

During the forum PPD Executive Director met with H.E. Mr. Jagat Prakash Nadda, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and Vice Chair of PPD Board and briefed him about current and future plans and activities of PPD.



H.E. Mr. Jagat Prakash Nadda, Minister of Health and Family Welfare of India receiving Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa, ED of PPD in the presence of the Mr. Manoj Jahlan, Additional Secretary (MOHFW) and Partner Country Coordinator of India and other senior staff from the Ministry during the PMNCH forum.

Strengthening the Governance and Management

- **High Level Consultation on the Development of PPD Charter, By-laws and Policy Manuals**

Ever since its inception, PPD Governance was regulated by the terms of its BY-LAWS adopted at the first Board Meeting in Harare in 1995. The Management Policy Manuals developed subsequently provided management oversight to the Executive Wing of the organization. With continued geographical expansion and increasingly more countries willing to join the organization, a comprehensive instrument guiding governance and membership issues became essential. This also necessitated revision of the management policy manuals to make them consistent with the newly developed Charter. Pursuant to the Board decision taken at the 22nd meeting in Yogyakarta, Indonesia in November 2017, the PPD Secretariat developed the Draft Charter and proposed revisions in the Policy Manuals by the relevant legal and management experts and elicited inputs, comments and feedbacks from the member countries through the Partner Country Coordinators (PCCs). The revised draft documents were thoroughly and meticulously examined and finalized at a High-Level Consultation convened at China Training Center for Reproductive Health and Family Care (CTC) in Taicang, China from 25 to 26 April 2018.



High level consultation held in CTC, China

The Opening Ceremony of the meeting was addressed among others by H.E Mme Cui Li, Vice Minister of NHC-China, Mr Nofrijal, Principal Secretary of BKKBN-Indonesia and Vice Governor of Taicang Municipal Government. The meeting examined, revised and finalized the Draft Charter, By-Laws and Management Policy Manuals and recommended their adoption at the subsequent Executive Committee Meeting and approval at the following Board Meeting.

• 31st Executive Committee Meeting

PPD in collaboration with the Government of Bangladesh organized the 31st Executive Committee meeting in Dhaka from 23 to 24 July 2018. Executive Committee members discussed and adopted the Draft Charter, By-Laws and Policy Manuals finalized by the High- Level Consultation in Taicang.

The Executive Committee, chaired by Mr Wang Pei'an, interviewed 3 (three) candidates shortlisted by an overseas specialized management consultancy company under the guidance of the office of the PPD Chair and unanimously selected Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa of Tunisia as the Fifth Executive Director of PPD.

On the sideline of the 31st EXCOM, the Executive Committee Members accompanied by locally invited dignitaries from the Government, UN Agencies, Diplomatic Missions and Media houses inaugurated the newly constructed PPD Secretariat Building Complex in Dhaka under the leadership of H.E. Mr. Mohamed Nasim MP, Minister of Health and Family Welfare of Bangladesh and H.E. Mr. Wang Pei'an, Vice Minister of the National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China.



PPD Executive Committee Members at the 31st meeting in Dhaka, Bangladesh

• PPD Annual Governance Meetings 2018, Bali, Indonesia

32nd Executive Committee Meeting

The 32nd Executive Committee meeting was hosted by the Government of Indonesia along with all other PPD annual events 2018 on 19 September 2018 was attended by the representatives of the Executive Committee Members. The Executive Committee reviewed and adopted PPD governance and policy documents, such as newly developed PPD Charter, revised By-Laws and Management Policy Manuals, which were also adopted during the previous 31st Executive Committee Meeting held in Bangladesh in July 2018. Furthermore, the meeting also reviewed and adopted the 5-years Internal Audit report of the Secretariat conducted by an internally reputed audit firm. On behalf of PPD board chair Dr. Li Bin, the meeting was chaired by Mr. He Zhaohua, Deputy Director-General of International Cooperation of the National Health Commission (NHC), the Government of China. The Secretary of PPD board H.E. Mrs. Susan Shabangu, Hon. Minister of Social Development, Government of South Africa attended the meeting and reinforced her commitment towards strengthening PPD for SSC.

23rd Annual Board Meeting

The 23rd Annual Board Meeting was held on 20th September 2018 in Bali, Indonesia. The business session of the board meeting was commenced with a Grand Opening Ceremony attended by all national and international dignitaries attending Inter-Ministerial Conference, PPD Board Members, PCCs, high officials from UN and Government agencies. The meeting was presided over by H. E. Dr. Li Bin, Chair, PPD Board and Hon. Vice Chairwoman of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), Government of the People's Republic of China and was also attended by PPD Board Members and partners country coordinators.



PPD Board Members and PCCs at the 23rd Annual Board Meeting in Bali

The Board adopted the newly developed PPD Charter, revised By-Laws and Management Policy Manuals, expressed commitments and directed the Secretariat to ensure strict adherence of the Governance and Management Policy Instruments. The Board expressed great satisfaction over the most realistic work plan and budget for 2019, adopted and directed the Secretariat to implement them efficiently. The Board Members unanimously and warmly approved the recruitment of Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa as the Fifth Executive Director of PPD and offered their complete support and assistance in discharging his duties in propelling the organization to greater height internationally. The PPD Board Chair congratulated the newly appointed ED of PPD and called Board members to extend their support to him.



