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**Partners in Population and Development (PPD)**

**An Inter-Governmental Organization  
Promoting South-South Cooperation**

## About PPD

Partners in Population and Development (PPD) is an Intergovernmental Alliance of 25 developing countries from across Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East; representing 58% of the world population. The Alliance was formed during the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 1994 with the aim of promote and strengthen South-South Cooperation in the field of Reproductive Health, Population and Development within the framework of ICPD Program of Action (PoA), which was subsequently reinforced by the MDGs adopted by world community in 2000. PPD enjoys high level reputation and creditworthiness worldwide Intergovernmental Organization and South-South cooperation is universally acknowledged as efficient, cost-effective and result oriented modality for sustainable development for global south.

PPD started its journey with 10 Member Countries; the founding countries are Bangladesh, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Thailand, Tunisia and Zimbabwe. Fifteen more countries joined within the umbrella of PPD during the course of journey; the countries are Benin, China, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana, India, Jordan, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal and South Africa.

**Mission of PPD:** PPD an Intergovernmental Alliance of developing countries is committed to improving the quality of life of people through sustained advocacy, capacity building, networking, knowledge sharing and management and transfer of technology in the field of reproductive health, population and development within the framework of South-South Cooperation.

**Strategic Directions:** There are four central pillars that constitute strategic priorities of PPD i.e. *Align* with member countries priorities, *Advocate* for South-South Cooperation in areas of Reproductive Health, Population and Development, *Alliance* building at all levels, *Assets* creation and consolidation for the Alliance's sustainability.

### i. Vision

An Inter-Governmental Alliance leading the promotion of South-South Cooperation towards attainment of the global population and RH agenda for sustainable development.

### ii. Mission

PPD, an Inter-Governmental Alliance of developing countries is committed to improving the quality of life of people through sustained advocacy, capacity building, networking, knowledge sharing and management and transfer of technology in the field of reproductive health, population and development within the framework of South-South Cooperation.

### iii. Strategic Direction

PPD has four priority areas which are the central pillars of its Strategic Plan:



- **ALIGN with member countries' priorities:**

The Alliance aligns and is responsive to Member Countries' priorities in RH and Rights, including Family Planning (FP) and HIV/AIDS, and Population and Development.

- **ADVOCATE for the alliance and its priorities:**

The Alliance advocates for the promotion of RH, Population and Development program through South-South Cooperation.

- **ALLIANCES building at all levels:**

The Alliance builds networks, reinforces partnership and enhances Coalition Building to promote the ICPD Program of Action (PoA) and MDGs.

- **ASSETS creation and consolidation for the Alliance's sustainability:**

The Alliance strives to increase its financial base and assets for supporting South-South Cooperation activities in a sustainable way, by diversifying its sources of funding and increasing its capital assets.

#### **iv. The value added of PPD**

PPD is a unique southern-led and southern-run Inter-Governmental organization that is focused on South-South Collaboration for RH, Population and Development.

- PPD Governing Board is comprised of high level policy makers including Cabinet Ministers (of the Ministries of Health, Population, Planning, Finance, etc.). The Governing Board ensures the highest commitments from policy level as well as financial commitment of the governments of the alliance.
- The board members of PPD are the key advocates at national, regional and global levels for advancing the SRHR agenda towards achieving universal access to RH and sustainable development.
- PPD has a well-established South-South Country Coordinating mechanism. Each member country has a designated focal person, usually a senior government official

- (at the level of a Joint Secretary or Director in the respective ministries) who works with the Board Member for providing leadership and coordinating South-South Cooperation activities.
- In each Member Country, PPD has a National Task Force for South-South Cooperation (NTFSSC). The NTFSSC has an inclusive membership of ‘like-minded’ key stakeholders in the SRHR, Population and Development arena including donors, public sector, UN agencies, civil society and private sector. The NTFSSC is instrumental in prioritizing key country context policy and program advocacy agenda as well as fostering partnerships for sharing best practices, resources and technical expertise for SRHR, Population and Development programming.
  - PPD works with 21 Partner Institutions (PIs) that are national, regional training and research institutions in Asia, Africa, Middle-East and Latin-America (list of PIs is available on the PPD website), to promote and build national capacity in management, leadership, operations research, policy and advocacy and exchange of South-South expertise and resources for RH/FP and Population programs in member countries.
  - PPD facilitates and coordinates Regional Networks (based on regional economies) to actualize scaling-up and expansion of best practices in SHRH, among its member and non-member countries.
  - PPD works with networks of Parliamentarian Committees on Health and Population to advocate for political and financial commitment as well as to advance the national, regional and global SRHR and population agenda for sustainable development.

