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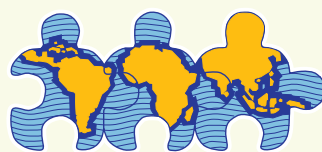
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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AFP	Advance Family Planning
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ARO	African Regional Office
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AU	African Union
AWASA	Sex Workers Allies in South Asia
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
BSMMU	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University
BTV	Bangladesh Television
CAG	Consultative Advisory Group
CSO	Corporate Social Responsibilities
DD	Demographic Dividend
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EAC	East Africa Community
EA-HPROs	East Africa Health Policy and Research Organizations
ESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
EWEC	Every Woman Every Child
ExCo	Executive Committee
FCGH	Framework Convention on Global Health
FP CIP	Family Planning Costed Implementation Plan
FPAB	Family Planning Association of Bangladesh
FY	Fiscal Year
GoB	Government of Bangladesh
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GoU	Government of Uganda
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HoPE-LVB	Health of People and Environment in the Lake Victoria Basin
ICAAP12	12th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific
ICASA	International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa
IMC	Inter-ministerial Conference
ICFP	International Conference on Family Planning
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
IMCHA	Innovating for Maternal, New-born and Child Health
IPO	International Program Officer
IPPF	International Planned Parenthood Federation
IRTs	Implementation Research Teams
NCPD	National Council for Population and Development
LOC	Local Organizing Committee
MC	Member Country
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MH	Maternal Health
MoH	Ministry of Health
MOHFW	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPs	Members of Parliament
NEAPACOH	Network of African Parliamentary committees on Health
NHFPC	National Health and Family Planning Commission

NHPFC	National Health and Family Planning Commission of China
NHRC	National Human Rights Commission
NIHFP	National Health and Family Planning Commission
ODA	Official Development Assistance
PCC	Partner Country Coordinator
PCO	Professional Conference Organizer
PHE	Population, Health and Environment
PI	Partner Institution
PPD	Partners in Population and Development
Q&A	Question and Answer
RHU	Reproductive Health Uganda
RMNCH	Reproductive Maternal New-born and Child Health
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SKNF	Shorno Kishore Network Foundation
SMT	Senior Management Team
SP	Strategic Plan
SRHR	Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights
SSC	South-South Cooperation
SSCPOP	Information Platform of Population and Development in South-South Cooperation
STEP UP	Strengthening evidence for programming on unintended pregnancy
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
SWN	Sexual Worker Network of Bangladesh
TA	Technical Assistance
UAE	United Arab Emirates
UN CPD	United Nations Conference on Population and Development
UNAIDS	The joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNGA	United Nation General Assembly
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WHA	World Health Assembly
WHO	World Health Organization

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Message from Chair

It is my great honor and privilege to assume responsibility as the Chair of Partners in Population and Development (PPD).

Existence of PPD offers an opportunity to contribute, support as well as engage the entire developing community in South-South Cooperation. The opportunities for South-South Cooperation have been expanding gradually in the latter half of the last century. In this 21st century, the appeal of this cooperation is identified as an indispensable means of international development cooperation. This cooperation offers tangible opportunities for developing countries, where its uniqueness is sustained. The growing prosperity of the southern countries enables an increasing number of countries to engage in cooperation and extend their provision of development assistance. This cooperation indeed has contributed significantly to the progress of the Millennium Development Goals and is expected to contribute more rigorously on the Sustainable Development Goals. Facilitating South-South exchange of experience and knowledge is central to what PPD can contribute for positive change at the grassroots level of the member countries. Sharing of Policy formation and reviewing those within the country context could be the most value added contribution at the country level achievements in the areas of Population and Development and Reproductive Health.

PPD has traveled a long way for more than 20 years now. The organization started working on the basis of ICPD Programme of Action, reshuffled its priority with post ICPD+ agendas, brought the line of its strategic direction to MDGs and lastly is in the process of preparing a highly revised five-year strategic action plan for 2015–2019 aligned with the SDGs.

PPD has a robust system of governance with a Board consisting of Ministers from Member Countries (MC), a focal Partner Country Coordinators (PCC) in all 26 MCs, a network of 23 Partner Institutions (PIs) in 14 countries, a Secretariat in Bangladesh, regional office in Uganda, program office in China, liaison offices in New York, Geneva, that will definitely enhance the acceptance and credibility of PPD as a diplomatic intergovernmental entity. The unique status of Permanent Observer in the UN, the avenue of diplomacy for Population and Reproductive Health is very inspiring for PPD. PPD is perhaps the only intergovernmental platform that speaks for the south from the south and the mode of cooperation is run by the south and undoubtedly the platform got the rare opportunity to speak as a combined voice of the South in the United Nations.

