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*Recognizing the contributions
and achieving new commitments*

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AFP	Advance Family Planning
AFIDEP	African Institute for Development Policy
APHRC	African Population and Health Research Center
ARO	Africa Regional Office
BAPA	Buenos Aires Plan of Action
CC	Community Clinic
CDC	China Demographic Center
CoE	Center of Excellence
CONAPO	Consejo Nacional de Población (National Population Council)
CPPCC	Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
CTC	China Technical Center
EARHN	East African Reproductive Health Network
EXCOM	Executive Committee
FP	Family Planning
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
GOPFP	General Office for Population-Family Planning
HQ	Head Quarter
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
IGO	Inter-Governmental Organization
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization
IOM	International Organization for Migration
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
KOICA	Korean International Cooperation Agency
MCH	Maternal Child Health
MOFCOM	Ministry of Commerce
MOHFW	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NEAPACOH	Network of African Parliamentary Committees of Health
NCPD	National Council for Population and Development
NCSPC	National Council for Social Policy Coordination
NHC	National Health Commission
NIHFW	National Institute of Health and Family Welfare
NPC	National Population Council
ONFP	Office National de la Famille et de la Population
OP	Ouagadougou Partnership
PASGR	Partnership for African Social and Governance Research
PCC	Partner Country Coordinators
PGDPHM	Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management
PHE	Population, Health and Environment
PIs	Partner Institutions
PoA	Program of Action
PPD	Partners in Population and Development
RH	Reproductive Health
RMNCAH	Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent health
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
SSC	South-South Cooperation
SSCAF	South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund
SSTC	South-South Technical Center
TFR	Total Fertility Rate
TICAD	Tokyo International Conference on African Development
UAPS	Union of African Population Studies
UN	United Nations
UNCPD	United Nations Commission on Population and Development
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNOSSC	UN Office for South-South Cooperation
WPD	World Population Day

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Foreword

It is my great privilege to present the 2019 Annual Report of Partners in Population and Development (PPD) to our Honorable Board Members, Partner Country Coordinators (PCC), other stakeholders in the member countries, international development partners and all the eminent organizations and personalities engaged in the promotion of South-South Cooperation (SSC) in Reproductive Health, Population and Development. I am happy and honored to publish this report containing the main achievements PPD made in 2019 under the guidance of the Honorable Board Members and continuous support and assistance of the Partner Country Coordinators (PCCs).



The year 2019 was an exceptional year for bringing the population and development issues including South-South and Triangular Cooperation in the international spotlights. Unlike the previous years, 2019 was of particular importance, as it marked the founding anniversaries of international institutions and commemoration of the historic events. In fact, 50 years ago, more precisely in 1969, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) was founded and during the same year the United Nations General Assembly announced that ***“parents have the exclusive right to determine freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children”***. 40 years ago in 1978, the United Nations convened its first ever Conference on South-South Cooperation (SSC) in Buenos Aires, Argentina adopting Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA), which was later adopted at the UN General Assembly, to promote South-South Cooperation in the whole gamut of international development cooperation including population issues. 25 years ago during landmark International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in 1994 in Cairo, Partners in Population and Development (PPD) was founded with exclusive mandate to bring South-South Cooperation (SSC) under institutional frameworks and functional ownership of the sovereign nations including the members of the international community, which had previously been generating wonderful achievements as a cross-cutting element of development endeavors by many organizations. The UNFPA, BAPA, ICPD & PPD celebrated their 50th, 40th and 25th Founding and Adopting Anniversaries, providing an excellent opportunity to reignite the international debate on the importance of population issues for sustainable development and the essential role that South-South and Triangular Cooperation could play in accelerating the implementation of global development goals. For more than two decades, the ICPD Program of Action has been the benchmark for spearheading all the national and international development programs and has been subject to periodic evaluation by states and international institutions committed to its implementation. In this context and on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, PPD organized the 16th International Inter ministerial Conference on South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Population and Development in Tunis, Tunisia under the theme of ***“Consolidating the achievements and reaffirming the commitments for the realization of the ICPD PoA and SDGs”***, which concluded with the adoption of the Tunis Commitments focusing on the renewed commitments of PPD Member Countries and international partners to promote South-South and Triangular Cooperation in population and development.

Additionally, the international community convened in November 2019, the World Summit on ICPD@25 in Nairobi, Kenya which concluded with more than 1,200 commitments to accelerate the implementation of the ICPD Action Plan and the SDGs.

During this Summit, PPD and UNFPA appealed to the international community to advocate for more South-South and Triangular Partnerships. Thanks to this new dynamic of collaboration between PPD and UNFPA, several high-level Roundtables and Side Events were jointly organized during the year, which helped to highlight the increasing role of South-South and Triangular Cooperation programs for sustainable development.

PPD established a long-term partnership with the recently created South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund (SSCAF) under CHINA AID for accelerated implementation of 2030 SDGs Agenda. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest thanks to H.E. Dr. Li Bin, Chair of PPD Board for her exemplary leadership to our organization and for her tireless efforts in promoting SSC.

PPD signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) heralding a new era of meaningful collaboration between both the organizations having commonality of objectives. Renouncing the stand-alone approach, PPD embraced new partnership, coalition building and working in cooperation with international development partners in order to maximize the impact of its efforts increasingly benefitting its member countries. The joining of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire as the 27th member of PPD witnesses the increasing importance and relevance the organization has been gaining over the last 25 years.

On a personal note, the year 2019 was also exceptional for me, since it gave me the opportunity to celebrate the 25th anniversary of PPD, since I had the great privilege to remain persistently associated with the inception and operationalization of our prestigious organization since 1994. During this reasonably long journey, I have been engaged with PPD in several capacities and I have always been guided by the farsighted vision of the founding members and also by the remarkable commitments of our Honorable Board Members and Partner Country Coordinators (PCC), who kept the promise of our predecessors and have made PPD a Global Leader in South-South Cooperation in Reproductive Health, Population and Development. I am confident that this 25th anniversary, which we all are proud of, will glorify the history of PPD and inspire us to combine our efforts for greater success and to ensure a better future for our organization and its stakeholders.

Adnene Ben Haj Aissa
Executive Director, PPD

About PPD

Partners in Population and Development (PPD) is an international Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO) grouping 27 developing countries from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East representing nearly 60% of the world population. The Member Countries are: Bangladesh, Benin, China, Cote d'Ivoire, Colombia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Vietnam, Yemen and Zimbabwe. The organization was officially launched in conjunction with the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo, Egypt in September 1994. The Permanent Secretariat located in Dhaka, PPD has a Regional Office for Africa in Kampala, Uganda and a Programme Office in Taicang, China. The United Nations General Assembly conferred Permanent Observer Status on PPD as the recognition of establishing South-South Cooperation (SSC) as the most effective and cost-efficient framework of international development cooperation and uplifting the lives of millions of impoverished people of Southern hemisphere.

The idea of forming the Alliance for South-South Collaboration owes its origin to the deliberations held in Bellagio, Italy in October 1993, followed by another meeting in August 1994 in Bali, Indonesia, 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 Inter-Governmental Framework would immensely benefit the developing countries, which led to further consultation and launching of the Alliance at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 1994 in Cairo, Egypt.

Vision

To promote 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 RH, Population and Development within the framework of SSC.

Priority Areas



Strategic Interventions



Advocacy and Policy Development

16th International Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South Cooperation (SSC) in Population and Development: Tunis, Tunisia, 3-4 September 2019

Government of Tunisia graciously hosted the 16th International Inter-Ministerial Conference on “South-South Cooperation in Population and Development: ***Consolidating the Gains and Reaffirming the Commitments for the Achievement of the ICPD PoA and the SDGs***” at Le Palace Hotel in Tunis from 3-4 September 2019. The event was co-sponsored by PPD and UNFPA and was considered as a precursor to the forthcoming ICPD25 Summit scheduled to be held in Nairobi, Kenya from 12-14 November 2019. The conference also celebrated the 25th Founding Anniversary of PPD and ICPD including 50th Anniversary of UNFPA.

While the ONFP-Tunisia provided the complete logistic support on the ground, PPD Secretariat spearheaded main technical aspects such as identification of the conference theme, attendance of the resource persons, chairs, co-chairs, keynote speakers, panelists and participants. PPD Secretariat worked with Tunisian officials in establishing a National Organizing Committee to coordinate all preparatory activities regarding the conference and also PPD Governance meetings. While proceedings of the Governance Meetings (Board, EXCOM and PCC Meetings) were recorded in the minutes, the findings of the Inter-Ministerial Conference have been compiled in a comprehensive report for printing and widespread dissemination. One of the most important outcomes of the 2019 Governance Meetings was review and approval of the Five-Year Strategic Plan [2020-2024] of PPD.

Opening Session

The Opening Session of the Conference, moderated by PPD Executive Director who also displayed a 25 Years’ PPD Commemorative Video, was addressed by the PPD Chair and Vice Chairwomen of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference H.E. Dr. Li Bin, The Gambian Vice President and PPD Board Member H.E. Dr. Issatou Touray, the PPD Secretary and Social Development Minister of South Africa H.E. Ms. Lindiwe Zulu MP, the Tunisian Minister of Health H.E. Dr. Sonia Ben Cheikh, Dr. Rafla Dellagi, Treasurer of PPD and President Director General of the Tunisian National Board of Family and Population and Dr. Ramiz Alakbarov, Director, Policy and Strategy Division of UNFPA Headquarters representing UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem. Dr. Alahbarov displayed a Video Speech of Dr. Natalia Kanem following his statement.



Ministers and High-level Dignitaries attending the Inter-Ministerial Conference



Dr. Li Bin

The PPD Chair and Vice Chairwomen of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference H.E. Dr. Li Bin enumerated the Chinese achievements such as declining maternal and child mortality including women empowerment, increasing life expectancy, reducing poverty, creating conducive atmosphere for healthy and productive ageing and establishing moderately prosperous society shortly at national level. She also indicated the major contribution made to PPD such as strengthening governance and management policies, establishing PPD HQ in Dhaka, capacity building of 400 senior developing country government officials, and supporting 120 countries and 40 international organizations towards achieving the SDG 2030 Agenda

Dr. Issatou Touray

The Gambian Vice President H.E. Dr. Issatou Touray described her country's achievement in women empowerment and equitable access to education, quality maternal and healthcare services, social and national decision-making process, integration of teenage population, adolescent and youth and RH issues in national population policies and development plan.



Ms. Lindiwe Zulu



The PPD Secretary and Social Development Minister of South Africa H.E. Ms. Lindiwe Zulu MP emphasized that the experiences of China's fascinating socio-economic development should be shared with other countries within comparable socio-economic and environmental contexts for fast-tracking the progress by learning from each other. She underscored the necessity of strong political will in achieving the desired changes and translating them into tangible actions to uplift the lives of people. She further emphasized that sexual and reproductive health and rights are logical consequence of the commitment to the gender equity.

Dr. Ramiz Alakbarov

Expressing satisfaction over the progresses made since ICPD such as declining maternal mortality by 40% and birth rate by 32%, increasing contraceptive prevalence rate by 25%, Dr. Ramiz Alakbarov alerted that 43 billion people are at reproductive age, 214 million women have unmet modern contraceptive needs and 1 in every 3 women experience violence by intimate partners. Therefore, prevention of all forms of gender-based violence and harmful practices including humanitarian and conflict settings needs urgently to be addressed. Dr. Alakbarov displayed a video of Dr. Natalia Kanem, Executive Director of UNFPA addressing the participants in the Conference.