The Board approved the increase of the Executive Committee Member from Eight to Nine with effect from 2020 election. The Board happily endorsed with spontaneous applause the PPD Treasurer's gracious offer to host the 2019 Annual Events including the 16th International Inter-Ministerial Conference by the Government of Tunisia and advised the Secretariat led by a Tunisian for ensuring timely preparation of the events.

The 23rd Annual Board Meeting adopted a Joint Statement of PPD and UNFPA committing both the organizations to increasingly broadening and deepening their existing collaboration towards implementation of the ICPD/PoA and the attainment of SDGs.

20th Partner Country Coordinators (PCCs) and Partners Institutions Meeting

The 20th Annual PCC and Partners Institutions meeting was held on 19 September 2018 in Bali Indonesia attended by PCCs from 21 member countries. The PCCs discussed and reviewed the draft PPD Work Plan of 2019, the PPD and UNFPA Joint Statement for the 23rd Board Meeting and the Bali Call for Action. The PCCs also discussed and provided their feedbacks on the capacity assessment of focal persons in promoting South-South Cooperation activities and PPD/UNFPA survey on the contribution of South-South Cooperation for the implementation of ICPD Program of Action, including health and population related global goals.



20th Partner Country Coordinators meeting in Bali

The Partner Country Coordinators expressed their satisfaction on the recruitment of the new Executive Director of PPD and warmly welcomed him on board. The PCCs reaffirmed their fullest support and assistance to him in his future endeavor and wished him a fulfilling career in this prestigious position. The PCCs urged the Executive Director and the Secretariat Staff to initiate developing the next five year Strategic Plan as the existing one will conclude in 2019, and suggested that a PCC Consultative Meeting should be organized to galvanize the process. The new Strategic Plan will be presented to the next Board Meeting for approval.

The PCC meeting was also an opportunity to discuss the celebration of 25th anniversary of PPD in 2019 and PCCs suggested that the Secretariat would draft a concept note on the events that can be organized in PPD member countries to mark the anniversary which coincides with 25 years of ICPD and 40th anniversary of the Buenos Aires Program of Action on South-South Cooperation.

Information Sharing and Communication

- **Sharing PPDs activities with African Parliamentary Committees of Health (NEAPACOH)**

Organized by PPD ARO, the NEAPACOH meeting held in Kampala, Uganda from October 30-31, 2018, under the theme “Building the capacity of African policy makers for improved reproductive health and family planning outcomes in the region: challenges and Opportunities”, offered an excellent opportunity for PPD to share the achievements made by the organization in the field of population through South-South Cooperation, showcase successful experiences in PPD’s member countries on the role of Parliamentarians in promoting RH/FP programs in their countries by mobilizing domestic political and financial resources. African Parliamentarians recommended Inter Regional collaboration among Africa, Asia and Latin America to diversify exchange of information and experiences. The Kampala Call to Action adopted at the meeting called upon the Parliamentarians to advocate with their respective government and with other African countries for the achievement of SDGs and improve the RH/FP programs through south-south cooperation.



Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa, ED of PPD delivering His speech at the opening of the NEAPACOH Conference



(L to R): Mr Patrick Mugirwa, PPD ARO, Dr. Jotham Musinguzi DG of the NCP, Uganda, Mr Adnene Ben Haj Aissa, ED of PPD, H.E. Mr David Bahati, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda, H.E. M. Matia Kasajja, Minister of Finance, Uganda and Dr. Betty Kyaddondo, PCC of Uganda

- **Strengthening communication between Secretariat and PPD member countries**

A series of meetings with PPD Board members and Partner Country Coordinators were held during 2018 with the aim of improving the communication and coordination between the Secretariat and PPD member countries. The meetings also offered the opportunity to keep the Honorable Board Members and PCCs updated on the ongoing activities and future programs to be undertaken to move the organization to greater height towards assuming the global leadership of South-South Cooperation in Reproductive Health, Population and Development. The Hon. Board Members and PCCS reaffirmed their increasing commitment and support to the organization and renewed their trust on the Executive Director.

• Production of advocacy and communication Tools

PPD in collaboration with the Chinese Center for Communication developed a five minutes video summarizing the key achievements made by the organization over the last 24 years in South-South Cooperation in Reproductive Health and Population. The Video was first displayed at the opening ceremony of the 23rd Board Meeting of PPD held in Bali, Indonesia in September 2018 and served as a communication tool to advocate for PPD in international fora. The video was shared with all PPD member countries and uploaded into PPD Website.

In addition, PPD published a brochure on 24 years Journey of PPD with relevant information on the organization and its global leading role in promoting south-south cooperation in reproductive health, population and development. The brochure was disseminated in all events attended by PPD representatives.