**v. PPD Governance Structure**

- PPD is governed by a Board constituted of Members (Cabinet Minister or his/her representative, appointed by each Member Country).
- The leadership of the Board consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer elected by the Board for a three years term and who constitute the Executive Committee of the organization.
- The Board appoints an Executive Committee comprised of a Chairperson (Cabinet Minister), Vice Chair (Cabinet Minister), Secretary (Cabinet Minister or his/her designate), Treasurer (Cabinet Minister or his/her designate) and three other Board Members (Cabinet Ministers or designates).
- The Board appoints a Program, Planning and Development Committee. The Chairperson is a Board Member who is a Cabinet Minister and the Vice-Chair is the Board Secretary.
- The Board also appoints a Finance and Risk Management Committee. The Chairperson is a Board Member who is a Cabinet Minister and the Vice-Chair is the Board Treasurer.



## PPD's Governance Events

### Governance Event in Kampala , Uganda

The 22nd Executive Committee Meeting, the 3rd Program Committee meeting and the 3rd Finance and Risk Committee Meeting held in Kampala, Uganda in March 2013.

### Governance Event in Beijing, China

PPD arranged its 10<sup>th</sup> International Inter-Ministerial Conference in 2013 on “SSC in Population and Development in Post ICPD and MDGs” in Beijing China along with its annual Government meetings. The conference and all the meetings were jointly organized by PPD and The Government of China. PPD also developed partnership with WHO, PMNCH and APRHC to organize different joint events during the conference in China.

Noteworthy achievement and activities were

- Launching of Global Commission on Aging in collaboration with WHO.
- Ensure the Capacity Building in population and SRH programming through facilitating Scholarship among MCs: 40 scholarships were mobilized all together ; South Africa offered 23, India offered 10 and Egypt offered another 7.
- Beijing declaration.

### PPD's Finance and Risk Management Committee (FRMC) meeting at Beijing

PPD arranged 4<sup>th</sup> Finance and Risk Management Committee (FRMC) meeting with the aim of greater financial commitment for Global Partnership of Population, Development and SRHR. The meeting was held in Beijing on 20th October, 2013. It was chaired by H.E. Ambassador Yuguda Alhaji Bashir, Supervising Honourable Minister/Deputy Chairman, National Planning Commission, Government of the Federal Republic Nigeria. The FRMC approved a forward looking financial plan for PPD.



Participants of the FRMC Meeting in Beijing, 2013

## Forward looking work plan for PPD

At Beijing in 20th October 2013 , a Forward looking work plan was approved for PPD in its 4th Program, Planning and Development Committee Meeting. The meeting also discussed elaborately the work plan and the priority themes and activities of FY2014. H.E. Mr. Matia Kasaija, Member, PPD Board and Honorable Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Government of the Republic of Uganda chaired the meeting



Participants of 4th Program, Planning and Developing Meeting in Beijing 2013

## Senior Government Officials Met in Beijing to Strengthen South-South Cooperation for Population, Development and SRHR within PPD member countries

The Annual Partner Country Coordinators (PCC) Meeting was held in Beijing in 21 October 2013. The PCCs are the high level official of PPD member countries, nominated by their respective Governments to coordinate each countries South to South activity with PPD secretariat. As per the PPD statutes, the Partners Country Coordinator (PCC) is designated in an appropriate government institution by each Board Member for each member country. Dr. Boniface O. K'Oyugi, MBS, Secretary, PPD Board was the chair and Dr. Joe Thomas, ED of PPD was the co-chair of the meeting.