Dr. Sonia Ben Cheikh

Based on the success of her own country, the Tunisian Minister of Health H.E. Dr. Sonia Ben Cheikh advised that sectoral population programs needed to be integrated into social and economic development plan involving civil society; sexual and reproductive health including family planning services should equally be provided to the migrants; women's political, economic and social rights should be guaranteed by the constitution and elimination of violence against women should be integrated into the legal framework. The distinguished speakers invariably concluded their statements reaffirming their strong commitments to the South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) and accelerated implementation of the unfinished ICPD Agenda and related emerging issues.



Dr. Rafla Dellagi

At the beginning of the session, Dr. Rafla Dellagi, Treasurer of PPD and President Director General of the National Board of Family and Population welcomed all the participants and expressed the pride of her country for hosting the events of PPD in this year of the 25th anniversary especially that Tunisia is a founding member and first President of PPD Board. She thanked UNFPA and PPD for their support and assistance in the preparation of this conference and expressed her gratitude to the Executive Director of PPD, her former collaborator, who has made significant changes in the Secretariat which augurs for a brilliant future of the organization.



Member States' Commitments towards South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) as Key Accelerator for Achieving ICPD PoA and SDGs 2030 Agenda

The Ministerial Session, chaired by H.E. Mr. Zahid Maleque, Minister of Health and Family Welfare of Bangladesh and co-chaired by H.E. Ambassador Ib Peterson, Special Envoy to the Nairobi Summit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark, started with keynote speech by Mr. Jorge Chediek, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General on South-South Cooperation and Director of UN Office of South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) who shared BAPA+40 outcome document reaffirming the increasing role of SSC for progress and development.

PPD member countries' representatives focused particularly on expressing their Commitments towards Promoting South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) as key Accelerator for Achieving ICPD PoA and SDGs 2030 Agenda. The Ministerial Session also provided the platform for commemorating the 25th Founding Anniversary of PPD, ICPD and 50th Anniversary of UNFPA. Following the display of a Video briefly demonstrating the most notable achievements made by PPD over the last 25 years, the speakers highlighted the achievements of their countries and contributions made to PPD and SSC and reaffirmed



strong, progressive, concrete and forward-looking national commitments towards further strengthening PPD and SSC. The 25th Anniversary of PPD witnessed the resurgence of the organization with the member states and development partners stood united with a common vision and renewed and reinforced commitment and resilience to uplift the lives of their people by effective and accelerated implementation of the unfinished ICPD Agenda and 2030 SDGs through South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC).

The Conference deliberated in five thematic sessions, namely, Centers of Excellence (CoE) as South-South Cooperation (SSC) Partnership Modality: Structure, Commitments, Opportunities and Challenges; SSC for Improving Universal Access to Reproductive Health and Family Planning Services for Achieving the ICPD PoA and the SDGs; SSC for addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) through sharing of best practices; SSC for harnessing demographic dividend for achieving the ICPD PoA and the SDGs; SSC in Preventing Maternal Death in the Developing Countries. The conference proceedings included interventions by the Chair, Co-Chair, Keynote Speaker and six panelists for each thematic session followed by comments, observations and question-answers by the participants and panelists. Attended by 250 participants from over 50 countries, the conference was addressed, among others, by PPD Board Members/Ministers including internationally acclaimed scientists, scholars and experts.

Salient Findings from the Conference Deliberations (Highlighting Thematic Issues): While the Ministerial Conference generated comprehensive outcomes for addressing RH, Population and Development programs, the most striking features of the Conference are reinvigorated government commitments to PPD and SSTC including unprecedented, innovative and revolutionary thoughts and ideas generated from the deliberations during the technical sessions for simplified, efficient, effective and impact-oriented program implementation. Obviously, the selection and convergence of the internationally acclaimed subject experts as resource persons from the member countries and development partners made that possible. The following are certain indispensable imperatives and revolutionary innovations, thoughts and suggestions generated from deliberations during technical sessions for effective implementation of ICPD and 2030 SDGs Agendas through SSTC.



*Technical Session 5:
South-South
cooperation in
Preventing
Maternal Death in
Developing
Countries*

South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC): is the most appropriate development modality that gained heightened relevance, interest and support as proven, innovative, efficient, transformative and contextualized development solutions to the extent that Southern countries contribute to global development and promote international understanding of geographic, cultural and economic diversity; facilitates confidence building, political will, institutional mechanism, innovations in programme design and implementation, coordination among stakeholders, extensive advocacy, capitalization of gains, human and financial resources development and above all measurement and reporting of outcomes and impacts of development cooperation.

Women Empowerment: require comprehensive sexuality education, protection by legislation such as National Population Policy, Reproductive Health Policy, Social Protection Policy, Migration Policy, Female Genital Mutilation and GBV Acts, prevention by criminalization of Child Marriage, Teenage Pregnancy, Eradication of Gender-based Violence, Prevention and Prohibition of Sexual Harassment and Atrocities Against Women, Interventions for Pregnant and Lactating Mothers, Gender Mainstreaming, Gender Discrimination, Inclusion in Social and National Policy and Decision-Making, Access to Education, Employment, Credits and Contraceptive Methods, prevention of trafficking and exploitative sexual relationships; psychological and medical coverage of women victim of violence supplemented by training in terms of rights and laws for the personnel.



*Technical Session 3:
South-South
cooperation for
addressing
gender-based
violence
through sharing of
best practices*

Innovations for universal access to family planning, reproductive health, prevention of maternal and child mortality for achieving sustainable development: ensure provision of basic insurance networks covering entire population; elimination of poverty in all forms and manifestations; increasing involvement of the parliamentarians for mobilization of domestic political, legislative and financial resources; allocation of resources to healthcare including primary and universal healthcare; implementing national health insurance scheme with minimum premium; improving socio-economic conditions by emulating successful examples and best practices; periodical review and appraisal of the implementation of the ICPD and SDG agendas; identifying the process how demographic and health indicators contributes to the improvement peoples' lives; national universal health coverage; creation and maintenance of national health insurance fund; use of integrated national population dynamics into national development plans; migration accepted as a health determinant considering that healthy migrants contribute to positive development outcomes; Small Family Club to encourage the newly engaged and married couples changing their attitudes towards the culture of having two educated children.



*Technical Session 2:
South-South
cooperation for
Improving Universal
Access to
Reproductive Health
and Family Planning
Services for achiev-
ing the ICPD PoA
and the SDGs*

Center of Excellence (CoE): having synergistic effect to SSTC is a proven development concept that becomes member of an international network of institutions directly supporting global technical programs aiming at national health, population development; gathering of critical mass of experts producing global best practices in specific thematic areas for national capacity development and an avenue for SSC partnerships among similar agencies across Southern countries; as SSC modality, it capitalizes and reinforces partnerships, research, capacity development, advocacy, resource mobilization and networking; the criteria of the CoE is having internationally recognized highest standard of scientific and technical expertise, nationally stable and well-positioned institution to dispose-off high quality training and research at national, regional and global level to enhance knowledge, experience and technology and generate competence and skills to match up with national, regional and sectoral challenges; conduct training and research for decision making in RH and FP; increase support for innovation, knowledge sharing, and scaling-up of proven best practices; strengthen partnership for SSTC; strengthen South-South platforms and exchange of experience for the purpose of building multi-stakeholder partners and cross-border collaborative frameworks to scale-up best practices with the potential to benefit developing countries;



*Technical Session 1:
Centers of Excellence
as South-South
cooperation
Partnership
Modality:
Structure, Commit-
ments, Opportunities
and Challenges*

impacts of CoEs can be assessed by four components, such as, policy framework conditions, strategic orientations, institutional supporting/operational conditions and impacts and capacity building aspects; the Policy Framework Conditions further expounded into policy imperatives; institutional history and context, funding intermediaries, and resource allocation mechanism; the effectiveness and mutual reinforcement of CoE programme depends on its location within its broader institutional context.



*Technical Session 4:
South-South
cooperation for
harnessing
demographic
dividend
for achieving the
ICPD PoA and the
SDGs*

The conference concluded unanimously adopting the Tunis Commitments for accelerating implementation of the unfinished ICPD Goals and 2030 SDG Agenda (Annex-1) . The strikingly innovative feature of the Conference was that, the Government of Tunisia mobilized and engaged multiple Government Ministries and International Agencies, such as, Ministries of Health, Women Childhood and Elderly, Development Investment and International Cooperation, Interior, National Office of the Tourism, National Health Insurance Fund, Agency for Technical Cooperation, National Office of Thermalism and Hydrotherapy, Office of Civil Aviation and Airports and International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Bilateral Meetings and Activities held during the Events:

The Inter Ministerial Conference offered an excellent opportunity for Ministers and participants to hold bilateral meetings discussed best ways to improve their relations and also sign agreements.

- The PPD Secretary and South African Minister of Social Development H.E. Ms. Lindiwe Zulu MP had meeting with the Head of African Country delegations
- The BKKBN-Indonesia Chairperson Dr. Hasto Wardoyo (SPOGK) and the ONFP-Tunisia President Director General Dr. Rafla Dellagi had bilateral meeting and signed bilateral MOU of Cooperation.
- The Gambian Vice President Dr. Issataou Touray and her delegation had bilateral meeting with PPD Secretary Ms. Lindiwe Zulu MP of South Africa and her delegation
- Bangladesh Health Minister/Board Member H.E. Mr. Zahid Maleque MP had bilateral meeting with the South African Minister of Social Development H.E. Ms. Lindiwe Zulu and her accompanying delegation.
- PPD Executive Director Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa had separate bilateral meetings with the PPD Chair H.E. Dr. Li Bin of China and PPD Secretary H.E. Ms. Lindiwe Zulu MP of South Africa.

An exhibition of written and audio visual documents was also organized in the margins of the conference, allowing participants to learn more about the progress made by Tunisian and foreign institutions in the various fields of Health, population and Development.



Ministerial Commitments at 52nd UNCPD to Strengthen SSC by Establishment and Strengthening of Center of Excellence for Population and Development

The year 2019 marked the 25th Founding Anniversary of PPD and 50th Founding Anniversary of UNFPA and both the organizations have commonality of objectives of attaining ICPD and SDG Goals through South-South and North-South Triangular Cooperation (SSTC). With the objective of celebrating the anniversaries and making them memorable, PPD and UNFPA jointly organized a High-level Panel on the 1st April 2019 titled ***“South-South Cooperation for the Achievement of the ICPD PoA and the SDGs”*** on the sideline of the Fifty-Second Session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development (52UNCPD) held at UN HQ in New York from 1st to 5th April 2019.



The objectives of the side event were to demonstrate through concrete examples from PPD member countries, that South-South Cooperation (SSC) is an effective tool and efficient modality for the achievement of unfinished ICPD PoA and the SDGs 2030 agenda. Ministers from Egypt, H.E. Dr. Hala Zaid, Minister of Health and Population, South Africa, H.E. Ms Susan Shabangu, Minister of Social Development, Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. Murad Hassan, State Minister of Health and Family Welfare, China, H.E. Ms. Cui Li, Former Vice Minister, National Health Commission and late Dr. Carlos Echarri, Director General of CONAPO, Mexico attended and made incisive interventions in the panel session chaired by UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem. The panelists shared their views, thoughts and discussed the invaluable contribution SSC has been making towards the achievement of ICPD, recognized the role of SSC as the best development solutions across countries and urged the southern countries to come together for sharing their successful experiences, expertise, lessons learned, technologies and best practices towards the fastest and maximum success of their development endeavors. All the panelists demonstrated their highest political commitments to establish Centers of Excellence in their respective countries, among others, for reducing maternal mortality, address the unmet need of family planning and gender-based violence towards attaining the ICPD and 2030 SDG goals through South-South Cooperation (SSC).