The year 2015 is the milestone year for PPD as they approached the new strategic plan. The year 2016 will be much more target driven to fulfill the South-South cooperation for achieving SDG targets. PPD represents 59% of the world population and is working for bridging the difference.

I look forward to working together to achieve our goals as one of the major global players from the Global South.

Dr. Li Bin

Honorable Chair of PPD Board and Minister of National Health and Family Planning Commission of China



Message from the
Executive Director

From ICPD Program of Action to Institutionalized Global South-South Partnership for Reproductive Health, Population and Development

The year 2015 is a momentous year of PPD. Year 2015 has seen PPD reinvent its institutional height globally for south south partnership. The Strategic Plan 2015–2019 was approved by the Board with 5 focused intervention areas for expansion and promoting institute building of SSC. The strength of its 26 member countries contributes in cultivating greater ownerships and increasing their contribution to sustain south-south programs. PPD has completed the first phase of the construction work of its own building complex on a piece of land of 27835 sq.ft., donated by the Government of Bangladesh located in a classified administrative zone of Dhaka City with contribution from member states. The remaining works of the 6-storey building construction is geared-up with an unprecedented grant of US\$ 2 million from the Government of China, which is the Chair Office of PPD Board. It is expected that with the completion of the 6-storey works by February 2017, PPD will continue to generate an amount of US\$ 150,000/pa that will enhance further its institutional expansion, sustainability and resources for its operation and program activities.

Following the PPD strategic commitment, we have made adequate efforts to realize these promises. We have explored the country level opportunities and needs for SSC through extensive assessment with the technical expertise of the PCCs. The global advocacy for SSC in addressing reproductive health and population got its momentum in the adoption of the SDGs. PPD increased its credibility through creating number of platforms for population and health diplomacy. Partnership among the member countries strengthened and opportunities for technical cooperation and knowledge sharing diversified with the SDGs and FP2020 commitment. The 6-point priority areas were highlighted including population dynamics, sexual reproductive health and adolescent health, migration, ageing and inter-linkage between poverty and RH. Unlike the RH and FP issue, migration and healthy ageing are grasped to mainstreaming them within the framework of SSC. Situation analysis on healthy ageing and opportunities and challenges were made in 11 selected countries of the PPD Member States to produce a compendium of ageing report with policy briefs of these countries. PPD expanded its credible partnership with the Latin American network for South South Cooperation towards addressing healthy ageing globally. The 12th International Inter-Ministerial Conference brought the attention of key global professionals under the leadership of PPD to raise the south-south voice for every woman every child every adolescent.

We are more convinced than ever that SSC will make greater effect on program and policy changes in PPD MCs that constitute more than 59% of the global population. The platform created by PPD will help in reducing the unfinished ICPD and MDGs gaps and mainstreaming the achievement of SDGs in its countries.

Dr. Joe Thomas
Executive Director, PPD

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Introduction

Partners in Population and Development (PPD) has played an increasingly effective and valued role in mobilizing leadership and strengthening SSC. PPD has maintained SRH, population and development issues high on the leadership and political agenda of PPD member states. Emphasis has been given to raising the overall priority of SRH, population and development issues. Through its high level advocacy and policy dialogue, facilitated through the annual Governing Board meetings and Inter-Ministerial Forums, PPD has provided a unique and valued platform for developing countries to review progress, discuss common concerns among peers, and agree to common commitments for follow up at the national and global levels. These commitments have been communicated in the form of Declarations following each Governing Board meeting and Inter-Ministerial Forum. This would have contributed to increased allocation in the government budget for SRH and its integration into poverty reduction policies by 17 and 19 MCs respectively.

PPD is highly confident to implement its newly adopted Strategic Plan and will engender all the plans in action to bring the positive change of the 59% of world population where more than half of the young population of the world reside. The call of SDGs for new and inclusive global partnership is extremely aligned to South-South cooperation where PPD's commitment is reassured.

Another milestone achievement of PPD is to mobilize country resources for enhancing transformation of knowledge, exchange of expertise and capacity building. Every year PPD manages 50 to 60 scholarships sponsored by MCs for strengthening the capacity of young professionals working in the field of population, RH and Development.

The role of PPD is in creating global opportunity for health and population diplomacy in order to strengthen global commitment towards addressing emerging health and population issues and investment of global financing for population and development.

PPD has increasingly leveraged its global advocacy influence through its Permanent Observer status at the UN General Assembly and representation at the regional level inter-governmental meetings convened by the Africa Union, ESCAP and SAARC. Opportunities have also been created to contribute to the global policy dialogue regarding SRH, population and development through PPD's active support for the establishment of the Commission on Aging in Developing Countries (WHO, 2013), and PPD's participation at the World Health Assembly and Executive Boards of UNFPA, UNDP and UNAIDS.