A presentation on 'South-South Cooperation priorities in

### The PCC's role for PPD:

- *Develop an annual national work plan for South-South collaboration, including identification of resources and support required by the Secretariat.*
- *Promote and operationalize the vision and strategic directions, themes and values of the Alliance among public and private sector constituencies and institutions to encourage their commitment for the implementation of South-South collaboration activities.*
- *Assist national constituencies and institutions including NGOs and private sector in developing plans for collaborative projects and identify resource persons from appropriate national institutions, NGOs and the private sector to collaborate in their implementation.*
- *Keep the National Multi-sector Steering Committee, Board member and the Secretariat informed of ongoing South-South activities, including ongoing and planned projects and events through quarterly report and updating the country's South-South web-page.*
- *Work with the Multi-sector Steering Committee to ensure that there is up-to-date information on of the strengths and weaknesses of the country's reproductive health, population and development priority areas for South-South exchange, and directories of organizations and individuals with the capacity or potential to support South-South exchange amongst the members of the Alliance.*
- *Provide assistance and support to the Multi-sector Steering Committee's work in the country, including management and logistical support to the Alliance's meetings taking place within the member country.*
- *Coordinate the Alliance's work with other national, regional, sub regional and international organizations and institutions based in the member country*
- *Publish a Newsletter on the activities of the Alliance in the country and with other countries.*



Reproductive Health, Population and Development beyond ICPD 2014 and MDGs 2015' was presented by Dr. Swarap Sarkar PPD consultant. Mr. Hu Hongtao, PCC and Commissioner, Department of International Cooperation, National Health and Family Planning Commission of China, Government of the People's Republic of China and PCCs from four regions of PPD member countries participated in plenary discussion and gave their valuable input for PPD's way forward.



Participants of the PCC Meeting

Partner Country Coordinators from Bangladesh, Benin, China, Senegal, South Africa, Tunisia, Uganda, Vietnam, Yemen, Zimbabwe, Kenya, The Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Thailand and Egypt were present in the meeting. Executive director of PPD wrapped up the meeting.

### **10th International Inter-Ministerial Conference in Beijing: Unique peer review mechanism of PPD**

PPD and National Health and Family Planning Commission of China (NHFPC) jointly organized an International Inter-Ministerial Conference on "South-South Cooperation for Population and development in the post ICPD and MDGs" in Beijing from 22-23 October 2013. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> International Inter-Ministerial Conference arranged by PPD.

The goal of the conference was to galvanize commitments for SSC towards the ICPD PoA beyond 2014 and MDGs beyond 2015 for Reproductive Health, Population and Development.

This two day-long conference was attended by more than 150 participants from different countries. The conference was clustered into six sessions focusing on six different themes excluding the opening and closing session.





*H.E Dr. Li Bin, Vice Chair of PPD Board and the Honourable Minister of NHFPC, China delivering speech at the opening session of the conference*

The opening ceremony was chaired by H.E. Dr. Ma Xiaowei, Honourable vice Minister, National Health and Family Planning Commission of China (NHFPCC). H.E Dr. Li Bin, Vice Chair of PPD Board and the Honourable Minister of National Health and Family Planning Commission of China (NHFPCC), H.E. Prof. A. F. M. Ruhul Haque, MP, Honourable Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Dr. Kate Gilmore, Deputy Executive Director, Programme, UNFPA and assistant Secretary-General of United Nations deliver the welcome remarks in the opening session of the conference.

#### Themes of the session of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Inter-Ministerial Conference

- Session I: Family planning for Sustainable Development in the context of South-South cooperation for post ICPD and MDGs
- Session II: Integrating population Dynamics into National Development Goals in the context of South-South cooperation for post ICPD and MDGs
- Session III: Investing for demographic Dividend; lesson learned and implications for South-south Cooperation in the context of post ICPD and MDGs.
- Session IV: Sexual and Reproductive Health for all in the in the context of South-South Cooperation for post ICPD and MDGs
- Session V: PPD Position Paper on South-South Cooperation priorities for ICPD beyond 2014 and post MDGs.
- Session VI: Adoption of declaration



*Participants of the Conference*

Ministers and Govt. Representatives from the PPD Member Countries, Deputy Executive Director of UNFPA, Senior Advisor of UNAIDS and UNITAID, Director of FP2020, Regional Director of International Planned Parenthood Federation, Executive Director of PMNCH, Researcher from APRC, Professor of Renmin University China, President and Chair of Population Communication USA, Researcher from Population Council Ghana, Representative from Golden Girl Project Bangladesh, President and CEO of Intra-Health USA, Senior Country Advisor of Davis and Lucile Packard Foundation Pakistan, Regional Advisor of WHO/SEARO, Deputy Director General of JICA , various Scholars , Researchers and Academicians presented their research finding and joined in the debate and discussion during the conference.