To watch the video, please visit - <https://youtu.be/8zjF3vvTru0>



Brochure of PPD 24 Years

Program Activities Implemented in Africa Region through PPD Africa Regional Office (ARO)



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Advocacy & policy development

During 2018, continental, regional and national meetings were organized and attended by policy makers, key government leaders and local advocates; in partnership with other similar organizations. Capacity building activities for policy makers were also conducted and deployed them as champions for RH/FP at various levels; in-country orientation meetings with policy makers and relevant ministries, development partners, and CSOs were implemented

- **Advocacy meetings with policy makers in Uganda on positioning RH/FP as high priorities on national development agendas**

PPD ARO in partnership with key stakeholders conducted a number of advocacy activities with the main objectives of: ensuring that the Government of Uganda allocates \$ 5 million for procurement of FP commodities for FY 2018/19 to fulfill the renewed FP2020 Financial Commitment; achieving the NEAPACOH commitment of having Parliament approve the National Health Insurance Scheme that incorporates Family planning by October 2018; and ensuring accountability for the budget allocations for FP/RH so that the allocations are expended for the right commodities.



A Breakfast Meetings on positioning of RH/FP high on development agenda with Members of Parliament of Uganda

- **Tanzanian parliamentarians advocate for the achievement of FP2020 Commitments**

PPD ARO, jointly with the Advance Family Planning (AFP) Project Tanzania organized an advocacy meeting with Tanzania parliamentarians on accountability for the FP2020 commitments and other commitments the country has made related to FP/RH. The meeting was held on April 17, 2018, in Dodoma, Tanzania. The participants at the meeting were mainly drawn from Tanzania Parliamentary Association on Population and Development (TPAPD). Other meeting attendees included representatives from Parliamentary Social Development and Social Services Committee; Parliamentary Budget Committee; Parliamentary Administration and Local Government Committee; and representatives from the Ministry of health. The parliamentarians were oriented on the central role played by RH/FP on the achievement of the SDGs. Parliamentarians committed to champion discussions and engagement with relevant government ministries, departments and agencies to ensure that adequate resource allocations are made for RH/FP and mainstreamed in the sector development programs and plans.

- **Renewed commitment of Members of Parliament to NEAPACOH Declaration**

PPD ARO conducted a series of follow up meetings with Parliamentarians of Health Committees attended the NEAPACOH meeting of 2017 organized in Kampala, Uganda with the aim to review progress made in the implementation of commitments that were made at a NEAPACOH meeting. These meetings were organized with the support of PPD Board members and Partner Country Coordinators in Kenya and Senegal.



A group photo of participants at the PPD ARO/AFP Joint Meeting organized for Parliamentarians in Dodoma, April 17, 2018

Members of Parliament from Kenya committed to pass an amendment to the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) so that it provides Universal health care. Other FP/RH related commitments (FP2020) by Kenya include finalizing and disseminating the family planning national Costed Implementation Plan (CIP) (2017-2020); strengthening national family planning programme by making a commitment to increase domestic financing for family planning at both levels of government; and strengthening partnership with the private sector through a total market approach to enable an increase in private sector participation in FP services delivery.

In Senegal, over twenty parliamentarians, members of the Committee of Health of the Parliament of Senegal, assessed, in the workshop co-organized by PPD ARO, the progress made to improve health indicators and the remaining challenges in implementation of the RH/FP commitments to achieve national and international health objectives. Members of Parliament agreed to establish a critical group of champions including parliamentarians, members of CSOs and technocrats under the leadership of the 4th Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly to advocate for the implementation of the FP2020 and other FP/RH related commitments that the country has made at national and international forums.



Group photo of participants at a follow up meeting with Members of Parliament of Senegal on NEAPACOH commitments, July 5, 2018, Dakar, Senegal.

• Regional level advocacy and capacity building

Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN) coordination meeting, Kigali, Rwanda

PPD ARO organized the 8th Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN) coordination meeting which was held on July 17 – 18, 2018 in Kigali, Rwanda. The meeting was officiated at the opening by the Rwandan Minister of Health Hon. Dr. Diane Gashumba. It was attended by focal persons of EARHN, representatives from the ministries of health and civil society from the respective member countries of Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. Researchers from the Innovating for Maternal and Child Health in Africa (IMCHA) programme shared findings from the various studies that they have conducted on improving maternal and child health as well as reproductive health/family planning outcomes in the Eastern Africa Region. In addition, Ethiopia and Rwanda shared the best practices, challenges and opportunities in improving access to FP/RH services and information among the adolescents.

As the output for the meeting, country delegations developed country specific advocacy action plans (anchored on EARHN 2017 – 2021) for implementation in 2018 and 2019 that were based on the successful advocacy approaches shared during the meeting. The link below takes you to the 8th Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network coordination meeting in photos.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/158675634@N02/albums/72157698762241904>

Meeting of the Network of African Parliamentary Committees of Health (NEAPACOH), Kampala, Uganda

PPD ARO has since 2008 been organizing annual meetings of NEAPACOH aimed at exposing and building the capacity of policy makers on issues of RH/FP. The meetings also provide opportunities for sharing good and innovative parliamentary practices for enhancing accountability and stewardship for RH/FP programs in the context of sustainable development.

For the year 2018, PPD ARO organized a two-day NEAPACOH meeting from October 30-31, 2018 in Kampala, Uganda under the theme “Building the capacity of African policy makers for improved reproductive health and family planning outcomes in the region: challenges and Opportunities”. The specific objectives of the meeting were to share progress, lessons learned and remaining challenges on implementation of the RH/FP related commitments that were made during NEAPACOH meeting of December 2017; to share parliamentary experiences and good practices that enhance the achievement of ICPD Program of Action, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), FP2020.