In year 2015 PPD made a comprehensive review on its performance through the organization of a series of consultations and measured its strength as an inter-governmental organization in RH, population and development. First time ever in history of SSC, PPD has come up with a Global framework for SSC with new strategic intervention areas. Its 26th Executive Committee Meeting held in Beijing China approved Strategic Plan 2015–2019 that will boost the inter-governmental strategy and activity globally, regionally and nationally. Country needs and opportunities were mapped through country level assessments and the findings were translated into the next 5 years activity plan for SSC in RH, population and development.

PPD's Strategy at a Glance

The 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.

The Mission: 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 framework of South-South Cooperation.

Strategic Interventions:

- 1. Advocacy & policy development.** Conduct evidence-based advocacy for sound policies, budgets and programs.
- 2. Health and population diplomacy.** Contribute to and influence the global policy dialogue to encourage inclusive approaches that sustain global human development, reduce inequalities, and respond to the priorities and interests of developing countries
- 3. Capacity development and technical cooperation.** Facilitate needs-based, demand-driven technical and capacity building support to both member and collaborating countries.
- 4. Knowledge management.** Facilitate the sharing of information, experiences and expertise through South-South cooperation.
- 5. Capacity building for south-south cooperation.** Build institutional capacities to stimulate, deepen and strengthen south-south cooperation.
- 6. Partnerships and relationships.** partnerships for contribute to and Influence the global policy dialogue on RH, population and development; fund and technically support specific SSC initiatives related to commodity security, technology transfer, human resources development and technical cooperation; build institutional capacities for south-south cooperation – including support for PPD's training and research Partner Institutions.

The Priority Interventions Areas

SSC intervention areas Priority Areas	Advocacy & policy development	Health and population diplomacy	Capacity development and technical cooperation	Knowledge management	Partnerships
Improving adolescent's access to sexual, reproductive health and family planning services					
Improving maternal and child health					
Promoting social cohesion of migrant populations by addressing their health care services					
Promoting healthy ageing					
Creating greater understanding and addressing the relationship between poverty and health					

INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

A. Advocacy and Policy Development

Ending preventable maternal and child death and promote adolescent health

The 12th international Inter-Ministerial Conference on population and development was organized jointly with the Government of Bangladesh on the theme of Every Woman Every Child Every Adolescent (EWE-CEA) – a south south perspective on survive, thrive, transform held on November 2015 in Dhaka Bangladesh. Ministerial delegates, high level officials, donor community, development thinkers and activist, academicians and media representatives attended the conference. The Dhaka Declaration committed to increase domestic investment towards ending maternal and child death and promote adolescent health in PPD MCs.



High Level briefing meeting on Every Woman Every Child

PPD in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) of the Government of Bangladesh organized a high level briefing meeting on Every Woman Every Child. The meeting was presided over by the Honorable Secretary of Health of Bangladesh. The Executive Director of PPD briefed the meeting about the EWEC campaign.

Senior leaders retreat with UNSG on the Global Strategy for EWEC

UN Secretary-General hosted a senior leaders retreat from 14–15 May, 2015 at the Green Tree estate in New York to update the Global Strategy for EWEC campaign and called for new commitments from the country leaders. PPD, represented by the Executive Director, highlighted the importance of South South response for EWEC and reaffirmed the commitments of PPD to lead the country level advocacy campaign for EWEC. During the meeting, the Honorable State Minister of Health, Government of Bangladesh represented Bangladesh.



Promote Healthy ageing and ensure rights and wellbeing of elderly people

In order to promote global advocacy on healthy ageing, PPD constituted the Global Commission on Ageing in developing countries with financial support from PPD and technical support from PPD MCs. The commission implemented several activities during the year 2015. It jointly organized with the Government of China and UNFPA, the 2015 international healthy ageing conference in Taicang, China. During the 2015 seminar it also organized the 2nd meeting of global commissioners in Taicang. The seminar and the commissioners meeting jointly agreed to implement an action plan to address the ageing issues in the next 2 years. One such action was to conduct a country level assessment on the ageing situation in 11 selected PPD MCs. MoUs were signed to conduct the country assessment with commissioners from China, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, Nigeria, Pakistan, Mexico, Mali, Vietnam, India and Thailand. A compendium of the report will be published with the country reports along with policy briefs on ageing for ministerial advocacy.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also signed between the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) and PPD for conducting joint activities on healthy ageing through the ageing commission of PPD. PPD and APHRC committed to work together to provide technical support for revising the African Union (AU) Policy Framework and Plan of Action on Ageing.