*H.E. Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad, Honourable Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, of India and Chair of PPD board delivering closing remarks at the conference*

The closing ceremony was chaired by H.E. Dr. Khalil Zaouia, Minister of Social Affairs, Tunisia. Honourable Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and the Honourable Chair of PPD board H.E. Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad, Dr. Joe Thomas, Executive Director, Partners in Population and Development and Mr. HU Hongtao, Commissioner, department of International Cooperation, NHFPC, P.R. China delivered the closing statement.

The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Boniface O, K'Oyugi, MBS, Director General, National Coordinating agency for Population and Development, Kenya and Secretary of PPD Board and a declaration titled "Beijing Declaration: Partners in Population and Development, South-South Cooperation to achieve ICPD Goals" was adopted.

### Beijing declaration

***We the delegates*** assembled here in Beijing, from 22 to 24 October 2013, for the "International Inter-ministerial Conference on South-South Cooperation for Population and Development in the post ICPD and MDG":

***Acknowledge*** the strategic value of Partners in Population and Development, which includes 25 member countries representing 58% of the world's population.

***Reaffirm*** our commitment to the goals and principles of the ICPD Programme of Action 1994 and the ICPD +5 review 1999, and to implement the recommendations of the ICPD Beyond 2014 global review consultations.

***Recognize*** the importance of community-oriented and people-centred development and the guiding principles in the ICPD beyond 2014 global review process: equity, human rights, security, and sustainability.

***Resolve*** to strengthen South-South Cooperation, as recommended in the ICPD, by sharing knowledge, best practice and experience, leveraging technologies, building professional and institutional capacities, and serving as a platform for advocacy and strategic policy dialogue.

***Propose*** to accelerate progress and sustainable development through four pathways:

1) Integrating population dynamics into global and national development plans and processes; 2) Achieving universal access to family planning, sexual and reproductive health services; 3) Promoting gender equity and realizing women's rights; and 4) Strengthening the capacity of communities, families and individuals to respond to demographic changes.

***Encourage*** member states to ensure that policies and programmes are informed by demographic planning and forecasting based on robust data and information systems including civil registration and vital statistics, census and surveys, health management information systems and others.

***Promote*** access to sexual and reproductive health, including family planning, through: comprehensive information and education; secure supply of good quality, affordable commodities; and reliable, high quality services.

***Integrate***, where appropriate, systems and programmes for sexual and reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, maternal, new-born, child and adolescent health.

***Forge*** multi-sector partnerships to identify and address the interaction between social, economic and environmental factors and population, health and sustainable development.

***Emphasize*** the importance of investment in human capital, including addressing the needs of adolescents, older people, and marginalized communities, thereby increasing countries' potential for social and economic development and their capacity to respond to the demographic transformation and optimize the demographic dividend.

***Ensure*** that PPD activities focus on those areas that bring highest added value to member states.

***Support*** PPD to carry out these activities through advocacy for its mission, adequate and secure financing, and request the PPD secretariat to submit a five-year strategic action plan for 2015-2019.

***Call for*** strengthened partnerships between national governments, UN agencies, bilateral, multilateral donor agencies, academia, media, civil society and private sector to take forward the ICPD agenda.

***Reiterate our commitment to implement the recommendations of the ICPD global review and the goals and principles set out in this Beijing Declaration.***

***Request the global community and the UN General Assembly to recognise the importance of a community-oriented, people-centred approach, and of South-South cooperation, in taking forward the post 2015 development agenda.***



## **PPD member countries to celebrate 20th anniversary of global partnership for ICPD PoA**

PPD member countries is going to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PPD's inception and 20 years of global partnership for ICPD PoA in 2014. The 23rd Executive Committee of PPD met in Beijing in October, 2013 decided to celebrate the anniversary with great enthusiasm.

The committee also approved the minutes of 22nd Executive committee (Ex-Co) held in Kampala in the month of March, 2013. Presentations and discussions of Program and Finance committee meeting were the key issues in the agenda and were discussed rigorously.