The meeting was opened by the Speaker of Uganda’s Parliament, Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga and drew participants from the Parliaments and National Assemblies of Burundi, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Senegal, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Lesotho, Namibia, Nigeria, Seychelles, and Zimbabwe. Others participants were from United Kingdom, United States of America, Bangladesh, Niger, Benin, Burkina Faso, Morocco and Mozambique. In total, 191 participants attended the meeting. The meeting developed and adopted a 2018 Kampala Call for Action which elaborates and emphasizes key recommendations around the areas of building the capacities for policy makers to effectively perform the representative, legislative, budget oversight and appropriation roles in addressing RH/FP challenges. The Call to Action highlights areas of achieving universal health coverage, harnessing the Demographic Dividend, addressing high incidences of unsafe abortion, achieving the Abuja declaration on health financing target, addressing high maternal mortality ratio and the non-communicable diseases, as priorities of focus in engaging with governments.

Capacity Development for SSC

- **Collaboration with Advanced Family Planning (AFP)**

During the month of July 2018, PPD ARO hosted a two person mission from AFP Baltimore, in the names of Liz Bayer, the Programme Officer and Lihn Nguyen, the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer. The mission provided space for the two organizations, PPD ARO and AFP Baltimore, to discuss and agree on the strategic shifts and objectives of AFP for the period 2018 – 2022 as well as the monitoring and evaluation mechanisms of the initiative during the period.

- **AFP SMART Advocacy portfolio diffusion workshop**

In partnership with Reproductive Health Uganda, PPD conducted a four days' AFP SMART advocacy diffusion workshop on August 7 – 10, 2018 at Jinja Nile Resort Hotel. Participants were selected from civil society organizations (CSOs) doing advocacy for young people's access to sexual reproductive health information and services. The workshop drew participants from 10 CSOs and aimed at disseminating the AFP SMART Advocacy approach to partners, make partners understand AFP SMART advocacy and how to apply it in developing advocacy strategies.

- **Improving Capacities for Resource mobilization**

PPD ARO staff attended in-depth training workshop on resource mobilization organized by Advocacy Accelerator through Amref Health Africa. The training workshop was held in Kampala, Uganda and was anchored around helping organizations to understand, assess and select an appropriate mix of resource mobilization options and to significantly improve their ability to identify and engage with donor. The workshop contributed in enhancing capacities of participants including PPD ARO staff to improve their ability to identify, engage with and develop successful proposals to donors; as well as grant seeking skills to navigate a greater diversity of donors.

- **Africa Region Partner Country Coordinators (PCCs) meeting**

On November 1, 2018, in Kampala, Uganda, PPD ARO organized a coordination meeting for PCCs from the Africa region. PCCs from nine countries namely Uganda, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Ghana, The Gambia, Benin, Tunisia, Morocco, and Nigeria attended the meeting. The meeting was chaired by the Director General of the National Population Council of Uganda, Dr. Jotham Musinguzi and the Executive Director of PPD, Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa. The meeting reviewed the PPD Strategic Plan 2015 – 2019, extensively, discussed and identified building blocks for the successor PPD Strategic Plan for 2020 – 2024.



Participants at the Africa region PCCs coordination meeting, Nov 1, 2018, Uganda

Partnerships and relationships

- **Advocating for SSC at the East Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC) Ministers' conference, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania**

The 65th Health Ministers' Conference was held in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania in March, 2018 with participation of PPD ARO as one of the implementing partners of the IMCHA initiative. The theme of the Conference was "Multi-Sectoral Collaboration for Health towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals". During the conference, topics on the areas of governance and leadership practices in the health sector; mitigating the impact of emerging and re-emerging diseases; multi-sectoral responses to Non-communicable Diseases; and accountability for women's, Children's and Adolescent Health post-2015 were discussed. The output of the conference was a Declaration which enjoins all the ECSA member countries to commit to addressing challenges that constrain delivery of better outcomes in the areas afore-mentioned. The conference also provided opportunities for building strategic partnerships focusing on South-South Cooperation in improving advocacy for RH/FP, population and development in the ECSA region.

- **Participation in Advance Family Planning (AFP) East Africa partners meeting in Nairobi, Kenya**

PPD ARO participated in the East Africa AFP partners meeting that was held in Nairobi, Kenya on May 11, 2018. The meeting was organized and facilitated by the AFP Baltimore team, led by Beth Fredrick, the Executive Director of AFP. The purpose of the meeting was to review the draft narrative of the AFP supplemental proposal with the focus on discussing and preparing for the future of AFP. The output of the meeting was a better understanding of the focus, objectives and scope of AFP, moving forward. It was also during this meeting that information was received that the AFP Uganda team (PPD ARO and Reproductive Health Uganda) will continue to get funding for FP advocacy work in Uganda for the next five years running from 2018 – 2022.