The session was also attended by senior government representatives from Uganda, Morocco, Philippines, Tunisia, Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire and the Gambia.

Nairobi Summit on ICPD@25: Accelerate the ICPD Promise Nairobi; Kenya, 12 to 14 November 2019

The ICPD Programme of Action (PoA) was adopted and ratified by 179 nations in Cairo, Egypt at the conclusion of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo, Egypt in September 1994. The ICPD PoA underwent several review processes in 2000, 2005 and 2010, consequently the implementation plan was further adjusted and bolstered taking emerging issues into consideration, while the original landmark blueprint remained impeccably valid. The 20-year Programme did not achieve all its goals after expiry of the initially envisaged period and required reinforcement of political and financial commitments to accelerate implementation of the unfinished agenda. The global custodian of the ICPD therefore solicited another global summit to accelerate the ICPD Promise by the international community. In this context, the ICPD25 Summit was convened by UNFPA in collaboration with the Government of Denmark graciously hosted by the Government of Kenya in Nairobi from 12 to 14 November 2019, one of the leading founding members of PPD.

PPD Secretariat was represented by its Executive Director in the International Programme Committee of the Summit and was thoroughly engaged in the preparatory process and organization of the Summit. PPD provided technical inputs to the programme of the Summit during different preparatory meetings and through all forms of communications.

The Tunis commitments were presented at the Nairobi Summit highlighting the role of SSTC in accelerating the promise of ICPD



High-level Leaders Thematic Roundtable on South-South and Triangular Partnerships

The SDG Goal-17 calls on the Member States to, “Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development” particularly focusing on the critical role of South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) in achieving the 2030 Agenda. It also includes these among its targets to: “Enhance North-South, South-South and Triangular regional and international cooperation on and access to science, technology and innovation and enhance knowledge sharing” (17.6); Enhance international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity building through North-South and South-South and Triangular Cooperation (17.9).



In this context and in addition to supporting organization of the ICPD25 Nairobi Summit, PPD and UNFPA also jointly organized a High-level Leaders Thematic Roundtable on South-South and Triangular Partnerships on the fringe of the Summit. The Roundtable conducted two panels: Ministerial Panel on SSTC and the ICPD Promise; Expert Panel on Operationalizing SSTC Commitments to ICPD. The Ministerial Panel discussed about the commitments of the Southern countries and the Expert Panel discussed about how to translate the commitments into specific actions producing tangible outcome and impacts. Furthermore, the Roundtable contributed to scaling up South-South and Triangular Cooperation to Accelerate the ICPD Agenda through the exchange and utilization of the SSTC Platforms to Harness and Bolster Political Commitment. More specifically, the Roundtable contributed to:

1. Generating commitments from specific countries on the Panel and to provide clarity on the nature of commitments Member States have made in accelerating SSTC for the goals at the Second High-Level UN Conference on SSC in March 2019.
2. Reinforcing the crucial role that South-South Cooperation (SSC) has been playing in the achievement of the ICPD PoA and the SDGs. SSC, together with other forms of partnerships, is viewed in the Agenda 2030 as one of the goals that will help achieve all the other goals.

The High Level Panel was chaired by the Minister of Health and Family Welfare of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Zahid Maleque MP, with the participation of high level panelists Minister of Social Development of South Africa H.E. Ms. Lindiwe Zulu MP, Minister of Women Affairs of The Gambia H.E. Ms. Fatou Kinteh, Vice Minister of National Health Commission of China H.E. Dr. Yu Xuejun, President of Oswaldo Cruz Foundation Dr. Nisia Trindade Lima of Brazil and the IPPF Representative to African Union and UNECA Mr. Sam Ntelamo representing the IPPF Director General. The Panel of Experts was chaired by Dr. Josephine Kibaru, Director General of the National Council of Population and Development of Kenya with the participation of the Executive Director of PPD, Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa, the former Permanent Observer to the UN and Advisor to the South-South Center, Dr. Manuel Montes, The Regional Coordinator of Youth Federation of Latin American and Caribbean, Ms. Michèle Belfort, Prof. Erik Brattstrom of the Swedish University of Lund, The President of the Global Business Coalition for Health, Ms. Nancy Welfeir Field and the Representative of the Guinea Youth Club, Ms. Konaté Kadiatou. The Roundtable contributed in highlighting the importance of South-South and Triangular Partnership at the Nairobi Summit which was incorporated in the outcome document of the Summit, concluding the efforts made by PPD and UNFPA throughout the year.

BAPA+40 – Second UN High Level Conference on SSC, Buenos Aires, Argentina: Advocacy for Achievement of ICPD Agenda

The first United Nations High-level Conference on South-South Cooperation (SSC) was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina exactly 40 years ago in 1978. The Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA), adopted at the Conference and in the subsequent UN General Assembly, is universally viewed as the first ever blueprint of SSC. Ever since the Conference, the concept of SSC underwent rigorously critical reviews and experiments evolving to a robust and indispensable modality bringing a significant paradigm shift in the international development cooperation. Yet the modality was utilized sporadically by the international development communities with stunning success. The absence of institutional existence and government ownership of the SSC, inspired the international development visionaries to create the Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO) namely Partners in Population and Development (PPD) to institutionalize, promote and strengthen South-South Cooperation (SSC) to establish synergy between the broad spectrum of population and development endeavors including all the related issues leading community of nations to sustainable development. PPD launched its emergence during Cairo ICPD-1994 and embraced ICPD Programme of Action as the guiding principles of its global South-South activities. On the 40th anniversary of BAPA, the United Nations, hosted by the Government of Argentina, organized the Second High-level Conference on SSC (BAPA+40) in Buenos Aires.

Emphasizing the importance of SSC, the UN Secretary General Mr. Antonio Guterres in his Opening Remarks at BAPA+40 stated that ***“South-South Cooperation remains responsive to the evolving realities of global development and changing needs of developing countries as they implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. There is an opportunity to develop and strengthen frameworks for South-South Cooperation; improve systems and tools; improve transparency and strengthen accountability.”*** The supreme recognition of the continued necessity and relevance of SSC worth celebration by its custodians.



Distinguished Speakers at the PPD/UNFPA Side Event during BAPA+40 in Buenos Aires

PPD in collaboration with its founding partner UNFPA took the opportunity to organize a Side Event on ***“SSC to Empower the New Generation and Strategies for Realizing the Demographic Dividend”*** on the fringe of BAPA+40 on 20 March 2019. The event highlighted the importance of South-South Cooperation coinciding with 40th Anniversary of BAPA and 25th Anniversary of ICPD as well as PPD. The event emphasized on increasing investment on adolescents and youth for life skills and family education, health, employment, rights and entitlements and engaging them in the planning and implementation of policies and programs through South-South Cooperation. Additionally, the distinguished panelists and the participants recommended for strengthening PPD-led South-South Cooperation through increasing documentation of best practices and sharing them across countries; exchange of scholarships and study-tours, increased technical cooperation and commodity exchanges.

United Nations High Level Political Forum (HLPF) and UNFPA-IPPF Side Event, New York, 15 - 18 July 2019

PPD was represented by the Executive Director at the United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development (SDGs) entitled ***“Empowering People and Ensuring Inclusiveness and Equality”*** in New York from 15 to 18 July 2019. The Executive Director of PPD moderated the session co-sponsored by UNFPA and IPPF on ***“Costing and Financing to Accelerate Implementation of ICPD Agenda: Experiences from the South”*** on 18 July 2019. The Special Event addressed and made recommendations on the financing requirements and gaps existing specifically in the developing countries to accelerate implementation of the ICPD PoA within the framework of 2030 SDG Agenda. During the special event, PPD shared the challenges member countries are facing in costing the Reproductive Health Services that resulted in learning important lessons on the best models which the specialized institutions are utilizing in this regard. Following conclusion of the session on the experiences of Egypt and Cote d’Ivoire, the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), which has already been partnering with UNFPA and WHO on reproductive health costing issues, expressed interest to collaborate with PPD and work in the member countries. Representation, advocacy and networking activities in these high-level events yielded concrete results in improving the visibility, networking, partnerships and coalition building towards expanding cooperation with scientific and technical organizations.

Promoting South-South Cooperation through Advocacy and Networking

PPD utilized every available opportunity to promote and secure international recognition of the efficacy and indispensability of South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) in Population and Development for sustainable development of the Southern nations. Besides organizing and attending the high-level events and platforms mentioned above, PPD promoted SSTC in different international events and forums such as TICAD Preparatory and Senior Officials Meeting held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the Third China-Africa Conference on Population and Development held in Accra, Ghana, the Launching Meeting of the Arab Council on Population and Development organized by the League of Arab States in Amman, Jordan and the and African Population Parliamentarians’ (NEAPACOH) Meeting held in Kampala, Uganda. PPD advocacy and networking among the organizers and participants of these events not only convinced them acknowledge and appreciate the efficacy of SSTC in accelerating balanced and sustainable development and promoting symbiotic relationship and solidarity among nations, also encouraged them to express firm commitments to acclimatize SSTC in the national, regional and international settings.



New Membership

PPD worked with Argentina, Brazil, Cote d'Ivoire and Malaysia and persuaded the countries to join the organization as member countries. During BAPA+40, PPD Executive Director discussed with the Executive Secretary of the National Council for Social Policy Coordination (NCSPC) of the Government of Argentina to join PPD as one of the PPD member countries. The discussion was triggered by the commitments that the Argentine President made at the Opening Ceremony of the BAPA+40 Conference towards contributing more to SSTC efforts in the region and globally.

PPD Executive Director met with the Malaysian High Commissioner in Dhaka, Bangladesh and discussed with him about joining of Malaysia to PPD. The Malaysian High Commissioner showed enthusiasm to work on his country's joining of the organization.

Following extensive communications and exchanges between PPD Executive Director and Dr. Moustapha HININ, Director General of the Office National de la Population, Government of Cote d'Ivoire submitted official application to join PPD. Subsequently, Dr. HININ attended the 24th PPD Board Meeting held in Tunis, Tunisia on 4 September 2019, where he made an official statement on behalf of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire to join PPD. The PPD Governing Board unanimously approved the application of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire to join PPD as the Member Country. Following the Board approval admitting the country as the member, the Executive Director completed further essential formalities finalizing the accession of the country as the 27th Member Country of PPD with effect from 2020.



Dr. Moustapha HININ



Knowledge Management, Documenting and Sharing of Best Practices Including Communication Tools

Publishing a book titled “Catalyzing Achievement of ICPD plan of action and SDGs 2030 Agenda”

PPD conducted a survey in the member countries and produced a book titled “Catalyzing Achievement of ICPD plan of action and SDGs 2030 Agenda” marking its 25th Anniversary celebration. The principle objective of this report is to present the progress made by PPD member countries in implementing the ICPD PoA and addressing the emerging issues and challenges for the attainment of the SDGs through South-South Cooperation during its 25 years of its existence. The survey revealed significant achievements made by most member countries with concrete and positive impacts in improving their national health and population policies and programmes substantially uplifting the lives of their people. The survey findings presented in three part in the book – Part A) Introduction, Literature Review and Methodology; Part B) Capacity Assessment of National Focal Persons of SSC; and Part C) South-South Cooperation (SSC): Achievement of ICPD and SDGs 2030, Needs and Priority Areas. The book was officially launched during the Opening Ceremony of the Inter-Governmental Conference in Tunis.



