6th Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN) Coordination Meeting
“From MDGs to SDGs: Development of EARHN Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021”

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Objectives of the Meeting

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Background to EARHN

• Discussions to form EARHN emerged from several regional consultative and preparatory meetings surrounding the 1994 ICPD

• First meeting of EARHN was held in Kenya in November 1996 with founding members represented by:
  – National Council of Population and Development - Kenya;
  – Population Secretariat - Uganda;
  – President’s Office Planning Commission – Tanzania

• The three countries agreed that inter and intra-country collaborations (south-south) was necessary to address RH, P&D challenges

• EARHN is a south – south initiative founded by Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania (has now expanded to include Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia and South Sudan)
  – original objective was to enable the three founding countries undertake a set of advocacy actions aimed at improving RH services, programmes and information within the member countries.
Why EARHN

• The Eastern Africa countries share similar social, political, demographic and geographic environments and south-south cooperation has untapped potential for approaching new opportunities and sharing good practices in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)

• Eastern Africa countries have varied and extensive experiences in SRHR on which to build a new, collaborative effort to initiate change in-country and regionally, in order to improve the health and rights of all people

• Networking and formation of strategic partnerships would:
  – broaden the resource base (financial and human) for addressing SRHR
  – help diversify the experiences
  – pool expertise for sexual and reproductive health, population and development issues
  – provide synergies by that are essential for effective SRHR in the region
Business of EARHN

• The business of EARHN over the years has been to deliver an Eastern African region free from sexual and reproductive health burdens.

• Three Strategic Plans, with clear elaboration of strategic direction and objectives, have guided EARHN business:
  
  • Strategic Plan 2001 – 2005 (developed in April 2000);
  
  • EARHN Strategic Plan 2008 – 2012 (developed in December 2007)
  
  • EARHN Strategic Plan 2012 – 2016 (developed in April 2011)
  
• EARHN business for the next 5 years will largely be informed by the product for this meeting -
  
  – EARHN Strategic Plan 2017 - 2021
Objectives of the meeting

• to have a common understanding of the RH/FP situation and challenges in the Eastern Africa Region in the context of the SDGs;

• to review the EARHN 2012 – 2016 Strategic Plan;

• To develop a successor EARHN Strategic Plan for the period 2017 – 2021;

• to develop recommendations for effective coordination of EARHN.
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