- **Participation in the ASPEN workshop in Nairobi, Kenya**

PPD ARO was represented in the workshop organized by ASPEN Institute on supporting local advocacy which was held in Nairobi, Kenya, May 30 – June 1, 2018. ASPEN Institute was commissioned by Hewlett Foundation to undertake M&E capacity building for the Hewlett Foundation implementation partners (IPs). The workshop was attended by Hewlett Foundation IPs. The workshop was held to help IPs and Hewlett Foundation explore and have a better understanding of principles underlying the Hewlett Foundation's strategy for supporting local FP/RH advocacy in sub-Saharan Africa. The principles are: support local advocacy while seeking opportunities to connect these to global advocacy efforts; strengthen and provide more hands-on and sustained technical assistance tailored to each organization; support longer-term advocacy partnerships that strengthen and support local advocacy capacity; encourage mutual accountability among all parties: funders, intermediaries, and local partners; and measure progress, document, adapt and share what is learned.

The outputs of the meeting were a better understanding of: the core principles behind the Hewlett Foundation's sub-strategy of advocacy for FPRH; strategies for increasing mutual accountability between the Foundation and grantees, and between grantees and CSOs; and the Advocacy Accelerator and its role in supporting access to information and technical assistance.

- **Participation in a regional stakeholders' meeting on using evidence for decision making in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

PPD ARO participated in a regional meeting on using evidence to improve maternal and child health outcomes that was held on June 20 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The participants at the meeting included ministry of health officials, development partners, civil society organizations and the media. The specific objectives of the meeting were: to highlight innovative interventions being implemented as part of the IMCHA initiative to address maternal health challenges; and to share findings around community-based interventions; quality of care at the facility level; and human resources for health. The meeting came up with five high-priority recommendations, based on evidence, to improve maternal and child health in Tanzania. They are use of m-Health technology by community health workers (CHWs); encourage male involvement; strengthen management skills of health facility leadership; set-up simulation sites to maintain clinical skills; and scale-up the three-month in-service orientation CEmONC and anesthesia program.



Participants at a regional stakeholders' meeting on using evidence for decision making, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

- **3rd Annual Family Planning (FP) Expenditure Tracking, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

PPD ARO was represented in the third Annual Family Planning Expenditure Tracking Meeting on Transparency and Accountability for Domestic Resources Mobilized that was held between July 30th and August 4th in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The workshop was attended by representatives from 18 countries; from the US, West, Central and East Africa (including the constituency of the Ouagadougou Partnership). The meeting validated cross-national scorecard on government spending for family planning and developed recommendations on transparency standards governing specific budget lines related to family planning.

- **Accountability framework for MCH commitments**

PPD ARO attended a workshop to develop a tool/framework for monitoring of reproductive and maternal health commitments that have overtime been developed during the ECSA Ministers Conference and NEAPACOH meetings. The workshop was held in July 30 – August 2, 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya. Funded by APHRC, the workshop was organized under the auspices of Innovating for Maternal and Child Health in Africa (IMCHA), an initiative that is implemented by APHRC, PPD ARO and ECSA Health community. The outcome of the meeting was a framework which provides a vehicle for ensuring that RMNCAH commitments made at the regional forums are clearly communicated, effectively implemented and monitored. The framework was developed with the support of funding from International Development Research Center (IDRC) through the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) who also provided the technical support.

- **International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) 2018, Kigali, Rwanda**

PPD ARO staff participated in the ICFP 2018 which was held in Kigali Rwanda on November 10 – 15, 2018. During the conference, PPD ARO made a poster presentation on how subnational FP advocacy yielded US\$340,000 in allocations from 33 districts of Uganda. The poster received a lot of attention and interest from ICFP attendees who wanted to know how to get district leaders commit and make funding allocations for FP which is sometimes a controversial subject among some sections of society. PPD ARO was represented at a panel on GFF where one of its staff made a presentation on local and global GFF advocacy and accountability for FO- interventions that work. In addition, PPD ARO staff participated in a number of sessions where FP advocacy experiences and lessons learned were shared. The conference provided excellent opportunities for creating partnerships and networking with development partners and like-minded organizations during which the visibility and presence of PPD was made well known.

- **Promoting SSC with South Sudan Parliamentarians**

PPD ARO hosted a delegation of Parliamentarians from South Sudan who visited Uganda to benchmark best practices for building effective south-south cooperation, establishing working relationships and learning between parliamentarians, governments and CSOs. Members of delegation learned about PPD's high level advocacy engagement with African parliamentarians and policy makers especially through the NEAPACOH and its benefits and were invited to engage in South-South Cooperation with PPD member countries in the region for the benefit of their RH/FP and population program.



*Group photo of participants at a meeting
with a delegation of South Sudan MPs,
Dec 5, 2018*

Resource mobilization

During the period January – December, 2018, PPD ARO signed a new grant worth \$400,000 with Hewlett Foundation whose implementation will run for one year from January – December 2019. The Grant is on building the capacity of African Policy makers for better RH/FP outcomes on the continent. In addition, PPD ARO signed an agreement with AFP worth \$200,000 to conduct funding and policy advocacy for FP in Uganda. PPD ARO has also negotiated with the Government of Uganda, through the National Population Council, to create a budget line towards support for PPD ARO programs in the financial year 2019/2020. This issue has already been discussed with highest levels at NPC and Ministry of Finance as well as people responsible for budget development.