Bi-lateral Meetings between PPD member countries

Aligning with PPD's mandate to promote South South collaboration, PPD secretariat provides logistical and secretarial support to host bilateral meetings between member countries during events and meetings hosted by PPD. Few consecutive bilateral meetings were held during PPD's Governance meeting held in Dhaka, Bangladesh in November 2015. His Excellency Mr. Mohammed Nasim Member, PPD Board and Honorable Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) met H.E. Mr. Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare of India and H.E. Mr. Wang Pei'an, Vice Minister, Chair of PPD and Minister of National Health and Family Planning Commission of China in two separate meetings. Dr. Surya Chandra Surapaty, Member, PPD Board and Hon. Chairperson, National Population and Family Planning Board (BKKBN), Government of Indonesia also met the Pakistani delegate to discuss bilateral issues. H.E. Mr. Wang Pei'an, Vice Minister National Health and Family Planning of China and H.E. Mr Jagat Prakash Nadda, Honorable Minister, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Chair also met Ms. Saima Wazed, Chairperson, Bangladesh Autism Foundation in two separate bilateral meetings.



B. HEALTH AND POPULATION DIPLOMACY

Strengthening health and population diplomacy for addressing post 2015 agenda

PPD was engaged in organizing a two-day long global “Call to Action Summit 2015” held from 27–28 August 2015 in New Delhi. The summit was co-hosted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and the Health Ministry of Ethiopia, in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, The Tata Trust, UNICEF, USAID and WHO. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Summit. The New Delhi Summit was a prelude to the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda as a high-level plenary meeting of the UN General Assembly to be held in September 2015. On behalf of the PPD Member States, Dr. Joe Thomas, Executive Director of PPD delivered a statement during the meeting.



PPD utilizes its global diplomatic arena on population and health issues

The PPD permanent UN Observer Office in New York organized the advocacy consultative meeting in April 2015 alongside the UNGA that was co-hosted by the Ambassador of Bangladesh. Senior Representatives from the UN, EWEC & PMNCH, UNFPA, WHO and ambassadors of PPD MCs to the UN attended the meeting. The meeting emphasized the role of SSC in addressing the unfinished agenda of ICPD and their inclusion into the SDGs. The “PPD Strategic Plan 2015–2019” was presented at the meeting for globalization of its implementation with funding from different sources.

Addressing Health and Population issues from the south perspective in the global forum

A technical meeting was hosted by PPD to explore the feasibility of creation of a health and population diplomacy center jointly with WHO. The aim of the center would be to enhance the capacity of officials and professionals to raise the voice of the south towards relevant population and health issues during global advocacy forums like UNGA, WHA, G8 and G20.

Advancing Health and Population Diplomacy for greater investment

PPD had a high level leadership discussion with China, South Africa and India about the priority and emerging issues in SRH, population and development and to find scope for how PPD'S work could be aligned with the BRICS Population agenda. At the same time the Executive Director met Her Royal Highness of Jordan seeking support for strengthening SSC specially in the field of maternal and newborn health as she is one of the renowned advocates for maternal and newborn health right across the Arab World. It is worthwhile to mention that as the global champion for the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood, and member of the advisory board of Women's Rights Division at Human Rights Watch, PPD looks forward to share PPD's partnership with her endeavor to promote health and population diplomacy in the wider context.



Joint statements of PPD MC during global events

PPD leadership leverages global events to advocate and convey PPD MC joint statements reflecting the needs and priorities in SSC for RH, population and development within the overall agreed 2014 ICPD framework of action and SDGs. Executive Director delivered a joint statement during the UNGA in April 2015 during the forty-eighth session of the Commission on Population and Development. In the same accord another statement of ED was delivered during the World Health Assembly (WHA) in June 2015.



PPD also made a statement in the 70th special session of the historic September 2015 UNGA. The heads of states expressed their commitments, perceptions and plans with their statement for implementation and attainments of the goals importance for reorientation and realignment of PPD programs in line with the approved strategic plans.

Regional consultation on the Framework Convention on Global Health (FCGH)

A one-day regional consultation meeting on the Framework Convention on Global Health (FCGH), was held in January 2015 at the James P Grant School of Public Health at the BRAC University in Dhaka. The PPD Executive Director and FCGH platform steering committee member, made a presentation on the importance of population diplomacy in the context of the 2014 ICPD framework of action and sustainable development priorities and emerging issues in RH, population and development. Professor Lawrence O Gostin from the Georgetown University facilitated the consultation.

The Asia-Pacific Inter-governmental meeting on HIV and AIDS was convened by ESCAP, in cooperation with UNAIDS, UNDP and other relevant United Nations entities, from 28 to 30 January 2015, at the United Nations Conference Center in Bangkok. PPD was represented at the meeting by the Executive Director. The meeting was convened in pursuance of the 2011 political “Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Intensifying Our Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS”.

