The Eighth Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN) Coordination Meeting

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Presentation Outline

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About Partners in Population and Development (PPD)

• A southern run and southern led intergovernmental organization that was established during the ICPD in Cairo in 1994 to promote south-south cooperation in the fields of FP, RH, Population and Development

• 26 developing countries (Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East) form the membership of PPD (over 60% of the world population), 14 of whom are in Africa

• Headquarters are in Dhaka, Bangladesh

• Has Permanent Observer Status at the UN General Assembly, Diplomatic Status in Bangladesh

• PPD is governed by a Board comprising of Ministers (Health, Finance, Population, Planning, Social Development, of member states)
**About PPD Africa Regional Office**

- In its 2006 PPD Board meeting, the Board reviewed member countries’ performance on ICPD PoA and MDGs and found that Africa was lagging behind.

- The 2006 PPD Board meeting made a decision to re-invigorate south-south cooperation in Africa by establishing a regional office based in the continent.

- As part of PPD global, PPD Africa Regional Office opened in February 2007 in Kampala, Uganda.

- PPD ARO operates and functions according to a signed MOU with the Government of Uganda on October 11, 2007 (Uganda provides free office space, utilities, support staff, etc)
PPD ARO is part of the global PPD

- Southern-led
- Southern-run
- Presence in 14 African member countries
VISION AND MISSION OF PPD ARO

Vision
“An intergovernmental alliance leading the promotion of 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 reproductive health and rights, population and development within the south – south cooperation”.
Four mission elements define our objectives

1. Funding and policy advocacy
2. Accountability for RHR including FP commitments
3. Networking and strategic partnerships
4. Good practice transfer through South-South cooperation
Background to EARHN

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

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

• 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 (National Population Council)- 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
**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 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 Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021
**EARHN Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021 Strategic Focus Focus areas**

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<td>Advocacy and Strategic Partnerships</td>
<td><strong>Objective 1:</strong> To increase awareness and support for RH/FP among key policy and decision makers in the region</td>
<td>• Develop and implement EARHN RH/FP Advocacy Strategy</td>
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<td>• Build members’ capacity for undertaking effective advocacy</td>
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<td>• Regularly track and publicize RH/FP resource allocations and expenditure at national and regional level</td>
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| Advocacy and Strategic Partnerships    | **Objective 2:** To strengthen strategic linkages with like-minded partners for RH/FP advocacy and resource mobilization in the Region | • Develop and implement an EARHN Partnership Policy  
• Engage additional countries to become members of the Network  
• Operationalize, popularize and implement the EARHN Strategic Plan among the stakeholders |
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| Coordination, Exchange and South-South Learning      | **Objective 1:** To promote integration of RH/FP in all member country policy frameworks and development strategies | • Document and disseminate good RH/FP policies and practices across the region  
• Facilitate South-South learning opportunities for EARHN member countries  
• Facilitate the replication of successful interventions |
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<td>• Support the implementation of integrated RH guidelines in member countries</td>
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<td>• Reinforce collaboration and coordination among EARHN member and collaborating countries</td>
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<td>• Undertake regular monitoring, evaluation and reporting of EARHN and member country RH Work Plans.</td>
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<td><strong>Objective 2:</strong> To offer a bench-marking platform aimed at improving the RH/FP commodity supply chain as well as strengthening the system</td>
<td>• Facilitate information sharing among member countries on RH/FP supplies (provision, procurement, and distribution)</td>
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<td>Institutional Capacity Building</td>
<td>To promote EARHN as an effective and sustainable Network</td>
<td>• Put in place mechanisms for good governance (a functional structure, policies, systems and procedures)</td>
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<td>• Build capacity of EARHN Secretariat and Focal Persons in advocacy and proposal development and fund-raising</td>
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<td>• Develop and implement a resource mobilization strategy to support the Strategic Plan.</td>
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<td>• Establish a central repository centre for information gathering and sharing.</td>
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Objectives of this Meeting

1. Share progress made, challenges, lessons learned and opportunities with regard to implementation of the EARHN Strategic Plan 2017-2021

2. Share innovative programmatic experiences and good practices that enhance the implementation of the EARHN Strategic Plan 2017–2021

3. Share good practices for enhancing the Demographic Dividend for socio economic transformation in Eastern Africa

4. Develop country action plans for further implementation of the EARHN Strategic Plan 2017-2022 over the subsequent 12 months.
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