Leadership, Institutional and Individual Capacity Development Programs Implemented by PPD China Program Office



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During 2018 and with the constant guidance and support from PPD Secretariat, National Health Commission of China and many other domestic and international institutes and organizations, PPD China Programme Office (PPD China) continued to promote the South-South Cooperation in the field of population and development mainly through meeting hosted by PPD and 5 seminars hosted by Ministry of Commerce and National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China.

As a platform of China to communicate with other countries and regions in the field of population and development, PPD China is highly responsive and active to contribute in capacity building efforts through workshops and seminars. With great support from National Health Commission, Ministry of Commerce and Taicang municipal government, PPD China successfully organized several meetings and training activities which will have a positive effect for the increasing of China's impact in the global environment, to better serve the development of PPD and other international affairs in the field of population and development.

- **Ministerial Seminar on Population, Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction for Developing Countries**



Sponsored by MOFCOM and National Health Commission, Ministerial Seminar on Population Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction for Developing Countries was successfully held from 16 May to 22 May in Beijing, Shanghai and Taicang, China. The seminar brought together 28 delegates from 8 countries of Nepal, Sri Lanka, South Sudan, Egypt, Cambodia, Kenya and Sudan, including 6 consultants from Federal Council of Nepal, 2 undersecretaries from South Sudan and 1 vice minister from Sri Lanka. H.E. Mr. Jin Xiaotao, former vice-minister of National Health Commission met with ministers and vice-ministers attending the seminar.

- **Seminar on Population and Sustainable Development for Developing Countries**

Sponsored by MOFCOM and National Health Commission, Seminar on Population and Sustainable Development for Developing Countries was successfully held from 6 to 26, June in Beijing, Shanghai and Taicang, China. 30 participants from 9 developing countries attended the seminar. With 16 sessions, experience sharing, field visits and cultural tour, Participants have a better understanding in the policy system and practical experience in population information building, sustainable development, poverty reduction, capability building, which helps promote the international

cooperation in population and sustainable development.



- **Seminar on Promoting Maternal and Child Health Care for Developing Countries**



Sponsored by MOFCOM and National Health Commission, Seminar on Population and Sustainable Development for Developing Countries was successfully held from 11 to 25, July in Taicang, Shanghai and Hangzhou of Zhejiang Province, China. The seminar brought 50 participants in maternal and child health care from 13 developing countries together. Participants have a better understanding of China's experience, policy, law, progress and success on Maternal and Child Health care and RH after learning 12 projects including Informed Choice and Consulting on Reproductive Health and Contraception, Child Health Care and Early Childhood Development, Maternal and Child Health Care and Family Planning Service in Chinese Community and so on.

- **Seminar on Medical and Health Services for Panama**



Sponsored by MOFCOM and National Health Commission, Seminar on Medical and Health Services for Panama was successfully held from 5 to 25, September in Taicang of Jiangsu Province and Hangzhou of Zhejiang Province, China. 14 representatives in medical and health services from Panama attended the seminar. 16 sessions were carried out during the 21 days. Through lectures, field visits, experience sharing and culture exchanging, participants have a better understanding of China's experience, policy, progress and success on health, which helps deepen the bilateral cooperation.

- **Seminar on Livelihood Issues for Developing Countries: Practice and Path Selection**



Sponsored by MOFCOM and National Health Commission, Seminar on Medical and Health Services for Panama was successfully held from 23 to 29, October in Taicang, China. 23 participants from Laos, Panama, Slovenia and Ecuador attended.

Participants have a better understanding of China's social sustainable developmental pattern on ageing after field visiting the nursing institute and learning 6 subjects, such as Health Ageing, Construction of Service System on Social Endowment, Healthy Ageing and SSC

Annexures

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Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South and Triangular Cooperation: Emerging Population and Development Issues Influencing the 2030 Agenda

18-20 September 2018 Bali, Indonesia

BALI CALL FOR ACTION

We, the delegates assembled here in Bali, Indonesia from 18th to 20th September 2018 for the Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South and Triangular Cooperation: Emerging Population and Development Issues Influencing the 2030 Agenda, organized by the Government of Indonesia, specifically by the National Population and Family Planning Board of Indonesia (BKKBN), in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and Partners in Population and Development (PPD), adopt this declaration.

This Inter-Ministerial Conference was held leading up to the 25th anniversary of the implementation of International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action (PoA) (ICPD@25) and to the Second High-Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in March 2019 (BAPA+40). The objectives of this Conference were to discuss emerging issues, share successful experiences and good practices in population and development, identify the strategic priorities and appropriate modalities of South-South Cooperation (SSC) for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and provide inputs to the BAPA+40 deliberations.

A total of 250 delegates from more than 40 countries, including Ministers, Vice Ministers, and senior government officials responsible for population affairs from the PPD member-countries and other developing countries, representatives from UNFPA and the other relevant UN agencies, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and donor agencies, and experts from the academic and research institutions, participated in this Conference.

We, the delegates of the Inter-Ministerial Conference on SSTC

Recognized that SSC is guided by the principles of respect for national sovereignty, national ownership and independence, non-conditionality, non-interference in domestic affairs and mutual benefit, and this Call for Action is based on these principles, which was mandated by the 1955 Bandung Asian-African Conference and other relevant conferences. We also note that SSC is not a substitute for, but a complement to, North-South cooperation.