PPD and UNFPA jointly launched a book titled "SSC in Catalyzing achievement of ICPD and SDGs 2030 Agenda"

Publication and Dissemination of Knowledge Products

Documenting Best Practices

Under this activity, PPD developed a Concept Note on documentation of lessons learned and sharing with the member countries. A standard tool developed for identifying best practices from the countries. The tool was shared with national focal persons of PPD member countries with request for submission of best practices available in their countries. PPD received 11 best practices from Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Thailand, Gambia, Jordan, Tunisia and Viet Nam. All the 11 best practices were meticulously analyzed resulting in the initial selection of two from Kenya and Tunisia, while all the 11 best practices are reasonably of high quality. The titles of the selected best practices are “South-South capacity building on policy and communication” from Kenya and “Mobile Strategy for Family Planning, maternal new born, child health and adolescent” from Tunisia.

Policy Communications in Kenya

The Government of Kenya carried out a study to assess the state of integration of Population, Health and Environment (PHE) in Kenya and undertaken successive projects to implement the initial and subsequently evolved findings. The goals of the projects were to promote policy dialogue among politicians, policy-makers, practitioners, general population and various stakeholders by enhancing understanding of how to address the complex and interrelated challenges simplistically in the areas of family planning, access to health services, management of natural resources and livelihoods faced by families and communities. The lessons learned for replication from the project was that strategic policy communications should include comprehensive strategic engagement efforts which integrates multi-media, multi-outlet, community outreach and face-to-face efforts in a single campaign designed for adaptation to a complex and changing environment. The initiative repeatedly demonstrated immense success developing to a best practice for adaptation into other circumstances benefiting the target audiences.



Mobile Service Strategy for Family Planning and Maternal Health with Reference to the Tunisian Program of Reproductive Health: Evolution and Development

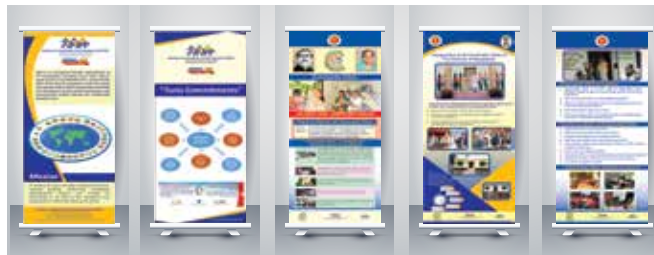
In the late 1950s, Government of Tunisia was facing population problems with a predominantly rural (71%), illiterate (80%) population and a TFR of 6 per women. With increasing population and meager resources compelled the Government to take drastic measures to contain the population growth. But lack of health infrastructure and skilled human resources forced the leadership to explore innovative approaches. The Government undertook mobile strategies providing family planning services through mobile clinics in large Vans with basic tools and medications in remote rural areas. Initially limited to family planning, the services have quickly expanded to include maternal, reproductive and family health with emergence of comprehensive reproductive health concept. Consequently, the program achieved outstanding results in terms of demographic and health indicators. With the elapse of time, the strategy became one of the most successful best practice and lessons learned for widespread replication. It is worth mentioning that, Tunisia concurrently adopted and successfully implemented multidimensional multi-sectoral approaches leading the country to the forefront of providing technical assistance in population issues to countries of the region and beyond.



The best practices from Kenya and Tunisia were scaled-up, documented, and ready for publication and dissemination across the PPD Member and other interested developing countries to serve for replication.

Brochures, Reports and Communication Tools

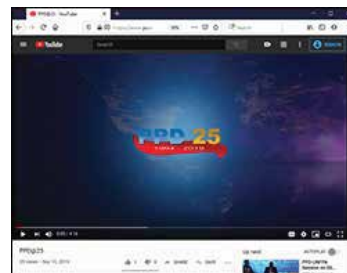
PPD compiled the most salient achievements of its activities implemented in the last 25 years of its existence and on the process of the successful implementation of the Community Clinic Project in Bangladesh. PPD published the achievements in two separate Brochures and distributed them widely.



Development of Audio-Visual Advocacy Tools

Video Highlighting the Salient Achievements of PPD 25 Years' Journey

PPD completed its 25 years of existence in 2019 as the organization was founded in 1994 during ICPD in Cairo. PPD Board decided to befittingly celebrate the 25th Anniversary of PPD throughout the year in the member states and during the PPD Annual Events in Tunis. As one of the 25th Anniversary celebration efforts, PPD developed a five-minute video and played during the Annual Inter-Ministerial Conference in Tunis in addition to the different forums attended by PPD Executive Director and Senior Professionals. The Video is available in the PPD Website: www.partners-popdev.org



Video Capturing High-level Inauguration of the Community Clinics by the Honorable Bangladesh and Indian Prime Ministers

PPD successfully implemented the establishment of 36 Community Clinics in Bangladesh, which were inaugurated by the Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh and India Sheikh Hasina and Norendra Modi respectively. PPD developed an audio-visual videography documents on this historic inauguration of PPD implemented project and made available for interested viewers in PPD Website.

Reinforcing Capacities of PPD Secretariat

One of the principle mandates of PPD Secretariat is to function as the central point for networking and clearinghouse of information for PPD member countries, collaborating partners, other stakeholders and beneficiaries worldwide. Right from commencing institutional operation of its Secretariat in Dhaka, PPD has always been ensuring maximum utilization of Information Technology with State-of-the-Art hardware, latest software and eminently qualified IT Expert in the instantaneous dissemination of information and other knowledge resources generated by the Governance, Management, Program, Communication, other Secretariat Departments and the member countries, mainly through its world class Website [www.partners-popdev.org] among other channels.

In its continued endeavor to enhance the sharing and exchange of information, knowledge, experiences and expertise, PPD reinforced its IT hardware infrastructure supported by relevant advanced software to maintain increasingly improved performances. This year, PPD installed the Secondary Fiber Optics Internet Cable Connection, Cloud-based higher capacity Back-up system with provision for real time synchronization of all email communications and their accessibility through multiple devices. The repository of printed and electronic resources at PPD Secretariat were further augmented with 16th Ministerial Conference Resource Page, Revised PPD Brochure, Leaflet on PPD-UNFPA Joint Statement adopted at 15th Ministerial Conference in Bali, PPD South-South Conference Center, Revised PPD IT Guidelines, Video Presentations made by countries at the 52nd UNCPD and 2018 PPD Annual Report.

The corporate management has been turning out to be faster, simpler and flawless with conceptual transformations and digitalization. Keeping pace with the global changes, PPD has been fast-tracking its corporate management through a number of innovative initiatives such as reorganizing and reclassifying its archives, streamlining its central registry, bringing its entire fixed-assets under Barcode System, securing its infrastructural and peripheral assets through Third-Party Insurance, encouraging and strengthening staff capacity through training and incentives. In 2019, PPD recruited a new Finance Officer, promoted 2 staff members and awarded special increments to 3 staff members. These efforts have significantly improved PPD Management System last year and will continue to do so in the future towards establishment of seamless administrative, financial and program management of the organization.

Capacity Development

Development of training Module for capacity building of national SSC focal persons and other high-level officials in developing countries



PPD surveys aimed at strengthening South-South Cooperation conducted in the member countries invariably recommended, among others, capacity strengthening of national SSC Focal Persons. Accordingly, PPD developed a training module and organized a 2-day workshop from 10 to 11 July 2019 on Capacity Strengthening of National South-South Cooperation (SSC) Focal Persons from PPD member countries jointly with the National Health Commission (NHC) of the Government of China and UNFPA and which was held at the China Training Centre (CTC), Taicang. The objective of the workshop was to unleash the potentials and maximize the capacity of National Focal Persons to promote South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) in addressing population and development issues to enable countries in achieving their national and international commitments for sustainable development. The workshop was attended by 36 delegates including national South-South Focal Persons, International Experts, Senior UNFPA HQ, UNOSSC officials and PPD staff members.

Following introduction of the compendium of the modules by PPD Program Director and Senior Program Officer, internationally acclaimed public health scholars and experts critically elucidated the training modules on essential technical issues emanated from the survey. The technical issues addressed under each module and the concerned speakers were Capacity Building in SSTC by the Regional Director of UNOSSC Dr. Denis Nkala; Strategic Partnership and Technical Cooperation by UNFPA Director of Communication and Strategic Partnership Mr. Arthur Erken; Development of National Task Force on SSC by the Additional Secretary of Bangladesh Ministry of Health Mr. Quazi AKM Mohiul Islam; SSTC and Center of Excellence by the Chief of Inter-Country Cooperation on SSC of UNFPA Mr. Lin Yanmin; Promoting Inter-Country Cooperation: Role of Partners Agencies and SSC Focal Persons by UNFPA Program Specialist Mr. Arasu Jambu Keshwaran; Resource Mobilization for SSC by PPD Senior Advisor Mr. Hu Hongtao.

The deliberations on the Training Modules was followed by Experience Sharing from selected member countries. The issues addressed were on Health and Poverty Alleviation by CPDRC Director General of China Ms. He Dan, SSC Experience in RH and FP from Indonesia by BKKBN Principal Secretary Mr. Nofrijal; SRH Services for Women by Prof. Zheng Zhenzhen of IPLE-CASS of China; Maternal Mortality Reduction in

Sri Lanka by Dr. Sanjeeva Godakandage of Sri Lankan Ministry of Health; Demographic Dividend by the Director of Family Health of Ugandan NPC Dr. Betty Kyaddondo; SSC in RH and FP in Tunisia by ONFP-Tunisia Deputy Director Ms. Raja Touil Chabaane; Healthy Ageing by Dr. Xiaoning Hao of NHC-China and Resource Mobilization for Capacity Building by the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Health of India Dr. S.K. Sikdar.

Scholarship Program

The South-South Scholarship Program has so far been the most successful flagship program of PPD in the capacity building, human resources and institutional development of the member countries in reproductive health, population and development. Started with 10 scholarships provided by the Government of Egypt in 1998, many member countries possessing world-class institutions and expertise provided scholarships overtime, while the Governments of Egypt, India and South Africa consistently continued providing scholarships to other countries. PPD Secretariat worked with Governments of Egypt, India and South Africa to ensure the management of the scholarships provided by these countries in 2019. The PPD Scholarship Programmes are implemented on cost-sharing arrangements between the providing and recipient institutions of the member countries.

This year the Government of Egypt provided seven scholarships for the one-year diploma in “Population and Sustainable Development” at Cairo Demographic Centre (CDC). PPD received many nominations and among them have selected seven candidates through a systematic screening process from China, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa and Uganda. The Government of India provided 10 scholarships for “One Year Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management (PGDPHM)”, conducted at the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW). Nominated candidates are from China, The Gambia, Kenya, Nigeria, and Uganda. The Government of South Africa provided seven scholarships for “One-year Post Graduate Diploma in Population Policy Analysis” at the Northwest University. PPD Secretariat received nominations from The Gambia, Kenya, Nigeria, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

The current scholarships in Egypt, India and South Africa are covering broad spectrum of Demography, Public Health Management and Population Policy Analysis. This scholarship program contributes to strengthening the academic and technical capacities of the recipient candidates and consolidates the cooperation between the member countries of PPD.