Launching and signing of the book on “Global Health Law”

PPD hosted the launching and book signing of the “Global Health Law” book, authored by Prof. Lawrence O. Gostin from Harvard University, on 6th Jan 2015, in Dhaka, Bangladesh. PPD was taking it as an honor to facilitate the event to acknowledge the academic feat dedicated to the service of the distressed humanity and the book is an important document for health professionals and health policy makers in developing countries.



Expert meeting on UNFPA proposed indicators for SDGs

PPD was invited to attend the experts meeting by UNFPA in New York from 1–3 September 2015. The Executive Director represented PPD at the meeting. This convention of experts was held to focus on the proposed formulation and statistical soundness of these ICPD-based SDG priority indicators, and agree on further technical work needed to establish baselines and benchmarks, and ongoing monitoring with the objective to strengthen the construct, relevance, specificity and measurability of ICPD-based SDG priority indicators that address key UNFPA-related targets; to ensure their soundness from the ICPD perspective, and agree on the optimal process for generating and monitoring these indicators over the coming 15 years.

United Nations and UNAIDS high-level side events on “Ending AIDS by 2030”

The Executive Director attended in the UN and UNAIDS High-level Side Events on “Ending AIDS by 2030” spearheaded by the UN Secretary-General and in the presence of Kenya and Malawi with high-level participation. During the event, PPD Executive Director spoke on “Tackling inequalities, empowering women and girls and leaving no one behind” as stated in the Agenda.

C. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

Capacity development and technical cooperation are the priority areas of PPD – this involves Capacity Building at individual, institute and system levels since 1998 to promote SSC in the field of RH, Population and Development. PPD has introduced several innovations for promoting managerial capabilities of the young professionals in the field of RH, Population and development and better accommodating the interests and commitments of the countries towards addressing the global needs and challenges. It has created several scholarship programs namely, post-graduate diploma in the field of public health; diploma in demography; diploma in population and development, post-graduate diploma in population and policy analysis and M. Phil in Demography. The PPD scholarship program is eager to engage young professionals for enhancing their capabilities through offering opportunities in a range of countries and fields.

PPD's Scholarship program provides an excellent opportunity for young professionals in the field of RH, Population and Development to deepen their expertise, to acquire new skills, to accommodate new challenges, to acquire strategy for translating global commitments into national needs, to acquire skill in policy and programmatic changes, to work with additional resources and make connections with the global agenda for the national development. Scholars will be offered to join universities and research and training institutes of the PPD Member Countries to complete their graduation through the government awards of the host country. It is a unique program managed by both the recipient and host country within a SSC framework.

PPD initiated its Scholarship program since 1998. It would be noted that the PPD South South scholarship program has traversed its 14 years landmark with nearly 1500 graduates from different institutions in the PPD member states. The role of the Secretariat is to match the expertise of well-established training institutions with the needs and interests of qualified professionals.

Core objectives of PPD Scholarship program

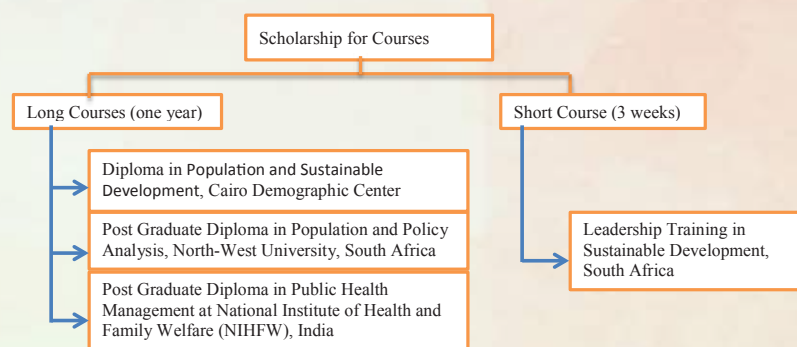
- Capacitate individual professionals in the field of RH, Population and Development.
- Promote capacity development in terms of research, policy development, capturing real time data , data analysis and management and widening diplomatic opportunity for SRHR.
- Facilitate knowledge and experience transfer across the member countries.
- Share the best practices across the member countries.
- Generate knowledge and its management for Population and development.

Type of the Scholarship offered so far

1. Post-graduate diploma in the field of public health.
2. Diploma in demography.
3. Diploma in population and development.
4. Post-graduation diploma in population and policy analysis.
5. Diploma in Population and Sustainable Development
6. M.Phil in Demography.