Realized that SSC in population and development has become an increasingly critical means to strengthen partnership for the achievement of the ICPD goals and the SDGs. The achievement of the 2030 Agenda requires careful consideration of population dynamics and trends for planning, implementation and monitoring of the SDG targets.

Reaffirmed our commitment to the goals and principles of the ICPD PoA and the SDGs and resolved to translate these commitments into national agenda and actions to attain universal access to sexual and reproductive health, and realize the demographic dividend and sustainable development. We also recalled our commitment to the declarations and action plans made at the previous Inter-Ministerial Conferences in Population and Development including the “Beijing Call for Action” adopted by the Ministerial Strategic Dialogue on South-South Cooperation for Population and Development held in Beijing, in March 2016.

Acknowledged that 86% of the world total population is in developing countries; so, population dynamics, sexual and reproductive health and gender equality are at the core of sustainable development, and that deepening South-South cooperation in these fields will contribute to the health and well-being of the people in developing countries and sustainable development.

Appreciated the contribution made by all the stakeholders and individuals in advancing SSC since the ICPD in 1994; acknowledged the importance of triangular cooperation in bridging South-South and North-South cooperation; acknowledged UNFPA's substantial contribution and critical role in advancing SSC in population and development; recognized that PPD has made tremendous progress and achievements for promoting SSC in population and development in the past 24 years.

Noted with appreciation funding facilities by Southern countries, especially emerging economies, that are increasing their support to SSC and are allocating more resources to accelerate the implementation of the ICPD PoA and the attainment of the SDGs.

Recognized that many Southern countries have new skills and technologies that can be shared with fellow Southern countries, and that more appropriate solutions to some challenges faced by Southern countries are more readily available in other Southern countries;

Recognized that emerging population and development issues such as low fertility and ageing in some developing countries; youth development for demographic dividend, peace and security; sexual and reproductive health services in humanitarian and conflict situation; and big data utilization, will influence and contribute to the 2030 agenda.

Affirmed that the renewed emphasis on SSC provides an opportunity to broaden the range and scope of contributions, and to leverage their effect for impact-oriented programming, additional resources, innovative SSC and funding models and shaping SSC partnership initiatives that are structured to achieve scaled and longer-term objectives.

Recognized challenges and future opportunities for SSC, which include: translating the goals of SSC into specific programmes and policies; realizing the difference between operational and articulate principles; coordinating stakeholders at the national, regional and global levels; strengthening information-sharing; improving the capacity and efficiency of SSC; devoting more resources for SSC; and, increasing engagement of the private sector and civil society.

Thanked the Government of Indonesia, as host country, for the excellent arrangement of this Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South and Triangular Cooperation: Emerging Population and Development Issues Influencing the 2030 Agenda, and appreciated Indonesia's active role and longstanding contribution in promoting South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

We, the delegates of the Inter-Ministerial Conference on SSTC

Call upon governments and international organizations to undertake more political commitment to SSC in population and development, particularly in emerging issues of low fertility and ageing in some developing countries; youth development for harnessing the demographic dividend, peace and security; sexual and reproductive health and family planning services in humanitarian and conflict situation, and big data utilization.

Recommend the following as the strategic priority areas for SSC: population and development; universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights-based family planning, including in all phases of humanitarian emergency and disaster risk reduction; women's, children's and adolescents' health; gender equality; healthy ageing; migration; and poverty alleviation with particular emphasis on emerging population issues.

Commit to making more efforts to the organization of the International Conference on SSTC in Population and Development, which serves as a unique global high-level platform of developing countries for sharing experiences and good practices, conducting policy dialogues, and developing capacity in population and development. PPD is encouraged to continue this annual high-level international forum on SSC and to keep it open to all developing countries. Relevant stakeholders are encouraged to continue their commitment on the Beijing Call for Action in this regard.

Encourage the efforts of countries to accelerate international coordination for SSC to better share information, identify and coordinate support for concrete SSC programmes. In order to make SSC successful, the international SSC players need to be working together in a coordinated manner.

Commit to make more efforts in strengthening the multi-stakeholder partnerships for SSC. It is critical to renew and expand already existing partnerships and create new ones, among the various existing mechanisms for SSC, based on the specific mandates and comparative advantages of the diverse organizations involved. We encourage and support the initiative of the Roundtable on SSTC at the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP), which aims at bringing state and non-state stakeholders together to achieve a solid community of practice in SSC around specific shared/common goals related to ICPD agenda through drawing on each other's strengths.

Commit to make more efforts for strengthening human resource development for SSC. As human resource development and knowledge sharing remain at the center of technical cooperation initiatives among Southern countries, this form of cooperation will be prioritized in the agenda of national governments, international organizations, inter-governmental bodies, civil society organizations (CSOs), including community-based and faith-based organizations. More efforts should be given to providing technical support towards capacity building of the Southern institutions involved in training activities for SSC. UNFPA and PPD are called upon to lead in such efforts.

Encourage and support the establishment and development of the Centers of Excellence on SSC for Population and Development. The evidence both inside and outside population and family planning sectors demonstrate that the SSC Centers of Excellence have been playing an active and effective role in knowledge sharing, technical transfer and institutional networking for SSC, and it is a part of the institutionalization efforts for SSC in population and development. More resources at the national and international level should be allocated to assist and promote this initiative in the aspects of providing enabling policies, capacity building, and sustained and regulated financial support.