Participants of the Executive Committee Meeting

### **The Ex-Co members were present in the meeting of November 2013**

1. H.E. Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad,  
Chair, PPD Board, and  
Honorable Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Government of India
2. H.E. Mr. Wang Pei'an  
Honorable Vice Minister,  
National Health and Family Planning Commission of China (NHFPCC)  
Government of People's Republic of China
3. Dr. Boniface Omuga K'Oyugi, MBS, Secretary, PPD Board, and  
Former Director-General, National Council for Population and Development (NCPD),  
Government of Kenya
4. Prof. Majed Zemni  
Treasurer, PPD Board and  
President Director General, National Board for Family and Population  
Ministry of Public Health, Government of Tunisia
5. H.E. Prof. Dr. AFM Ruhul Haque  
Member, PPD Board and Executive Committee and  
Honorable Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
6. H.E. Mrs Bongani Maria Ntuli  
Honorable Deputy Minister for Social Development, Government of South Africa

### **PPD's 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting: Strengthening South-South Cooperation for Population and Development is the key to the post ICPD and MDG Development Agenda**

PPD's 18th Annual Board meeting took place in Beijing on 24 October, 2013. The leaders from the global south attended in the meeting and reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen South-South Cooperation for population and development. They recognized South-South cooperation as the key development agenda in post ICPD and MDG.

H.E. Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad, Honorable Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare of Government of India and Chair of PPD Board chaired the meeting. PPD Board Members including Ministers from India, China, Bangladesh, South Africa, Indonesia, Uganda, Yemen, Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka were present in the meeting.



Participants of the PPD Annual Board Meeting 2013

Several reports like Secretaries report, Host country's report, Treasurer's report, Executive Director's Report were presented and each one was adopted . Board also approved the minutes of 17th Annual Board Meeting, 21st and 22nd Executive Committee Meeting.

The Board decided to arrange the 19th Annual Board meeting in Delhi, India on November, 2014, and 24th executive committee meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe.

## PPD's Project activities

### Step up project activities

Under the DFID funded Project on “Strengthening Evidence for Programming on Unintended Pregnancy (STEP-UP)” to improve unintended pregnancies PPD arranged a two Days Training Workshop to validate the Bangladesh Country Profile developed.

The project of STEP-UP activities are being implemented with five other international organizations: APHRC, ICDDR, LSHTM, MSI, and Population Council in Bangladesh, India, Kenya, Ghana, and Senegal.

PPD in collaboration with the MOHFW and DGFP, Government of Bangladesh organized a 2-days residential training workshop for Senior Government Officials including the National Taskforce (NTF) members for South South Cooperation to validate the country profile conducted by ICDDR. The workshop was held at BCDM, Rajendrapur, Gazipur from 22-23 June 2013.

This activity was a part of the Strengthening Evidence for Programming on Unintended Pregnancy (STEP UP) activities that was funded by UKAID and implemented in Bangladesh by PPD, ICDDR, Population Council and Marie Stopes International. The workshop was to build capacity of decision makers in using evidence based research for improved policy and programming



*Dr. Halida moderates the training session at the workshop*

Government officials from MoHFW, DGFP, MoCW, ICMH and NIPORT and senior experts from STEP-UP implementing partners specially from Population Council, ICDDR and Marie Stopes were attended the residential workshop. The 2 days workshop was inaugurated by Mr. Bikash Kishore Das, Joint Secretary, Ministry of

#### **The objectives of the workshop :**

- Provide an update about STEP-UP project and Bangladesh country profile research
- Review and provide inputs for the finalization of the Bangladesh country profile conducted by ICDDR,B
- Identify key policy, advocacy and program issues from the Bangladesh-Country Profile and
- Define priority advocacy plans with key audiences to best address the identified policy and program issues to inform programming in Bangladesh

#### **The outcome of the workshop**

1. Participants oriented on research evidence uptake for decision making in policy formulation and programming.
2. Key policy advocacy and programmatic issues identified from Bangladesh Country Profile
3. Defined advocacy plan and key target audience for the Bangladesh Country Profile research evidence uptake