Fig: Type picture of 2013–2016

Currently PPD is facilitating 3 long courses and one short course:



Since its inception, PPD has facilitated more than 1500 ScholarshipS in the field of RH, Population and Development across the member countries. In 2015, PPD offered 25 Scholarship under the different schemes. Below table shows the number of scholarships that were facilitated by PPD from its MCs in different years:

Table 1: Scholarships Provided by MCs in year 2013, 2014 and 2015

Type of Scholarship	2013	2014	2015	Total
Short course on leadership training provided by the Government of South Africa	14	2	4	20
Post Graduate Diploma in Population and Policy Analysis provided by the Government of South Africa	-	5	6	11
Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management provided by the Government of India	10	10	10	30
Diploma in Population and Sustainable Development provided by the Government of Egypt	5	5	5	15
Total	29	22	25	77



Table 2: Fellowships at a glance:

Provider Country	Campus/Institution	Duration	Subject	Eligibility	Academies qualification	Covered by fellowship
South Africa	Department of Social Development of the Government of South Africa and Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD)	Two weeks	Leadership Training in Sustainable Development: the Population, Environment and Development Nexus	Open for MC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate/bachelor degree preferably in Social Science • Service holder of Government for at least 2 years' in Population, Environment & Development arena. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration fee, • Local accommodation and meals
South Africa	North West University, (Potchefstroom, Mafikeng and Vanderbijlpark)	1 year	Population and Policy Analysis (PPA)	African national only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor degree preferably in Social Sciences • Government Service for at least 2 years' in Population and Development arena. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration fee • Tuition fee • Accommodation and mealexpense
India	National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW)	1 year	Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management (PGDPHM)	Open for MC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate/bachelor degree in medical/nursing/health science/natural sciences or arts. • Government Service holder for at least 2 years' at community, hospital or districts levels or working in directorate of health services, public health, family welfare or in other related public institutions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition fee • Training material • Boarding and lodging • Stipend of 5000/ Indian Rupees per month.
Egypt	Cairo Demographic Center (CDC)	1 year	International Diploma in Population and Sustainable Development	Open for MC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Graduate related to Population studies, or statistics • Government Service holder for at least 2 years' experience in Population and Development arena. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition fee • Accommodation • Meal/utility and incidental expense

D. Knowledge Management

Country assessment on needs and opportunities for south-south cooperation

With technical support from MCs, country level assessment was made to identify country needs and opportunities for enhancing south south partnerships to address the unfinished agendas of ICPD and post SDGs 2015. The study recognized the country level opportunities for SSC in the areas of maternal, child health, family planning,

Consultative Meeting with Senior Government officials and experts from PPD Partners Institutes Network

Partner's Country Coordinators (PCCs) of the member countries sat to discuss about the priority agenda of PPD's future progress and to comment and incorporate their views in PPD's upcoming strategic plan. The PCC meeting was held in Dhaka on November as a side meeting of PPD's Governance events. The discussion of the PCCs also approved the questionnaire for the Assessment of South South Needs and Opportunities that would be conducted by the PPD Secretariat to ensure country level input in the upcoming strategic plan. The meeting discussed the output of the two day long PCC meeting of PPD held in Shanghai, China in February 2015.



Country level assessment on ageing:

According to the United Nations, by 2050 there will be more people in the world who are over 60 years than children under 14. The global total is expected to rise from the current 810 million to more than 2 billion by 2050. Partners in Population and Development (PPD), in technical partnership with World Health Organization (WHO), launched a "Global Commission on Ageing in Developing Countries" on 24 October 2013, which is a 26 countries inter-governmental network for ensuring older people's rights and well-being. The goal of the commission is to enable gender equity and rights-based policies and programming that would improve the quality of life of the ageing population in developing countries.

PPD commissioned 11 global commissioners to conduct a country level assessment on the ageing situation across member countries. The report will focus on the country program and policies on ageing. A compendium of report and policy briefs would be developed through the reports and disseminated for replication of good practices in the selected countries.



Exhibition of Country Resources and SSC programs in Global Forum

PPD organized a booth from 17-18th May 2015 at Sonargoan-Pacific Hotel Dhaka Bangladesh during a 2 day meeting on "South-South and Triangular Cooperation in the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Financing for Development in the South and Technology Transfer". The booth was to promote and advocate for PPD as an only inter-governmental organization promoting south-south cooperation in the field of RH, Population and Development. H.E Prime Minister, Government of Bangladesh inaugurated the booth during the two-day high level meeting.

