Preparatory Meeting for Organizing PPD’s Governance Meeting and 21st International Inter-Ministerial Conference in Dhaka, Bangladesh!

Partners in Population and Development (PPD)- an Inter-Governmental Organization for South-South Cooperation (SSC) in Reproductive Health, Population, and Development, in collaboration with Govt. of Bangladesh and UNFPA in organizing a series of significant events to be held from 07-09 July, 2024, at Pan-pacific Sonargoan, Dhaka; Bangladesh.

The events are:
- 39th Executive Committee Meeting
- 27th PPD Board Meeting
- 24th Partners Country Coordinator (PCC) Meeting
- 21st International Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South Cooperation in Population and Development

To ensure the success of these pivotal gatherings, a preparatory meeting was held this morning at the PPD Secretariat. Dr. Samanta Lal Sen, the Host Country’s Honorable Minister of Health and Family Welfare, and PPD Board Member presided over today's preparatory meeting.

Md. Azizur Rahman, Secretary, of Medical Education and Family Welfare Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh, moderated this preparatory meeting.
The Govt. Officials from –

- A N M Al Firoz, Director General, Directorate of Family Planning
- Mollika Khatton, Joint Secretary, Department of Health Education and Family Welfare
- Newaz Hossain Chowdhury, Joint Secretary, Department of Health Education and Family Welfare
- Dr. Md. Moniruzzaman Siddiqui, Director (MCH-S), Directorate of Family Planning
- Nowrid Sharmin, Director (MEA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Nasrin Jahan, Joint Secretary; Security Services Division, Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Md. Aminul Islam, Senior Assistant Secretary (Planning-II Branch), Department of Public Security, Ministry of Home Affairs
- Mr. Muhammad Ikram Ullah, Deputy Director (Admin) of the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB)
- A.B.M Nurul Alam, Administrative Officer, Medical Education & Family Welfare.

The major focus of today's conversation was an in-depth discussion of the roles to be played by the various ministries in ensuring the success of PPD's annual event.

**Mr. Oliver Zambuko**, Officer-in-Charge, and **Dr. Nazrul Islam**, Sr. Program Manager of PPD skillfully led the meeting today.

**Acknowledged to**-

- Dr. Ashrafi Ahmed; Partners Country Coordinator of PDD and Additional Secretary at MOHFW.
- Mr. S.M Ahsanul Aziz, Joint Secretary (Population -1) and PPD Affairs Desk officer at MOHFW.