1	Bangladesh	161,083,804	33.6%	18.8	1.58	1,118.65	2.55	240	48.99	70.06
2	China	1,343,240,000	17.4%	16.1%	0.48	139.97	1.55	37	15.62	74.84
3	India	1,205,074,000	29.3%	18.2%	1.31	366.59	2.58	200	46.07	67.14
4	Srilanka	21,481,330	24.8%	15.1%	0.91	327.41	2.17	35	9.47	75.94
5	Indonesia	248,645,000	27%	17.1%	1.04	130.55	2.23	220	26.99	71.62
6	Pakistan	190,291,100	34.7%	21.7%	1.55	239.03	3.07	260	61.27	66.35
7	Thailand	67,091,090	19.5%	15.1%	0.54	130.75	1.66	48	15.9	73.83
8	Vietnam	91,519,290	24.9%	19%	1.05	276.32	1.89	59	20.24	72.41
9	Benin	9,598,787	44.4%	19.9%	2.88	85.23	5.22	350	60.03	60.26
10	Ethiopia	91,195,670	44.6%	19.8%	3.18	82.58	5.39	350	75.29	56.56
11	The Gambia	1,840,454	39.6%	21.2%	2.34	162.94	4.1	360	69.58	63.82
12	Ghana	24,652,400	38.9%	18.9%	1.79	103.35	4.15	350	47.26	61.45
13	Kenya	43,013,340	42.5%	19.1%	2.44	74.11	3.98	360	43.61	63.07
14	Mali	15,494,470	47.8%	18.9%	2.61	12.49	6.35	540	109.08	53.06
15	Nigeria	170,123,700	43.9%	19.3%	2.55	184.16	5.38	630	74.36	52.05
16	Senegal	12,969,610	43%	20.6%	2.53	65.93	4.69	370	55.16	60.18
17	South Africa	48,810,430	28.4%	21%	-0.41	40.04	2.28	300	42.67	49.41
18	Uganda	33,640,830	49.1%	21.2%	3.58	139.57	6.14	310	61.22	53.45
19	Zimbabwe	12,619,600	40.6%	22.5%	4.36	32.3	3.61	570	28.23	51.82
20	Egypt	83,688,160	32.5%	18.2%	1.92	83.57	2.94	66	24.23	72.93
21	Jordan	6,508,887	34.9%	20.1%	-0.97	72.85	3.36	63	15.83	80.18
22	Morocco	32,309,240	27.4%	18.3%	1.05	72.35	2.19	100	26.49	76.11
23	Tunisia	10,732,900	23.1%	17.1%	0.96	65.6	2.02	56	24.98	75.24
24	Yemen	24,771,810	42.5%	21.1%	2.58	46.92	4.45	200	53.5	64.11
25	Colombia	45,239,080	26.2%	18.4%	1.13	39.72	2.12	92	15.92	74.79
26	Mexico	114,975,400	27.8%	18.2%	1.09	58.53	2.27	50	16.77	76.66

## 20th Anniversary celebration

PPD is going to celebrate its 20 years of inception in 2014. PPD's activities for celebration

- Special coffee book publication on history of journey
- Special Newsletter for 20th Anniversary
- Policy brief with thematic focus on ICPD PoA and SSC for RH, Population and Development
- 20 years celebration book based on member countries celebration reports.
- Photo exhibition on PPD'S journey
- Declaration Booklet with accumulating all the declaration adopted so far
- Global celebration event in India to SSC and keeping the ICPD PoA in new development framework at the time PPD's annual Governance event in 2014
- PPD will announce award for acknowledging, promoting and advocating for innovation for SSC for RH, Population and Development within the ICPD PoA and MDGs framework

## PPD to co-host ICAAP'12



Partners in Population and Development (PPD) is a co-host of 12th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and Pacific (ICAAP) with the civil society and the Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of Bangladesh at Dhaka Bangladesh in 2015.



*Bangladesh booth, ICAAP 11, Bangkok, Thailand*

The proposed theme of Dhaka congress is “Be the Change: Towards and AIDS Free Generation” which highlights Bangladesh’s and the region’s ambition of achieving an AIDS free generation through science, innovation, community involvement and a national government lead partnership.

A Local organizing committee in consultation with the HIV affected and infected community, Scientists and academicians, political Leaders, relevant government officials of various ministries will work for organizing the congress toward the theme of the congress.

The congress will organize various sessions addressing social determinants of the health where new research finding will be presented by the scholars, academics and researchers and the visionary and interactive plenary session and debate will be taken place based on those updated research findings.



*Bangladesh is receiving the flag for ICAAP'12*

The congress is aiming to bring more than 3, 000 visitors to Dhaka; that would rather be an enormous contributing to local HIV response- expertise. It would also offer an opportunity to demonstrate the understanding and sharing the Low HIV prevalence context of Bangladesh. The congress would be indeed a learning opportunity for several local experts of NGO/ Government and Academic Community to provide Asia Pacific Leadership.