Promoting South-South Cooperation

200,000 Rural Population Benefitted from Primary Healthcare Services Provided by 36 Community Clinics Constructed by PPD in Bangladesh under the Financial Assistance from the Government of India

The National Healthcare Programme of Bangladesh has been commended worldwide. After ensuring Essential Health Services, the country extended its vision to provide Universal Health Coverage nationwide through Community Healthcare Services. In this endeavor, the Government undertook a very ambitious programme, built nearly 15000 Community Clinics and operationalized most of them countrywide extending primary healthcare and population services to the doorstep of the grassroot peoples in the remote rural areas. Some of the PPD Member Countries had

expressed their interests to replicate the programme in their respective countries during PPD Annual events held in Dhaka in November 2012. In this backdrop, sensing the privilege of facilitating an excellent South-South Cooperation, PPD took the initiative of piloting the programme and approached the Government of Bangladesh for allowing access and to the Government of India to finance piloting the programme. Initially, PPD intended to construct few Community Clinics for strengthening and documenting its successful programme experiences for replication.



Government of India provided a grant of BDT 90 Million to the Government of Bangladesh through a financing agreement bilaterally signed on 08 April 2017 in presence of the Honourable Indian and Bangladesh Prime Ministers Norendra Modi and Sheikh Hasina respectively during the latter's visit to India, for construction of 36 Community Clinics (CCs) with provision for implementation by PPD. The locations identified for construction of 36 clinics are in the 5 hard-to-reach remote North-western districts of Bangladesh.

The construction of 36 community clinics was completed by the end of February 2019. The Honorable Bangladesh and Indian Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Sheikh Hasina jointly inaugurated the 36 clinics on 11 March 2019 through video conferencing system, which was first ever historic milestone for both the countries, and of course for PPD also. With this inauguration, the 36 clinics were handed over to the operation and service authority. More than two hundred thousand hard-to-reach population will receive primary health care and family planning services from these 36 clinics. Among these beneficiaries, more than 80% are women and children receiving modern MCH and Population services provided by the Government free of charge. PPD is now planning strengthening and documenting the services for replication, while constructing additional clinics with Indian assistance.

Maternal Mortality Reduction under Financial Assistance from the South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund (SSCAF) of the Government of China

The Government of China established a South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund (SSCAF) in 2017 under the umbrella of CHINA AID for accelerating the achievements of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the world. With the assistance of the PPD Chair's Office in China, PPD obtained eligibility for access to the fund and developed and submitted to SSCAF a Project Proposal titled ***"Providing Comprehensive, Safe and Appropriate Interventions to Prevent Postpartum Hemorrhage for Reducing Maternal Mortality in Bangladesh, Ghana and Uganda"***. SSCAF has already approved and funded the first phase of the project for Bangladesh. The activities will start beginning 2020.

Strengthening Network and Strategic Partnership

United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)

PPD had high-level discussions with the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy on South-South Cooperation and Director of UNOSSC Dr. Jorge Chediek, which culminated in the signing of a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) during PPD Annual Events in Tunis for concrete cooperation between the organizations having commonalities of objectives. Under the framework of the MOU, the organizations will collaborate in capacity building, exchange of knowledge, experience, expertise and documentation and dissemination of best practices in the areas of reproductive health, population and development through South-South Cooperation frameworks.



Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa, Executive Director of PPD and Dr. Jorge Chediek, Special envoy of UN Secretary General on South-South Cooperation signing MoU between PPD and UN Office of South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) during the 16th Inter-Ministerial Conference in Tunis

Arab Council of Population

The efforts conducted by the **League of Arab States** over the last three years with National Population Councils in the Arab Region led by the Kingdom of Jordan concluded with the launching of the **Arab Council of Population** in order to address the existing and emerging population issues in the context of similar socio-cultural specificity and join efforts to achieve ICPD PoA and SDGs 2030 agenda. The Executive Director attended the launching ceremony in October 2019 in Amman, Jordan, one of the PPD member countries and made a statement focusing on the role played by the five Arab States, members of PPD Board, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan and Yemen, in advancing their reproductive health programs and population policy through South-South Cooperation. PPD and the League of Arab States initiated discussions to further their collaboration with an agreement to be signed in 2020.

Research Institute of University of Putra, Malaysia

As the ageing is becoming a daunting challenge for most of the member countries due to exceedingly increasing life expectancy, fertility decline etc., PPD has undertaken efforts to address the ageing problems. PPD established a Commission on Ageing with internationally acclaimed experts nominated by the member countries and implemented substantial works including publication of a book on ageing. As one of its endeavors, PPD established collaborative relationship and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Malaysian Research Institute on Ageing of the University of Putra, Malaysia aimed at increasingly collaborating between the organizations in implementing the Ageing programs including

research, development and training. PPD under invitation from the Malaysian Research Institute on Ageing presented its experience of the International Ageing Commission during the International Ageing Seminar held in Kuala Lumpur in late 2018. The Director of Malaysian Ageing Commission also attended and shared their experiences in the PPD Inter-Ministerial Conference in Tunis in September 2019.

Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health

Following the successful organization of the High Level Roundtable on the role of South-South Cooperation in Promoting Family Planning during the International Conference on Family Planning held in Kigali, Rwanda in November 2018, PPD is engaged in high level discussions with senior officials in the Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Research and Training in Reproductive Health to establish a long term partnership for collaboration between both organizations in science and social change in family planning to the benefit of PPD members states. Both the organizations is exploring the possibility of jointly organizing the International Family Planning Conference in 2021.

Increasing visibility of PPD

Taking advantage of the Diplomatic Status in Bangladesh, the PPD Executive Director conducted extensive advocacy and networking campaign among the Government of Bangladesh and diplomatic corps, international community and the development partners. In this regard PPD Executive Director attended most of the state functions graced by the President and the Prime Minister, met with the Ambassadors / High Commissioners of China, Japan, Pakistan, Malaysia and international development cooperation agencies, such as, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) to enhance the image of PPD as an international Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO) and explore opportunities for mutual partnership and cooperation.

Development of New Strategic Directions (2020-2024)

PPD functions under Annual Work Plans drawn from long-term five-year Strategic Plans approved by PPD Governing Board. The existing five-year Strategic Plan (2015-2019) was scheduled to be expired at the end of December 2019. The PPD Governing Board in its 23rd Meeting held in Bali, Indonesia on 20 September 2018 advised PPD Secretariat to develop the successor Five-year Strategic Plan in consultation with the member countries. The main purposes envisioned for this new Strategic Plan (2020-24) are to achieve the unfinished ICPD Agenda and 2030 SDGs including the emerging population and development issues through South-South Cooperation frameworks in PPD member countries and other developing countries. PPD Secretariat, in collaborating with UNFPA and National Health Commission of China successfully organized a high-level Consultative meeting on development of the Strategic Plan (2020-2024) in Taicang, China on 9th July 2019. Representatives from 23 member countries, UNFPA, UNOSSC, international experts from China brainstormed and provided critically important elements for developing the Five-year Strategic Plan in the context of the needs and priorities of the member countries and prevailing international environment. PPD Secretariat developed and finalized the Draft Strategic Plan through several rounds of revision by sharing and eliciting inputs and feedbacks from the member countries and other stakeholders, which was finally approved at the 24th Annual Board Meeting held in Tunis, Tunisia early September 2019 for implementation. Previous Strategic Plans were developed with assistance of the external international experts, while the present Strategic Plan (2020-2024) developed entirely using internal technical capacities of PPD.

New strategic priorities

The New Strategic Plan (2020-2024) contains the following strategic priority areas:

1. Population dynamics, demographic dividend and development
2. Universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights including family planning
3. Maternal and Child Health
4. Healthy and active ageing
5. Social cohesion of migrants and their SRHR
6. Health including reproductive health and poverty alleviation
7. Gender-based violence

New strategic interventions

Six strategic interventions have been identified to be undertaken for achieving the strategic priorities of the organization envisaged in the new Strategic Plan. The deliverables of these interventions have been identified including the detailed strategies to produce the deliverables. The strategic interventions are as follows:

1. Evidence-based policy advocacy for more political commitment to achieve ICPD and SDGs.
2. Institutionalize the International Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South Cooperation in Population and Development
3. Knowledge management, experience sharing and pilot initiatives
4. Capacity building and technical cooperation
5. Creation of South-South Cooperation Centers of Excellence
6. Improvement of strategic partnership and resource mobilization

Resource Mobilization

Support from UNFPA and South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund (SSCAF) of China

Efforts conducted by PPD during the years 2018 and 2019 concluded to mobilize additional resources from bilateral and multilateral partners namely the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund (SSCAF) of China under signed agreement. The resources are supporting PPD's activities in advocacy and policy development, documentation of best practices, capacity building and promoting exchange of information and technical assistance to implement PPD's strategic priorities including reducing maternal mortality in PPD member states.

Realization of the Member Country Contributions

The executive leadership change at the Secretariat coupled with deeper engagement of the governance leadership and followed by continued and extensive exchanges with member states, the trend of membership contributions payment took positive turn and the total realization surpassed several previous years. Countries with long-term arrears due to perceivable reasons settled their entire arrears despite continuation of the situation that compelled accumulation of the arrear. Special appreciations are due to the Governments of Nigeria and Zimbabwe for settling their entire arrears together this year. Payment of Membership Contributions most importantly reflects the countries' exceedingly increasing commitments and financial obligation to PPD, which is also indicative of the overall performance of the organization.



Governance and Policy Orientations

In concurrence with the international Inter-Ministerial Conference, PPD convened its 24th Board Meeting, 33rd Executive Committee Meeting and 21st Partner Country Coordinators (PCC) Meeting in Tunis, Tunisia from 2 to 4 September 2019. The decisions and recommendations of these governance meetings have been recorded in the minutes and circulated among the Board and Executive Committee Members and PCCs.



The Board, Executive Committee and PCCs expressed condolences and paid homage to the deceased Mexican Board Member Mr. Carlos Javier Echari, former Secretary General of the National Population Council of Mexico. In addition to the examination of questions related to governance, the administrative and financial management of the Secretariat and the performance during 2019, the Board approved the PPD Five-Year Strategic Plan (2020-2024), the action plan and the organization's budget for 2020 and ratified the Tunis commitments adopted at the Inter Ministerial Conference. The PPD Board also unanimously approved the membership of Côte d'Ivoire as the 27th Member of PPD.



PPD welcomes New Board Members and Partner Country Coordinators (PCCs)

The year 2019 witnessed a number of changes in the portfolios of the Board Members and PCCs in the PPD member countries. PPD wholeheartedly welcomes the New Board Members, PCCs and is absolutely confident that they will continue making enhanced contributions to the organization increasingly improving the program implementation, institutionalization and strengthening of the South-South Cooperation in their respective countries, building on the legacies left behind by their predecessors.