E. Partnerships And Relationship

Partnership with PMNCH on Every Woman Every Child Campaign

PPD is now working as the campaign advocate of the Every Woman Every Child Every Adolescent Campaign in the Global south. In conjunction with this, a stakeholders consultation meeting was organized jointly with the Government of India–MOHFW, PPD and PMNCH from 26–27 Feb 2015 on the updated Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health, focusing on the workstream on national leadership and operationalization. PPD and the Government of India, MOHFW were the conveners and also provided leadership and TA for the "national leadership and operationalization" mainstream of the EWEC Global Strategy, specifically to identify updates and additions most needed for country-level impact and to ensure prioritization and identification of high-impact interventions and investments for women's, children's and adolescents' health. PPD believes that their advocacy will mobilize leadership from countries and will promote political as well as stakeholder engagement in updating and implementing the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health.

During the meeting a side event was organized by RMNCH+, coalition initiative to attend a CSO Consultation on the "Post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescent Health" in New Delhi (2015) where the PPD ED played a key role and facilitated discussions.

Strengthening partnerships with IPPF

PPD, in partnership with IPPF and the Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) organized a national level dialogue with parliamentarians on SDGs to garner support for SRHR, on 15 June 2015. The Honorable Deputy Speaker of Bangladesh Parliament chaired the dialogue meeting that was attended by the PPD ED, the IPPF SAARC specialist, Country Director Population Council Bangladesh, Country Representative of Engender Health Bangladesh and an official from the Ministry of Finance who presented a thematic paper related to MDGs to SDGs processes for Bangladesh.

PPD ED highlighted the financial mechanism for SDGs and the role of ODA in financing the implementation of SDGs at the national levels. As an immediate follow-up from the meeting, PPD developed a proposal and submitted it to IPPF for organizing a joint consultative meeting on "financing SDGs: challenges



for developing countries". Based on the proposal IPPF agreed to support PPD to organize 2 meetings in Nepal and India on "financing SDGs: Challenges for developing countries".

A meeting was held between IPPF, PPD and Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) on 2nd June 2015 at the PPD Secretariat to explore ways to strengthen partnership between the organizations including resources mobilization. This meeting was attended by the IPPF, FPAB and PPD senior staffs. The meeting agreed to respond to at least two large funding proposals annually and will organize meetings with donor agencies.

Avenue of partnership explored during ICAAP12

Partnership with Govt. of Bangladesh

As follow-up, several briefing and preparatory meetings were organized with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) and presided by H.E. the Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Board Member PPD; and attended by H.E. the State Minister of Health and Family Welfare, the Secretary of MOHFW, UNAIDS, UNICEF, Save the Children, etc.

An amount of US\$800,000 was donated by the Government of Bangladesh to support the organization of the event of ICAAP12 in Bangladesh.

The announcement of the Inter-Ministerial Conference, PPD governance meetings and ICAAP12 was made during a press conference held at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), Dhaka Bangladesh on 2 February 2015 that was attended by over 80 media personnel from leading print and electronic media channels. The announcement was made by H.E. Mr. Mohammed Nasim, Honorable Minister of MOHFW of Bangladesh and PPD Board Member in the presence of the Honorable State Minister H.E. Mr. Zahid Maleque of MoHFW; Secretary Mr. Syed Monjurul Islam and representatives of UNFPA, UNAIDS, UNICEF, Save the Children, etc.

Partnership with WHO, SEARO

A meeting was held between PPD and WHO, SEARO in New Delhi, India on 12 August 2015 to discuss their support for the PPD 2015 annual events as well as PPD-WHO collaborative Centre for Health and Population Diplomacy. WHO also supported PPD to organize the Regional Congress in Dhaka to "End AIDs by 2030".

Partnership UNFPA

The Executive Director had a comprehensive discussion with Ms. Kate Gilmore, UNFPA Deputy Executive Director (Program) and discussed technical issues and funding of PPD Project Proposal and secured commitment for high-level UNFPA participation in the forthcoming PPD events in Dhaka, Bangladesh in November 2015 and also submitted the proposal for partnership with UNFPA for the next 5 years activities

to implement PPD's strategic plan 2015-2019. PPD has pro-actively continued dialogue with UNFPA for signing a MoU to facilitate formalization of funding for PPD.

Partnership with UNAIDS

PPD Executive Director had a meeting and comprehensively discussed with Dr. Michele Sidibe, UNAIDS Executive Director and UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director about PPD-UNAIDS Collaboration under the framework of a MoU. He secured the commitment for the Executive Director's attendance and funding for the forthcoming PPD events in Dhaka. The State Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh also met with the UNAIDS's Executive Director in Geneva during the WHA.



Partnership with UNICEF

Executive Director discussed with the Deputy Executive Director and Senior Officials of UNICEF Headquarters for a long-term collaboration including UNICEF support to the forthcoming PPD events 2015 and ICAAP12.