Commit to support the efforts for high-quality and validated evidence on what works on SSC, to be informed by country-led Monitoring and Evaluation systems and research on SSC. As the year 2019 is ICPD+25 and BAPA+40, it is essential to have a comprehensive review of the progress made and lessons learnt for SSC, and based on which, policy recommendations and strategies should be made to further promote SSC for attaining the ICPD goals and the SDGs. We encourage the national governments, UNFPA, PPD and other international organizations, donor agencies to make joint effort to develop a follow-up and review mechanism of SSC that will promote accountability to citizens, identify good practices, mobilize support to overcome shared challenges, and identify new and emerging issues. It should be aligned with the review mechanism of the 2030 Agenda in order to create synergies and efficiencies by avoiding duplication. We encourage and support more academic research, which may include the comparative advantages and innovative modalities of SSC, and appropriate linkages between South-South cooperation and North-South cooperation in population and development.

Encourage relevant UN agencies and international organizations to follow the example of UNFPA in establishing SSC as a programming strategy in its strategic plan. SSC elements should be incorporated into development and humanitarian programmes of the international organizations and into the national population and reproductive health programmes. Basic indicators such as national strategies, national task force, regular national budget line, and government-funded activities for SSC, as well as results indicators, should be established for monitoring and evaluation of SSC.

Annex - ii



JOINT STATEMENT

Adopted at the 23rd Board Meeting of Partners in Population and Development

Bali, Indonesia

We the delegates, including ministers, high-level officials of the PPD Member States and representatives of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) gathered here in Bali, Indonesia on 20 September 2018 for the 23rd Board Meeting of Partners in Population and Development (PPD) unanimously agreed to adopt the joint statement:

Reiterating that in order to successfully implement the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Agenda Beyond 2014 and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and achieve mutual success, PPD with its Member States and international community should strengthen and support stakeholders, including civil society, private sector and foundation to play a greater role in building effective multi-stakeholder partnerships.

Recognizing that South-South Cooperation (SSC) is a great initiative for development among countries in the south and that it is a partnership of equality, solidarity, mutual trust, benefit, and assistance, strengthening SSC will contribute to sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic and social development.

Appreciating the great initiatives of PPD since its founding 24 years ago for organizing the International Inter-Ministerial Conference on Population and Development, conducting experience exchanges and human resource development, promoting technical transfer and networking in the areas of maternal and child health, reproductive health and strengthening the partnerships with UNFPA and other UN agencies, international organizations and donor agencies. PPD has become a main driving force in the promotion of SSC in population and development.

Recalling the commitment to the declarations and action plans made at the previous Inter-Ministerial Conferences in Population and Development including the "Beijing Call for Action" adopted at the Ministerial Strategic Dialogue on South-South Cooperation for Population and Development held in Beijing in March 2016.

Congratulating the member states on their remarkable progress made in national population and health policies and programs which has brought a marked decline in maternal mortality and the under-five mortality, and a steady increase in life expectancy in developing countries and eventually a continued improvement in health and well-being of their people. These achievements significantly contribute to the improvement of the global health.

Commending the long-standing technical and financial support that UNFPA has provided to PPD and its member states for SSC, and the important key roles it played in promoting the partnerships between the Population and Development South-South Cooperation Centers of Excellence and the relevant institutions in PPD member countries and in other developing countries.

In order to generate new concepts, explore new mechanisms, develop new driving forces, and achieve new goals for the future SSC in population and development, we are committed to take the following actions:

Strengthen political commitments, pay more attention to population and development issues, taking the concept of “human development as the center” throughout the entire process of population governance, studying the impact of emerging population issues on the realization of the SDGs, and emphasizing sustainable, equitable, common and comprehensive development.

Further promote the growth and development of PPD, and generate further exchanges with UNFPA and other UN agencies and international organizations, build multi-stakeholder partnerships relating to the interests of all communities, actively take advantage of the Permanent Observer Status at the United Nations, participate in the agenda setting of international population and development related policies, resolution consultations, formulation of rules and standards, represent the interests of developing countries, and enhance the international status and influence of PPD for SSC in population and development.

Strengthen analysis of and researches on population dynamics and trend, build cooperation platforms, enrich cooperative content, innovate cooperation forms, identify the strategic priority areas for SSC such as maternal and child health, reproductive health, health and poverty alleviation, and healthy ageing.

Strengthen PPD’s capacity in resource mobilization, support its application for multi-channel funding from agencies such as China South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund, and encourage PPD and its member states to work together on developing flagship projects for SSC in population and development that will add momentum to pragmatic cooperation within the SSC framework.

Urge the member states to actively fulfill the obligations of memberships, to pay their full annual membership fee in a timely manner, to provide additional voluntary contributions to PPD as appropriate within their means, to support its work and to actively host its annual meetings to ensure effective operation and development of the organization.

Strengthen PPD’s own internal management and capacity-building, initiate the reforms of the Secretariat, strengthen professional capacity-building of the Secretariat and the Partner Country Coordinators, as well as the national focal persons for SSC by enhanced talent training, therefore enable PPD to better meet the needs of developing countries.

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