New Board Members

Bangladesh	: H.E. Mr. Zahid Maleque, MP; Minister of Health and Family Welfare
The Gambia	: H.E. Dr. Issatou Touray, Vice President of the Gambia
India	: H.E. Mr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Health and Family Welfare
Indonesia	: H.E. Dr. Hasto Wardoyo, Chair of BKKBN
Jordan	: H.E. Dr. Saed Jaber, Minister of Health
Morocco:	H.E. Mr. Khalid Ait Taleb, Minister of Health
Nigeria	: H.E. Ms. Zainab S. Ahmed, Minister of Finance and National Planning
Pakistan	: H.E. Dr. Zafar Mirza, Minister of Health Services, Regulation and Coordination
South Africa	: H.E. Ms. Lindiwe Zulu, MP, Minister of Social Development
Sri Lanka	: H.E. Ms. Pavithra Wanniarachi, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Diseases
Zimbabwe	: H.E. Mr. Obadiah Moyo, Minister of Health and Child Welfare
Côte d'Ivoire	: Dr. Moustapha HININ, Director General, National Board of Population

New Partner Country Coordinators (PCCs)

Bangladesh	: Mr. Nitish Chandra Sarkar
Ethiopia	: Dr. Yekoyesew Worku
Kenya	: Ms. Irene Ashikhongo Muhunzu
Mexico	: Dr. Raúl Horacio de Jesús Cantu Hernandez
Pakistan	: Dr. Shahid Hanif
Sri Lanka	: Dr. Shihan Azeez JP
Thailand	: Dr. Peerayoot Sanugul
Côte d'Ivoire	: Dr. Patricia Kouyaté

Tributes to the Outgoing Board Members and Partner Country Coordinators

On this auspicious occasion of 25th Founding Anniversary, PPD takes the greatest privilege of paying the profound tributes to its Founding Visionaries and all the previous Board Members and PCCs, who made exemplary contributions to PPD and promotion of South-South Cooperation in improving Reproductive Health, Population and Development nationally, regionally and globally. We wish them good health and best of success in their future endeavor in the interest of the people of the developing countries. We also wish that they will continue to contribute to PPD as the Ambassadors of South-South Cooperation.

PPD Mourns the Sad Demise of the former Mexican Board Member

PPD pays special tributes to the late Mexican Board Member Dr. Carlos Javier Echarri, who made indelible mark of his outstanding leadership and perceptive expertise in promoting South-South Cooperation particularly through his high-level interventions in the PPD Side Events on the margin of the BAPA+40 in Buenos Aires and 52nd UNCPD in New York. PPD Board Members, PCCs and Secretariat officials mourns his premature death by a tragic road accident in July 2019. Our hearts go out to the loved ones he left behind and we wish that they will find solace in his fond memories.



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PPD Africa Regional Office (PPD ARO)

Introduction

During 2019, PPD ARO continued to design and implement activities anchored around three strategic interventions of 1) Advocacy and Policy Development; 2) Institutional Capacity Building for SSC and 3) Building Partnerships and Relationships. The activities aimed at positioning reproductive health and family planning (RH/FP) as high priorities on national development agendas; enhancing greater accountability for the implementation of RH/FP commitments that countries signed onto; and advocating for increased domestic and international funding for RH/FP.

Advocacy & Policy Development

1.0 Country level advocacy work

During the reporting period, PPD ARO conducted country level advocacy and capacity building activities with policy makers, key government officials and like-minded development partners with overlapping objectives aimed at increasing policy makers' knowledge to better understand and appreciate the interlinkages between RH/FP and sustainable development. This would in turn facilitate decision making resulting in conducive policy and funding environment for RH/FP. Additionally, knowledgeable policy makers would meaningfully and persuasively engage governments to establish transparency and accountability in implementation of the RH/FP and other related commitments that countries made at international, regional and country levels, including at the Network of African Parliamentary Committees of Health (NEAPACOH) meetings and FP2020. The country level activities implemented are described below:

1.1 Workshop to develop SMART advocacy objectives for family planning, Benin, Cotonou, 28 February – 8 March 2019

PPD ARO facilitated a workshop to develop SMART advocacy objectives for family planning from 28 February to 8 March 2019. The workshop was organized by AFP in collaboration with PPD ARO and contributed to accelerate progress in achieving the Ouagadougou Partnership (OP) and FP2020 objectives as well as national commitments and policies related to increasing access to information, services and supplies to youth and adolescents in the 9 (nine) OP countries. During the workshop, there was shared understanding of the latest evidence and effective practices for achieving zero pregnancies in school, including successful contraceptive service delivery. Information on potential resources, expertise, and commitment of national civil society (including youth) and international nongovernmental organizations (INGOs), donors, governments, researchers, and religious leaders that can be leveraged was also shared. Plans for sustained advocacy collaboration in each OP country that are dedicated to inclusion of strong youth leadership and achieving of Ouagadougou Partnership (OP) and FP2020 objectives were developed.



Participants at a workshop to develop SMART advocacy objectives for family planning, Benin, Cotonou 28 February – 8 March 2019

1.2 Workshop to develop SMART advocacy objectives for family planning, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 20 to 24 May 2019

PPD ARO facilitated another workshop to develop SMART advocacy objectives for family planning from 20 to 24 May 2019. The workshop was organized by AFP, in collaboration with PPD ARO and JHPIEGO and succeeded in helping JHPIEGO country offices in Francophone West Africa to train in AFP SMART as part of the AFP mainstreaming activities with participants from the JHPIEGO. As the output of the workshop, country-based SMART advocacy strategies within the framework of DMPA-SC were developed. At the workshop, the Ugandan example of how advocates worked through the 9-step SMART process in advocating for increased funding and better policy environment for FP in the context of DMPA-SC was shared as a Best Practice for effective advocacy.



Trainers (PAI, AFP & PPD ARO) with MSI team leads from Mali, Niger, Senegal and Burkina Faso at a Workshop to develop SMART advocacy objectives for FP, Ouagadougou, May 20 - 24, 2019

1.3 Meeting with Members of Parliament of Kenya on NEAPACOH) commitments, Mombasa, Kenya, June 28, 2019

On June 28, 2019, PPD ARO in collaboration with National Council for Population and Development (NCPD) of Kenya organized a follow up meeting with Kenya parliamentarians on implementation of the NEAPACOH commitment made at a NEAPACOH meeting that was held in October 2018 in Kampala, Uganda. The meeting was held at Serena Beach Hotel and Spa, Mombasa, Kenya. The participants were the MPs from the Kenya Parliamentary Network on Population and Development and members on the finance, health and budget committees from the Senate and National Assembly. Other participants were FP technical experts from the Kenya National Council for Population and Development (NCPD), Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Health, DSW and UNFPA Kenya. Dr. Josephine Kibaru Mbae, the Director General of the NCPD, presented the NCPD Bill to the MPs and appealed to them to expedite its passing into an Act. From the meeting, the progress of implementation of the NEAPACOH commitments as well as the plans for preparation of the ICPD25 Nairobi Summit were shared. Going by the good progress that was shared, especially on amending National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) so that it provides for Universal Health Care, Kenya government is on good course and steady to achieving its commitment of ensuring UHC by all.

1.4 Support RH/FP Champions to participate in national level advocacy opportunities

PPD ARO continued to identify, build capacity, and deploy "RH/FP champions" at different levels as "Voices of the South" for advocating for mainstreaming RH/FP as part of broader development goals. In this regard, PPD ARO supported 10 (ten) RH/FP Champions, constituting 5 female and 5 male parliamentarians of Uganda Parliament to participate in the 2019 World Population Day (WPD) events that took place in Adjumani district of Northern Uganda on 11 July 2019. These events were presided over by the Vice

President of Uganda who represented the President. At these events, the RH/FP champions made a strong and compelling statement appreciative of the role of RH/FP in the social-economic development nexus.

2.0 Regional level advocacy and capacity building work

2.1 9th Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN) coordination meeting, 24 to 25 June 2019, Nairobi, Kenya

PPD ARO, jointly with the National Council for Population and Development of Kenya (NCPD) organized the 9th Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN) coordination meeting which was held from 24 to 25 June 2019 at Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya. The meeting was attended by focal persons of EARHN, representatives from the Ministries of Health and Ministries/Commissions in charge of planning and civil society from the respective member countries. It was attended by over 40 participants from countries of Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

The meeting provided an excellent platform for South-South sharing and learning of good practices in the field of RH/FP between and among the countries. In particular, countries shared progress in implementation of FP2020 and other FP/RH related commitments, highlighting some good practices and lessons for other countries to learn from and adopt. Country delegations developed country specific advocacy action plans (anchored on EARHN 2017 – 2021) for implementation in 2019 and 2020 that were based on the successful advocacy approaches shared during the meeting. Additionally, innovative and cost effective practices on enhancing the demographic dividend from Uganda and Kenya were also shared.



*Participants at the
EARHN meeting of
June 24 – 25, 2019,
Nairobi, Kenya*

2.2 Meeting of the Network of African Parliamentary Committees of Health (NEAPACOH), Executive Committee, May 30, 2019 Kampala, Uganda

On 30 May 2019, PPD ARO organized a NEAPACOH Executive Committee Meeting at Golden Tulip Hotel, Kampala, Uganda. The meeting was attended by the NEAPACOH Chairperson, as well as representatives from the countries of Malawi, Uganda, Namibia, Ghana, South Sudan, Lesotho and Zimbabwe who form the membership of the Executive Committee of NEAPACOH. The meeting was held to discuss governance and operational issues for strengthening NEAPACOH to function as a robust, dynamic and effective African-born and African-led parliamentary network for advocacy for health in Africa.

The outcome of the meeting was a revised NEAPACOH constitution that was later tabled for approval during the NEAPACOH General Assembly of Oct 2019 in Kampala, Uganda. Additionally, the Executive Committee meeting made important and far reaching resolutions, which provide for the Parliament of Uganda to hold the position of Chairperson, in the interim, of the Executive Committee of NEAPACOH until the next NEAPACOH General Assembly. A monitoring and accountability framework that was developed by Partners in Population and Development and the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) was adopted as a blueprint for reporting progress on implementation of NEAPACOH commitments by member parliaments.



A group photo of members of the NEAPACOH Executive Committee at the EXCO meeting of May 30, 2019

2.3 Meeting of the Network of African Parliamentary Committees of Health (NEAPACOH), 30 to 31 October 2019, Kampala, Uganda

PPD ARO, in conjunction with the Network of African Parliamentary Committees of Health (NEAPACOH) and partners, organizes meetings of the NEAPACOH. The meeting participants are drawn from Parliamentarians who chair or are members of the parliamentary committees of health and their Committee Clerks, Development Partners, Civil Society Organizations and other stakeholders involved in Family Planning, Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) programmes. The 2019 NEAPACOH meeting was held from 30th to 31st October 2019 at Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda and graciously hosted by the Parliament of Uganda. With the theme of “Building the capacity of African policy makers for enhanced implementation of ICPD PoA and improved reproductive health outcomes: Challenges and Opportunities”, this meeting was organized when the Governments of Kenya, Denmark and UNFPA were preparing to convene the ICPD+25 Summit from 12 to 14 November 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya.

The specific objectives of the meeting were to share progress, lessons learned and remaining challenges in implementation of the RH/FP related commitments that were made during the October 2018 NEAPACOH meeting; to share experiences and good practices that enhance the implementation of FP/RH related commitments, the ICPD Programme of Action and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); to build the capacity of policy makers to contribute to enhanced accountability, leadership and stewardship for the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and meet the SDGs by 2030 in the region; and to elicit commitments to improve RH/FP outcomes including ending preventable maternal deaths, eliminating unmet need for family planning and ending child marriages and teenage pregnancies, among others.