### **PPD officials Attendance of International Conference and official statements**

- Executive Director of PPD Attended in the Global Meeting of Gender and Human Rights of WHO in January 16-18 at Geneva to contribute on WHO-GER work plan.
- PPD made official statement and took part in the discussions at 46<sup>th</sup> session of UN Commission on population and development (UNCPD) at UN headquarters in New York. Executive Director of PPD made the official statement on behalf of PPD
- In May 2013, PPD representative attended in the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference and flagged the essential dynamics of South-South cooperation for Population and development for the region. Executive Director of PPD represented PPD and met with Ms. Nuboko Horibe, Director, UNFPA APRO to discuss about the PPD-UNFPA collaboration for population and development.
- PPD represented in World Health Assembly at Geneva, organized PPD-WHO Satellite Panel and meeting on Framework Convention on Global Health in May 2013.
- PPD representatives attended in 3rd Women deliver Global Conference, PPD exhibited through the exhibition booth and organized a satellite panel with World Health Organization (WHO) on “Gender, Equity and Human Rights Disaggregating Data to get the Real Story” on 22 May 2013 at the Palais des Nations – Geneva on the sideline of the 2013 World Health Assembly.

- PPD leadership attended TICAD V summit and Japan premier' reception in Yokohama, Japan at the beginning of June 2013.
- PPD leadership attended the APHRC meeting in Addis Ababa on ageing and Demographic Dividend in Africa.
- At the end of June 2013 PPD made the statement at the meeting of HIV in Islamic Majority context at Kualalampur, Malayasia
- Executive Director of PPD Dr. Joe Thomas chaired the session at South-South parliamentary Consultation to Prioritize Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights organized by IPPF South Asia Regional office.
- PPD leadership made a statement in the 68<sup>th</sup> general assembly Special session on ICPD beyond 2014 in September 2013.
- Executive Director of PPD attended the Program coordinating Board (PCB) meeting of UNAIDS.

### **MOU signing**

- PPD signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishes a partnership agreement between Partners in Population and Development (henceforth referred to as PPD) and International Planned Parenthood Federation (henceforth referred to as IPPF), to promote “Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (henceforth referred to as SRHR) for ALL” through co-operation with national governments from around the world.
- MOU was signed with WHO on launching global commission on aging

### **Ageing commission**

PPD, in technical partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO) established a ‘Global Commission on Ageing in Developing Countries. Her Excellency Ms Bongsi Maria Ntuli, Deputy Minister of the Department of Social Development, Ministry of Social Development, South Africa launched the “Global Commission on Ageing in Developing Countries” in the presence of His Excellency Mr Matia Kasajja, Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Government of the Republic of Uganda, Board Member, Partners in Population and Development (PPD) and H.E. Dr David Pagwesese Parirenyatwa Honorable Minister, Ministry Of Health And Child Welfare Government of Zimbabwe, Board Member, (PPD) on 24 October 2013 in Beijing, China.

In her launching speech H.E. Ms Bongsi Maria Ntuli mentioned that the population aged 60 or over is currently growing at a faster rate than any other age group, and by 2050 there will be more people worldwide in the age group over 60 years than children aged under 14 years. She expressed her concern that about 80 % of that elderly citizen of the globe will be living in developing countries, when the estimate would be over 57% for the 25 member countries of PPD. She mentioned the importance of the preparedness and improving the ability of developing countries to provide social protection, health care and income security for the growing numbers of their older citizens.



The goal of the Commission is to enable gender, equity and rights based policies and programming that will improve the quality of life of the ageing population in developing countries including the 25 member countries of PPD.



*Launching of the Global Commission on Ageing in Developing Countries at Beijing, China*

Present at the occasion were, PPD Board Members and PPD Partners Country Coordinators, Senior Government Officials of PPD member countries, Commissioners and Resource Persons of the Global Commission on Ageing in Developing Countries, Dr. John Beard, Director, Department of Ageing and Life Course, World Health Organization, Dr. Islene Araujo de Carvalho, Senior Policy and Strategy Adviser, Department of Ageing and Life Course, World Health Organization, Dr. Joe Thomas, Executive Director, PPD, and other dignitaries.

The Commission consists of 15 Commissioners and 5 resource persons who are reputed leaders in their respective fields and public life, and representing member countries of PPD, other developing countries, World Health Organization (WHO), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC), HelpAge India and PPD.

