

Zimbabwe Nairobi Commitments ICPD@25

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Background

- Zimbabwe has been implementing the ICPD Plan of Action since 1994 with regular reviews being conducted with full participation of key stakeholders
- The country commitments are guided by global commitments:- Universal sexual health and rights in the context of Universal Health Coverage; Creating financing momentum; Demographic diversity and sustainable development; Gender Based Violence; SRH&R in humanitarian and fragile contexts
- Post Nairobi summit the country constituted the multi-sectoral National Population& Development -ICPD Taskforce.
- The NTF has set up a TWG to develop an M&E framework to monitor implementation progress



Global Commitment 1

- Intensify our efforts for the full, effective and accelerated implementation and funding of the ICPD-PoA.....

Government commitments

- Revise the population policy
 - This is still pending
- Put in place and capacitate high level coordination board for implementation of the Population Policy
 - The National Development Strategy I (NDS 1) was launched in 2020 and will provide a framework for population and development issues.
- Capacitate the responsible department in MoFED
 - This is ongoing with support from UNFPA and other partners
- Conduct Population Census in 2022
 - Census preparation are at an advanced stage and will be completed by 2022



Global Commitment 2

- Zero unmet need for FP.....

Government commitments

- Curb teenage pregnancy
 - This remains a challenge (24%) efforts to reduce this are on going and will be strengthened through the National Development Strategy and the National Health Strategy
- Avail comprehensive short and long term, permanent FP methods
 - Zimbabwe met its FP2020 target of a CPR of 68%. Access to FP will be further improved through National Health Strategy 2021-25 and the new National FP strategy 2022-2025 to be finalised in December 2021.



Global Commitment 3

- Zero unmet preventable maternal deaths , and maternal morbidities

Government commitments

- Increase by 50% the maternal mortality reduction from 651/100000 LB by 2030
 - Reduction of MMR has been noted (**currently 462**) but more effort is still required
- Develop a comprehensive national SRHR package and integrate it into the Universal Health Coverage strategies, policies and programmes
 - Integration framework for SRH/FP/HIV&AIDS and MCH is now in place
- Deploy 2 trained midwives to provide maternity services at all eligible primary health care facilities by 2030
 - On going and this is emphasised is part of the National Health Strategy 2021-25 and the Community Health Strategy



Global Commitment 4

- Ensuring access for adolescents and youth to comprehensive and age appropriate information, education and youth friendly services.....

Government commitments

- Support all SRHR service provision points to youth friendly
 - Trainings in ASRH undertaken for staff in youth-friendly service provision
- Support schools to deliver comprehensive sexuality education
 - Trainings are ongoing for service providers for in and out of school CSE.
- Ensure hard to reach populations have access to comprehensive sexual reproductive health and rights
 - Intensified mobile outreach services to reach underserved areas especially during the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions



Global Commitment 5

- Zero sexual and gender based violence, zero child, early and forced marriages

Government commitments

- Align all laws pertaining to marriage to the constitution of Zimbabwe
 - The Ministry of Legal Affairs drafted the Marriages Bill and submitted to the Attorney General. It seeks to harmonize all Marriage laws.
- Implement the National Plan of Action on Ending Child Marriages
 - Harmonisation of all marriage laws is in progress and this will set the age of marriage at 18 years
- Invest in resources to provide multi-sectoral services for survivors.
 - Established 7 One Stop Centers (OSC) for survivors of GBV. All key services provided under one roof namely Health, Psychosocial, Legal and Police services.
- Economically and socially empower women and girls to be actively engaged in development issues
 - Developed the Girls and Young Women Empowerment framework.
 - The Ministry of Women Affairs is promoting financial inclusion of women through the women Development Fund and the Zimbabwe Women Micro-Finance Bank (ZWMB). Trainings done in business and financial literacy skills
- Finalise and implement the Disability Act to ensure access to services by the disabled\
 - The Disability Act is being finalised for implementation



Global Commitment 6

- Using national budget process, increasing domestic financing and exploring new and innovative financing instruments to ensure full and effective implementation of ICPD-PoA

Government commitments

- Allocate at least 15% of the National Budget to the health sector with specific allocation for SRHR and FP
 - There has been an improved to 13% in current budget (from 11% in 2020)
- Improve allocations from HIV and Airtime levy to SRHR and FP
 - Advocacy and discussions are still in progress. New levies for beer and cigarettes are also being muted
- Allocate 10% of Global Fund to SRHR and FP as per Global Fund Financing Framework
 - This is still work in progress, funding for part of condom requirements will be supported by GF
- Finalise and implement the National Health Insurance Scheme
 - This is still work in progress



Global Commitment 7

- Increase the % of official development aid (ODA) specifically earmarked for universal access to SRHR

Government commitments

- Ensure that Aid Support is aligned to UN National Priorities which includes universal access to SRHR and FP
 - This is ongoing through the coordination of development partners



Global Commitment 8

- Harnessing the demographic dividend by investing in adolescents and youth

Government commitments

- Improve youth involvement across sectors through enactment of the National Youth Act and its Commission
 - The National Youth Act and the Youth Commission are now in place
- Investing in post secondary school skills building to reduce youth unemployment by half by 2030
 - The government has resuscitated vocational training colleges in all provinces
- Define and implement policies that promote youth engagement
 - The National Youth Act and the Commission are now in place
- Promote health for in school children the Zimbabwe School Health Policy
 - The School Health Policy is being implemented in addition to in school CSE program
- Support access to contraception for young people to reduce teenage pregnancy by half by 2030
 - This will be addressed by the New Health Strategy 2021-2025 and the FP Strategy 2022-2025



Global Commitment 9

- Building peaceful, just and inclusive societies

Government commitments

- Promote human rights for the vulnerable and marginalised populations
 - This is ongoing and there are government policies on (gender, children, OVC, Disability etc)



Global Commitment 10

- Providing quality, timely and disaggregated data, investing in digital health innovations and improvement of data systems to achieve sustainable development

Government commitments

- Continue strengthening the production of quality, relevant, timely and disaggregated vital statistics
 - ICPD Monitoring & Evaluation framework has been developed
- Invest in statistical lead agency ZIMSTAT
 - This is ongoing to ensure sustainable development indicators are produced at the national level with full disaggregation when relevant to the target, in accordance with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics



Global Commitment 11

- Meaning involvement and participation of young people

Government commitments

- Legislate for youth consultation in the development process, including budget consultative process
- Supporting youth participation in legislative and policy processes through the Child Parliament and the Youth Council. Mainstreaming youth policy across all sectors of the economy.
- Reconfiguring of technical vocational education; Developing and modernizing the vocational training facilities infrastructure, machinery and equipment.



Global Commitment 12

- Ensuring the basic humanitarian needs of affected populations, including SRHR, are addressed as critical components of responses to humanitarian and environmental crises

Government commitments

- Ensure emergency preparedness across all sectors
 - There is a National framework in place coordinated by the Civil Protection Unit of government
- Strengthen coordination structures for preparedness and response
 - Regional and Local structures are in place
- Support strengthening of Civil Protection Unit to coordinate humanitarian actor to prioritise prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual gender based violence in humanitarian situations
 - This is ongoing with support from partners and CSOs



Conclusion

- The government is committed to fulfil the promises made at the Nairobi Summit
- However progress in most areas has been limited to various factors and the current COVID-19 pandemic
- The National Development Strategy and the National Health Strategy documents are now in place , these will further strengthen government commitment to achieve the ICPD@25 goals



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