The meeting was opened by the Speaker of Uganda's Parliament, who was represented by the Chairperson of the Committee of Health and drew 173 participants from Members of Parliament from Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Benin, Niger, Gambia, Ghana, South Sudan, Senegal, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Seychelles. Other participants were from United Kingdom, United States of America, Nigeria and South Africa. Additionally, Development Partners, Civil Society Organizations, and other stakeholders engaged in FP, RH & MCH attended the meeting. The Executive Director of PPD, Mr Adnene Ben Haj Aissa attended and made statements at the official opening and closing of the meeting, emphasizing South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) for accelerated implementation of the ICPD PoA and achieving the SDGs. Attended by 173 participants, the meeting developed and adopted a 2019 Kampala Call for Action which elaborates and emphasizes key recommendations for accelerated implementation of the ICPD PoA for improved reproductive health and family planning outcomes.

The Call to Action highlights areas of Improving Universal Access to Reproductive Health and Family Planning Services for achieving the ICPD PoA and the SDGs; accelerating progress for Universal Access to Sexual, Reproductive Health and Rights of the Young People to end Teenage Pregnancies; and harnessing the Demographic Dividend agenda for accelerated implementation of the ICPD PoA and achieving the SDGs at country level. Each country in attendance developed specific actions to promote RH/FP that will be implemented, and progress reported on, during the NEAPACOH meeting of 2020. The meeting report and presentations can be accessed at our website link; <http://www.partners-popdev.org/aro/programs/regional-networks/>. The Chair of NEAPACOH recommended inclusion of SSC in Nairobi Summit outcome document.



*A group photo
of participants
at the 2019
NEAPACOH
meeting*



*A Photo of PPD
Staff at the 2019
NEAPACOH meeting*

Institutional Capacity Building for SSC

1.0 Participation in a High level Workshop on Capacity Strengthening of National SSC Focal Persons (PCCs) and Development of 5-year PPD Strategic Plan (2020-2024), Taicang, China, 8-11 July 2019

A Programme Manager and Programme Officer attended a high level workshop on capacity strengthening of national SSC focal persons (PCCs) and development of a 5-year PPD Strategic Plan (2020-2024). The events were held in Taicang, China, from 9 to 11 July 2019. The workshop was attended mainly by the PCCs. During the meeting, ideas were generated and discussed for the revision of the draft PPD Strategic Plan. In addition, presentations and discussions were made on various topics aimed at building capacity of the PCCs on SSC.

2.0 Participation in the 16th International Inter-Ministerial Conference and PPD Governance meetings, Le Palace Hotel, Tunis, Tunisia, 2-4 Sept 2019.

The Programme Manager attended the 16th PPD International Inter-Ministerial Conference on “Consolidating the gains and reaffirming the commitments for the achievement of the ICPD PoA and the SDGs 2030 Agenda” and PPD Annual Governance Meetings held at the Le Palace Hotel, Tunis, Tunisia from 2 to 4 September 2019. The Programme Manager actively participated in the Inter-Ministerial Conference and provided extensive comments, observations, inputs and feedbacks to the proceedings, most of which found their way to the Tunis Commitments adopted as the outcome document of the Conference. The Programme Manager also attended the 21st Partner Country Coordinators (PCC) Meeting, 33rd Executive Committee Meeting and 24th Annual Board Meeting held concurrently with and subsequent to the Inter-Ministerial Conference at the same venue.

On the sidelines of the PPD Governance events, the ARO Programme Manager attended a meeting that was convened by H.E. Dr. Li Bin, Chair of PPD Board and Vice Chairwomen of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, Government of China. At this meeting, the Executive Director made a presentation on the key milestones and challenges still remaining since he assumed the leadership of PPD as its Executive Director. The Chair commended the ED for the hard work and effort in turning around the image of PPD as an Intergovernmental Organization with exclusive mandate to promote South to South Cooperation.

The Programme Manager attended another meeting convened by the Secretary of PPD Board H.E. Ms. Lindiwe Zulu MP, Minister of Social Development of South Africa. In addition to the Executive Director, the Programme Manager also briefed the Secretary about the activities ARO is implementing in the PPD member states situated in Africa Region.

3.0 Participation at the ICPD25 Summit, November 14 - 16, 2019, Nairobi, Kenya

Two staff of ARO attended the ICPD25 Summit which was held on November 14 - 16, 2019, in Nairobi, Kenya. The Summit which marked the 25th Anniversary of the ground breaking International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), that took place in Cairo in 1994, was convened by the international community led by UNFPA, and the Governments of Kenya and Denmark

The Summit was organized to contribute to accelerated efforts to achieve the ICPD goals agreed to at the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development with the specific objectives of mobilizing the political will and financial commitments needed to finally fully implement the ICPD Programme of Action and meet the SDGs by 2030; and eliciting voluntary commitments to end preventable maternal deaths, eliminate unmet need for modern contraceptives, end gender-based violence, child marriage and female genital mutilation, among others. The Summit created political and financial momentum to advance the ICPD agenda, as an indispensable part of the 2030 Agenda, and in particular around reducing maternal mortality, unmet need for family planning and eliminating violence against women and harmful practices. It offered an inclusive platform for a broad range of Member States and other stakeholders to come together around the universally applicable principle of rights and choices for all. The commitments made at the ICPD were centered on achieving zero unmet need for family planning information and services, zero preventable maternal deaths, and zero sexual and gender-based violence and harmful practices against women and girls. Empowering the world's 1.8 billion young people and unleashing their full potential to contribute to economic and social progress was the unflinching imperative that was central to the Summit and commitments thereof.

Altogether, PPD ARO staff attended over 10 side events and workshops, including the high level signature session on South-South and Triangular Cooperation for accelerating the achievement of ICPD goals and the 2030 Agenda that was organized by PPD in partnership with UNFPA on November 12, 2019. This summit was the occasion for PPD staff to interact with participants from different countries including Ministers, Parliamentarians, PCCs, high level public servants as well leading development partners and current funders. The ICPD25 commitments made by heads of state and other high level dignitaries from PPD member countries will provide PPD with advocacy opportunities and themes for high level engagements to ensure that they are implemented.

Prior to the Summit, PPD ARO staff attended a high level policy dialogue that was organized by AFIDEP and APHRC. The dialogue was held on November 10th and 11th. The purpose of the dialogue was to discuss the emerging population imperatives that have often been forgotten and have not found adequate space in the ICPD and SDGs discourse. These include increasing urbanization and slums development, climate change, the ageing population and the demographic dividend. A framework for their integration in the country planning frameworks was developed and adopted.

4.0 Participation at the 8th African Population Conference, 18 to 22 Nov 2019, Entebbe, Uganda

PPD ARO was a member of the National Steering Committee that organized the 8th African Population Conference /Union of African Population Studies – UAPS - that was held in Entebbe, Uganda, from 18 to 22 November 2019. Specifically, PPD ARO was the Chair of the Sub-Committee on resource mobilization. All staff of ARO attended the conference.

Like the last three UAPS conferences that have been hinged on the 'Demographic Dividend in Africa', the theme of the 2019 Union of African Population Studies Conference was ***"Harnessing Africa's Population Dynamics for Sustainable Development: 25 Years after Cairo and Beyond."*** The theme was particularly relevant to African countries, whose populations are predominantly youthful. The young population is a potential asset for national development through harnessing the demographic dividend.

The conference objectives were to facilitate dissemination and evaluation of new research findings on emerging issues on population and their implications for the socioeconomic development; to facilitate creation and strengthening of individual and institutional networking between researchers, service providers, public health experts, policymakers, and other stakeholders in the field of health, population and development in Africa; to promote an integrated approach to integration of population dynamics in development planning by bringing together a multidisciplinary audience of scholars, practitioners and policymakers; to enhance the visibility of African population issues on the global scientific and development discourses through the intense publicity of the conference at local, national, regional and international levels; to identify knowledge and methodological gaps for improving the quality of science and application of research evidence required for effective policies and programmes; and to facilitate capacity building and development of analytical and communication skills of the next generation of experts in population and development through various technical workshops and side meetings attached to the conference. The 2019 African Population Conference brought together over 1,000 guests from a multiplicity of countries across the world. On top of providing opportunities for engaging with researchers, academicians, and policy makers on the latest and state of the art evidence to facilitate advocacy in the population and development nexuses, it provided opportunities for building partnerships and networks.

Partnerships and Relationships

1.0 Participation in the AFP Partners' meeting, April 8 - 11, 2019, Mumbai, India

Two officers of PPD ARO participated in the Advance Family Planning (AFP) Partners' Meeting that was held on April 8 - 11, 2019 in Mumbai, India. The meeting brought together over 100 participants from the different AFP countries including FP advocates and donors from The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the David & Lucile Packard Foundation. AFP Partners meeting are held annually with the main purpose of sharing the progress of implementation of country plans as well as sharing emerging issues around the landscape for FP at country and global levels. During the meeting, different presentations and panel discussions were made on the overview of the AFP and the FP2020. Partners all over the AFP geographies shared their work and the results that they have seen impact on the Family planning funding, policies and visibility in their respective countries. PPD ARO staff shared their AFP Uganda implementation progress with other partners, and other detailed financial and programmatic dynamics with the AFP Baltimore team.



Group photo of participants at the AFP Partners' meeting, depicting 10 years of AFP's presence

2.0 Participation in the Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR), organized workshop in Nairobi, Kenya, May 2 – 3, 2019

The Programme Manager participated in a workshop that was organized by the Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR) in Nairobi, Kenya, May 2 – 3, 2019. The workshop was organized to share innovative approaches to research policy uptake in Africa. PASGR is strategic partner to APHRC through the IMCHA initiative where PPD ARO is an implementing partner. The workshop was an international convening. During the workshop, there was sharing and engagement with concrete and practical innovative ways among researchers, policy actors, decision makers and other stakeholders on what has worked to translate evidence to policy action and decision making.

Resource Mobilization

During the period January – July, 2019, PPD ARO engaged with PAI to have a partnership collaboration in advocating for FP inclusion in the National Health Insurance Scheme by November 2020. A grant, in the amount of US\$100,000 was signed in August 2019. In addition, PPD ARO finalized the contracting process with AFP for a grant worth \$200,000 to conduct funding and policy advocacy for FP in Uganda. The grant will cover the period November 2019 to October 2020. Discussions are still ongoing with the government of Uganda to financially support PPD ARO.

PPD China Program Office

Introduction

During the period of January to December, 2019, with the constant guidance and support from PPD Secretariat, National Health Commission of China and many other domestic and international institutions and organizations, PPD China Programme Office (PPD-China) continued to promote the South-South Cooperation (SSC) in the field of population and development mainly through 1 workshop hosted by PPD and 4 seminars hosted by Ministry of Commerce and National Health Commission of the Government of China.

As the PPD platform in China mandated to capacity strengthening of the senior officials and professionals from other countries and regions in the field of population and development, PPD China is highly responsive and active to maintain certain essential environmental elements, such as, pleasant and comfortable stay, superior manners and etiquettes, safety security to ensure the maximum success of the seminars. With great support from National Health Commission, Ministry of Commerce and Taicang Municipal Government, PPD China is able to host each international activity impeccably without any unpleasant incident. All the participants and experts have highly praised the superior professional and efficient services including organizing ability, which will have positive effect towards generating increasing impact of PPD-China Office Programmes in the global environment, to better serve the development of PPD and South-South Cooperation in the field of population and development.