### **Scholarship program**

PPD have introduced several innovations for promoting managerial capabilities of the young professionals in the field of RH, Population and Development and to better accommodate the interests and commitments of the countries towards addressing the global needs and challenges.

Fellowship program is a unique opportunities for high-quality professional exchanges among developing countries at very reasonable costs. Prospective fellows must provide proof that the knowledge and skills they seek to acquire will contribute to improved program design and management in their own countries, with their current employer. South –South fellowship program just traversed its 14 years land mark with nearly 600 graduates from 30 institutions in the PPD member states.

The name of the fellowship program

- One-Year Diploma in Demography at the Cairo Demographic Center (CDC), Cairo, Egypt
- One Year Post Graduate Diploma in Population and Policy Analysis in North-West university of South Africa
- Leadership Training in Sustainable Development: the Population, Environment and Development Nexus , South Africa
- One Year Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management in National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW), India

### **Report publication of World Bank Project**

**World Bank Project** on “Raising Voices from the South for integration of a Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) to Maternal Health” activities were successfully completed in March 2013. The project end report was accepted with satisfaction by World Bank. With an external technical support a standard international report is being prepared to disseminate with different stakeholders.

### **Building construction**

The Structural Designs and updated Cost Estimation were developed by the PPD Consultant with support of the Health Engineering Department (HED) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of Bangladesh. Tender document was prepared and the tender will be floated through the prominent national daily newspapers in Bangladesh and the PPD website. With support of the Honorable Board Member and PCC, all necessary procedural and legal requirements completed and submitted the architectural designs to RAJUK – RajdhaniRajdhaniUnnayanKatripakkha (City Development Authority) of the Government of Bangladesh for approval. An amount of USD 100,000 from China for building construction was mobilized in 2013.

- *Physical facilities, on the land donated by the Government of Bangladesh, to PPD are built, appropriately equipped and are fully functional.*
- New countries enrolled as members increasing the total membership to 30 and are working towards institutionalizing PPD vision, mission and strategies into their national plans and programs

### **Women delivery (side events)**

PPD organized a satellite panel jointly with WHO on “Gender, Equity and Human Rights: Improving Health Outcomes for Women and Girls” at the Women Deliver Conference on 29 May 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The panel was attended by over 65 participants including



3 cabinet ministers, 1 parliamentarian, high government officials and representatives from different organizations.



*Participants of the WHO-PPD Satellite Panel in Kuala Lumpur*

During the Satellite Panel, the intersection and relative impact of a gender, equity and human rights approach in improving health and wellbeing of women and girls were explored.

The panel discussed the impact of gender, equity and human rights on women and girls' health outcomes. The panel explored importance of the synergistic strength of gender, equity and human rights through mainstreaming and explored gender, equity and human rights in the post MDG agenda.

The Keynote speakers at the panel were Dr. Alicia Yamin, Director, Program on the Health Rights of Women and Children, François-Xavier Bagnoud, Center for Health and Human Rights; Dr. Lale Say, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, WHO; Dr. Purnima Mane, President and CEO, Pathfinder International and Ms. Sagufta Yasmin, Member of Parliament and Whip of Bangladesh Parliament, Government of Bangladesh. The panel was moderated by Dr. Joe Thomas, Executive Director, PPD.

PPD also participated as an Exhibitor during the Women Deliver Conference in Kuala Lumpur.



*ED of PPD briefing at PPD Booth in Women Deliver Conference in Kuala Lumpur*

## **PPD @ UN**

Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) of UNAIDS governing body met for Thirty-Third Meeting at WHO headquarter, Geneva, Switzerland from 17-19 December 2013. Executive Director of PPD Dr. Joe Thomas was present in the meeting as an intergovernmental observer.

In the meeting, South- South Collaboration (SSC) has been identified as an effective developmental paradigm to address many of the developmental challenges of developing countries. PPD as an international observer called up on UNAIDS to further develop a strategy to make SSC more explicitly focused of its own work; cutting across multiple thematic areas. In this concern, The Executive Director also added that PPD would have liked to see the UNAIDS presenting a clear strategy on how to develop a succinct strategy to promote South- South Collaboration (SSC) in HIV response. UNAIDS Executive Directors' bold efforts to promote shared responsibility and global solidarity in HIV response was highly appreciated.