



NETWORK OF AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES OF HEALTH (NEAPACOH) MEETING October 28 - 29, 2021

The Gambia

THE GAMBIA'S COMMITMENTS TO NEAPACOH

- The select committee on health, women, children, disaster, refugees and humanitarian relief, we will continue to advocate for the fulfilment of the government's commitment to increase the budgetary allocation for health to commensurate with the Abuja declaration
- Conduct a refresher capacity building of National Assembly Members on Population, Gender and Reproductive Health in collaboration with National Population Commission Secretariat and UNFPA
- Collaborate with the National Population Commission Secretariat and the Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) Unit of The Ministry of Health to support the provision of Basic Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (BEmONC) services in all public health facilities across the country through the national population program
- Table the 2020 and 2021 NEAPACOH reports at the next meeting of the National Assembly in December 2021 for consideration and adoption

COMMITMENT 1

Conduct a refresher capacity building for National Assembly Members on Population & Development, Reproductive Health and Gender issues

Implementation status	Achievements	Challenges
The commitment was fully implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A two day capacity building workshop was organized for members of the Select committee on Health at the National Assembly• Leading experts were invited to deliberate on the current state of Population and Development issues in The Gambia such as GBV and maternal & child health care• The NAMs reaffirmed their commitment to support population and related development programmes at the level of the national assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due to budgetary constraints, only the Select Committee on Health was trained

COMMITMENT 2

Continue advocacy for the fulfillment of our government's commitments to increase its budgetary allocation for health including family planning to commensurate with the Abuja declaration (15%)

Implementation status	Achievements	Challenges
The Commitment is partially implemented as we are still short of achieving the 15% target of the Abuja Declaration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An increment of the budget line for health was successfully lobbied by the Health Committee on Health• Consequently, the Ministry of Health's budget allocation being increased from 6.59% to 9.65% of the total national budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We still have a long way to go in achieving the 15% target of the Abuja Declaration

COMMITMENT 3

Collaborate with the National Population Commission Secretariat and the Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) Unit of The Ministry of Health to support the provision of Basic Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (BEmONC) services in all public health facilities across the country through the national population program

Implementation status	Achievements	Challenges
The Commitment is partially implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Between 2019 to date, 12 health facilities have been upgraded and provided with trained personnel to provide Basic Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (BEmONC) services with support from the Government of The Gambia/UNFPA funded country programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Competing health priorities and the continued prioritisation of the fight against COVID-19 pandemic

COMMITMENT 4

Table the NEAPACOH 2019 and 2020 reports at the next meeting of the National Assembly in December 2020 for consideration and adoption

Implementation status	Achievements	Challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Commitment is partially implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The 2019 report on The Gambia's commitment to NEAPACOH was successfully tabled and adopted at the National Assembly <p>The National Assembly Business Committee was unable to allocate time for the tabling of the 2020 NEAPACOH report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There is a scaled down of activities at the National Assembly

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