I. High-Level Consultation on PPD Strategic Plan Development and Workshop on Capacity Strengthening for National SSC Focal Persons

High-Level Consultation on PPD Strategic Plan Development and Workshop on Capacity Strengthening for National SSC Focal Persons was organized in Taicang China from 9 to 11 July 2019 by PPD Secretariat and PPD-China Programme Office, which was sponsored by the National Health Commission of China.



The three-day workshop attended by 35 participants can be divided into two parts. The first part is the One-day High Level Consultation on PPD Strategic Plan Development, which was mainly focused on PPD Five-Year Strategic Plan. The second part was the two-day Workshop on Capacity Strengthening for National SSC Focal Persons, which focused on promotion of SSTC and establishment and operationalization of Center of Excellence, increasing strategic partnership and technical cooperation, improving health and wellbeing, promoting poverty alleviation so as to help strengthen the partnership in SSC.

II. Seminar on Population, Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction for Developing Country Officials

Sponsored by MOFCOM and National Health Commission, Seminar on Population, Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction for Developing Country Officials was successfully held from 19 June to 2 August in Taicang, Jiangsu Province and Shanghai, China. 23 participants from 7 developing countries attended the seminar. With sessions on lessons learned, experience sharing, field visits and cultural tour, participants had a better understanding of the policy formulation systems and practical experience in population information building, sustainable development, poverty reduction and capacity building, which helped promoting the international cooperation in population and sustainable development.



III. Seminar on Management Capacity for Maldives Health Officials

Sponsored by MOFCOM and National Health Commission, the Seminar on Management Capacity for Maldives Health Officials was successfully held from 22 August to 10 September in Taicang, Jiangsu Province, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province and Shanghai, China. 19 participants attended the bilateral seminar. During the 20 days, participants have extensively visited different places in China and gotten a better understanding of China's experience, policy, progress and success on health services through learning sessions like



Health Service System of China, through field visits in grass-root health service management like ***Taicang Yiyue Elderly Nursing Home*** and experience sharing in health service management with Chinese experts and hospitals, which helped improving the management capacity of Maldives' health officials and deepen the bilateral cooperation.

IV. Ministerial Workshop on Population and Sustainable Development for Developing Countries

Sponsored by MOFCOM and National Health Commission, the Ministerial Workshop on Population and Sustainable Development for Developing Countries was successfully held from 16 to 22 October in Beijing, Shanghai and Taicang, Jiangsu Province of China. The seminar brought together 23 delegates from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, the Philippine and Slovenia, including 2 Vice Ministers from Ethiopia. With diverse topics of discussion on progress of population and development, poverty alleviation, South-South Cooperation, and observation field visits to the national-level demographic research centers and grass-root public health service centers, all the participants gained both theoretical knowledge and practical experience with Chinese characteristics and shared mutual experience in the above fields, which helped strengthening the ability of the developing countries to plan and manage population and sustainable development programs and promote the mutually beneficial South-South Cooperation (SSC), coalition and partnership building.



V. Seminar on Better Maternal and Child Healthcare for Developing Countries

Sponsored by MOFCOM and National Health Commission, the Seminar on Better Maternal and Child Healthcare for Developing Countries was successfully held from 20 November to 10 December in Taicang, Jiangsu Province, Hangzhou Zhejaing Province and Shanghai, China. The seminar brought 48 participants in maternal and child health care from 15 developing countries together. Participants had a better understanding of China's experience, policy, law, progress and success on Maternal and Child Healthcare and RH after learning sessions like China's Maternal and Child Health, China's Health Care During Pregnancy and Childbirth, Child Health Care and Early Childhood Development, China's Practice in Preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS, Syphilis and Hepatitis B. etc.

PPD China has accumulated a wealth of managing experience after facilitating a series of international communicative training programmes and research in the field of population and development. PPD China Programme Office will continue to assist National Health Commission in hosting international seminars and training workshops and to deepen the cooperation and communication between PPD and other international organizations, cultivate new ideas and develop new issues to improve international communicative ability.

Annexure

Tunis Commitments



Partners in Population and Development (PPD)



National Board of Family and Population
Ministry of Health, Tunisia



United Nations Population Fund
(UNFPA)



We, the Board Members of PPD, representatives of the Governments of PPD Member-Countries, representatives of non-member countries, UN agencies, including United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), other international organizations, representatives of the civil-society, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and the academia, gathered in Tunis, Tunisia from 3rd to 4th September 2019, for the **16th International Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South Cooperation in Population and Development: Consolidating the Gains and Reaffirming the Commitments for the Achievements of the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD PoA) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, which is jointly organized by PPD, the Government of Tunisia, specifically the Ministry of Health, and UNFPA, adopt the following Commitments.

The Inter-Ministerial Conference was held on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the adoption of the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD PoA) held in Cairo, Egypt in 1994, and also the Twenty-fifth Founding Anniversary of the Partners in Population and Development (PPD), the Fiftieth Founding Anniversary of UNFPA, and following the Second High-Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in March 2019 (BAPA+40).

The Conference focused on the specific thematic subjects concerning PPD member countries' commitments towards promoting South-South Cooperation (SSC) as a key accelerator for achieving the ICPD PoA and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); SSC for improving universal access to reproductive health and family planning services; addressing gender-based violence through sharing of best practices; harnessing demographic dividend; preventing maternal death in developing countries; and investing in Centers of Excellence as a SSC partnership vehicle;

The delegates of the inter-ministerial conference in Tunis concluded that achieving the SDGs will not be possible unless there is an understanding of the urgency of addressing the pressing population and development issues of the present and of the coming years. Promoting South-South cooperation in advancing the ICPD agenda is essential to delivering the SDGs and 2030 Agenda. Hence,

We, the delegates of the Inter-Ministerial Conference,

Recognized the remarkable progress made since ICPD in promoting sound coordination between population dynamics and socio-economic development, ensuring the universal access to sexual and reproductive health and family planning services, reducing maternal and child mortality, promoting women empowerment and youth development, accelerating poverty alleviation, and

in ensuring healthy ageing, etc. Recognized the remarkable achievements made by PPD and its Member Countries in SSC in these areas.

Recognized the importance of the policy dialogues, capacity building and technical cooperation, sharing of and exchange of knowledge, experiences, expertise, technologies, lessons learned and best practices, and the adoption of such practices in expediting the achievement of the ICPD PoA and the SDGs.

Acknowledged that SSC has expanded its scope, provided innovative approaches for collective actions and strengthened its contribution to sustainable development. Institutionalization of SSC and its incorporation into policymaking by Southern countries is essential; thus, institutions like the Centers of Excellence for SSC in population and development are an important vehicle for promotion of SSC.

Acknowledged that PPD Member-Countries tend to share common views of their national strategies and priorities when faced with similar challenges. The proximity of experience is, therefore, a key catalyst in promoting capacity development of the national SSC focal persons and national taskforces.

Acknowledged the achievements of experience-sharing and policy dialogues that PPD facilitated by organizing a series of sixteen International Inter-Ministerial conferences on SSC in population and development, which became an event of global importance, with the support of its Member-Countries and UNFPA. It offers a unique global high-level platform for government officials, representatives from international community including experts to conduct debates on critical and emerging issues in population and development. It also shares solutions to accelerate the implementation of the global population and reproductive health-related instruments including the ICPD PoA.

Acknowledged the achievements in human resource development facilitated by PPD and its member countries, which has provided the largest training opportunities for SSC in the world. PPD constructed its own office building with the contribution from its member countries, indicating the strong commitment toward SSC and recognized as a milestone in the institutionalization of SSC.

Recognized that the ICPD PoA is an unfinished agenda. There is still a wide gap in achieving universal access to sexual and reproductive health, including that for adolescents. Substantially, there is an unmet need for family planning and modern contraception. Maternal and child mortality remain high in many developing countries, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa and parts of Asia. Gender equality, the empowerment of women, and the elimination of all forms of violence against women including harmful social practices are still a big challenge. While there are also emerging demographic issues to be addressed a "complete and accelerated implementation of ICPD PoA" is strongly needed.

Reaffirmed the role of developing countries, United Nations Agencies, UN regional commissions and country teams, various foundations and donors in supporting and promoting South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

Recognized that SSC leads to more diverse opportunities for development. It is not a substitute for but rather a complement to North-South Cooperation. Hence there is a need to enhance the developmental effectiveness of South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

Reaffirmed the strategic priority areas for SSC as stated in the Bali Call for Action: population and development; universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights-based family planning, including in all forms of humanitarian emergency and disaster risk reduction; women's,

children's and adolescents' health; gender equality; healthy ageing; migration; and poverty alleviation through better health services, with particular emphasis on emerging population issues.

We, the delegates of the Inter-Ministerial Conference,

Commit to accelerate the implementation of the ICPD PoA and the 2030 Agenda. PPD Member-Countries commit to take the lead among the developing countries in achieving the population and reproductive health-related goals of ICPD PoA and the SDGs by 2030.

Commit to integrate population dynamics into national development plans and programmes to ensure harmonious relations between population on one side and the economy, society and the environment on the other.

Commit to develop appropriate laws, policies, investments and innovative approaches that ensure universal access to family planning and the wider sexual and reproductive health agenda to support the initiatives for achieving the Three Zeros by 2030 as articulated by UNFPA; namely, zero unmet need for family planning, zero preventable maternal deaths, and zero gender-based violence and harmful practices, such as child marriage and female genital mutilations.

Commit to formulate policies and design programs to address emerging population issues including data utilization, low fertility, population ageing, and youth development for harnessing the demographic dividend. We also commit to address sexual and reproductive health and family planning services in hard-to-reach areas, in humanitarian settings and for internally displaced persons in conflict situations.

Commit to increase financial resources, including domestic, bilateral and multilateral funding, to increase transformational and effective SSC programs contributing to improved reproductive

health, especially reducing maternal and under-five mortality in developing countries.

Commit to embody SSC in the specific population and reproductive health strategies and programmes. PPD Member Countries commit to implement PPD Strategic Plan for SSC (2020-2024).

Commit to adopt and strengthen national policies to advance South-South and Triangular Cooperation; to enhance the capacity of national SSC taskforces, particularly that of national SSC focal persons; sharing of knowledge, lessons learned and good practices; and technical cooperation in the field of population and development.

Commit to make more efforts in supporting the development of more effective Centers of Excellence on SSC for population and development.

Call upon UNFPA and UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), and other development partners to maintain and to further scale up their efforts in promoting South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

Call upon Governments, UN agencies and international organizations, donors, the private sectors and other relevant stakeholders to commit more investments to meet the needs of young people by scaling up programs for reaping the opportunity inherent in demographic dividend.

Welcome the upcoming Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 to be held in Kenya from 12-14 November 2019 and encourage the integration of the Outcome Document of the Third China-Africa Conference on Population and Development and the Tunis Commitments with the Nairobi Summit outcome document for enhancing the effectiveness of South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

We convey our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Government of Tunisia for the successful organization and hosting of the 16th International Inter-Ministerial Conference on SSC in Population and Development and the warm welcome and hospitality extended to all delegates in the historic and beautiful city of Tunis.

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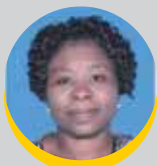
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