COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

Kenya

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

1. Indicators for Kenya
2. Achievements
3. Facilitating factors
4. Constraining factors
5. Lessons learned
6. Recommendations
7. Conclusion
Key indicators

Where are we today? Contraceptive use among currently married women (1984 – 2009)

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Key indicators cont.

Fertility trends

1989 KDHS 6.7
1993 KDHS 5.4
1998 KDHS 4.7
2003 4.9
2009 4.6
Indicators continued,

- Maternal Mortality Ratio **488 per 100,000** live births from **414 per 100,000**

- One out of every four Kenyan women has unmet need (25%)

- High unmet need in Kenya leads to one million unplanned pregnancies.
Strategic objectives/Focus

EARHN developed six strategic objectives, which have been organized into three areas of strategic focus namely:

1) Advocacy and Coalition Building,
2) Programme Development and Expansion, and
3) Institutional Strengthening.
Strategic Focus 1: Advocacy and Coalition Building

**Objective 1:** Increase awareness and support for RH among key policy and decision makers in the region

**Action 1: Advocate and promote SRHR in the region**

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<td>1.1: Hold regional conferences with the Parliamentary Network on Population &amp; Development and KEWOPA to advocate for Population and Reproductive Health issues</td>
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<td>1.2: Hold briefing meetings with Members of Parliament to lobby for support for Population issues</td>
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<td>1.3: Hold regional leaders and parliamentarians conferences to advocate for Population and Reproductive Health issues at the regional level</td>
<td>4 meetings</td>
<td>4 held in; North Eastern, coast, Eastern and Nyanza regions</td>
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<td>1.4: Hold media briefing on Population and RH issues to sensitize journalists on accurate reporting of pop, and RH issues</td>
<td>9 media briefings</td>
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<td>2.1: Train members on communicating population, health research to policy makers</td>
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<td>2.2: Train members on population, health and environment: communicating information and effective interventions to policy maker</td>
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<td>2.3: Train members on monitoring and evaluation</td>
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<td>2.4 Train journalists on population and development</td>
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<td>2.5: Trains stakeholders on integration of population, health and environment issues into sectoral policies and programmes</td>
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<td>30 stakeholders trained on integration of PHE into sectoral policies and programmes</td>
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Advocacy materials developed

• 6 news letters (KENPOP NEWS)
• 12 policy briefs
• Documentary on repositioning family Planning
• Kenya leading the way advocacy tool (Trandalizer” software technologies)
• Advocacy strategy in place
• RAPID MODEL
**Objective 2:** To strengthen linkages and strategic partnerships with other international, regional and national institutions and civil society organisations to create synergies, avoid duplication and maximize available resources in furtherance of the implementation of agreements (ICPD, MDGs, Maputo PoA, etc)

**Action 1: Hold regular coordination meetings**

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<td>3.1: Hold stakeholders coordination meetings to review programme implementation</td>
<td>55 meetings</td>
<td>55 meetings held share experiences on implementation of population activities</td>
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<td>3.2: Hold regular meetings to evaluate IEC Advocacy material.</td>
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<td>10 meetings held to review IEC materials</td>
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<td>3.3: Hold Meeting with EARHN Chair to sensitize Kenyan parliamentarians and stakeholders on EARHN</td>
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FACILITATING FACTORS

• Existence of a stakeholders’ database which facilitates quick contact and mobilization for participation in stakeholders meetings
• Increased support from Government and stakeholders’
• Increased political will in Population and Development issues
• Increased support from development partners
CONSTRAINING FACTORS

• Inadequate funds for implementation of programmes
• Inadequate communication channels
• Minimal participation and contribution of EARHN members to the network.
• Undefined/ unspecified roles for the focal persons.
LESSONS LEARNED

• Having multiple sources of funding is very useful in programme implementation
• Delay in the preparation of AWPs will always lead to delay in implementation of the planned activities
Recommendations

EARHN MEMBERS SHOULD:

1. Ensure that contraceptive supplies in all clinics and health centres

2. Expand IEC programs for family planning so that messages reach men and women who can benefit

3. Encourage leaders at all levels to speak out in favour of FP

4. Design mechanisms to promote participation of member countries in the Network.

5. Countries should step up resource mobilisation efforts for Population, RH and Development
Conclusion

President Mwai Kibaki- 1982
“Family planning is Africa”

• It was true then
• It is true now
• It is true for our future