Partnership with Health sector donor consortium in Bangladesh

Partnership with the health sector donor consortium in Bangladesh
PPD organized a meeting for the health sector donor consortium at the office of UNICEF, Dhaka Bangladesh on 16 June 2015 to advocate support to PPD and its inter-ministerial conference along with ICAAP12. The Executive Director briefed the donor representatives about the PPD and its activities related to the preparation of the inter-ministerial conference along with ICAAP12.

Dialogue with UN Secretary General's Every Women Every Child Private Sector

In a meeting held on 25 September 2015, ED of PPD requested the UN Secretary General's Every Women Every Child campaign to support and participate in PPD's forthcoming Inter-Ministerial Conference in November 2015 and the ICAAP12. As the extension of Partnership, PPD conducted its International Inter Ministerial Conference on "Every Woman, Every Child, Every Adolescent – A South to South Perspective on: Survive, Thrive, Transform".

High-level Side Event of the United Nations on "Urban Health in Sustainable Development: Opportunities and Challenges"

During one side event during the 70th UNGA on Urban Health in Sustainable Development, PPD Executive Director represented PPD and enhanced the agenda of South-South Cooperation for sustainable development.

Partnership with World Vasectomy Day (WVD)

PPD and WVD signed a MoU to work jointly for promoting South South Cooperation to increase support and demand for family planning and fostering innovation in technology particularly increase participation in family planning in line with the commitment of FP2020. The partnership aimed to organize events with the support of BKBN, Indonesia. The partnership will improve awareness on vasectomy as a secure and safe family planning option for men, is expected to increase the access to high quality vasectomies worldwide, will have to face the challenge of the



stigma associated with vasectomy, etc. Empower men to participate in conversation about their own reproductive health is being identified as one of the most important conversations of their lives. The partnership will support vasectomy training around the global south.

Advocating and dialogue with high income countries for meeting ODA

The PPD permanent observer offices in New York and Geneva organized high level advocacy meetings targeting Ambassadors of PPD MCs to the UN and the northern based donors during the UNGA in March 2015 and WHA June 2015 meetings. The PPD ED also seized the opportunities of the meetings for one-on-one advocacy dialogue with northern donors.

Partnership with Media :

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 26 June 2015 by Shorno Kishore Network Foundation (SKNF). SKNF-Channell media house will support PPD to create awareness among the community and development sectors to participate in ICAAP12 and significantly increase PPD visibility and acceptance in the national media in the host country.

PPD also celebrated safe motherhood day with Channel I (a pioneer digital media house in Bangladesh) on 28 May 2015 in Dhaka Bangladesh. PPD organized an advocacy booth to promote and advocate for investments to address population and RH issues particularly FP, Maternal Health (MH), adolescent health, aging and HIV/AIDS. The meeting was attended by H.E the Minister of Health and Family Welfare and PPD Board Member PPD, H.E the Minister of Social welfare, H.E the State Minister of Health and Family Welfare, H.E the State Minister of Women and Children's affairs and ED of PPD.



PPD's Governance Events:

26th Executive meeting PPD, in collaboration with NHFPC, Govt. of China organized the 26th EXCOM from 26–27 March 2015 in Beijing, China. The meeting was attended by 27 delegates from the 6 PPD EXCO MCs (Bangladesh, Benin, China, South Africa, Tunisia, and Zimbabwe), PPD staff (from PPD Secretariat, China and ARO offices). The 2-day meeting exhaustively discussed short and long term strategic plans of the organization as well as policy and managerial issues. The meeting approved

minutes of the 19th Board and 25th EXCOM held in 2014, New Delhi, India and the PPD five year SP and FY2015 work plan; the updated PPD human resource and administrative policy manuals; the terms of reference for the development of the organization charter and the rules of procedures; the PPD annual award announcement and nomination forms; PPD Secretary's FY 2014 external audit report; plans for the ICAAP12 and governance events and PPD reports. The milestone decision of the meeting was to approve PPD's 5 years strategic plan 2015–2019





Organization of the PPD Annual governance events 2015

Intensive preparatory activities that are culminated in the Governance meeting in Nov 2015 were initiated since the 1st quarter, 2015. Minutes from the Board meeting of Nov 2014, New Delhi India and Committee meetings (ExCo and 2 Advisory Committee meetings) were finalized and shared for approval by the respective chairperson and Board Secretary. The Minutes from the 26th Exco meeting of March 2015, in Beijing China were also finalized and shared with the office of the Chair. The draft agendas for the Nov 2015 governance meetings have been developed. The pertinent minutes and other relevant documents were circulated 2 weeks prior to the Nov 2015 governance meetings. PPD facilitated preparation of invitation letters from the Host Country Board Member and letters from Chair office to all PPD Board Members.

PPD's Vice-Chair and Chair elected as President and Vice-President of the World Health Assembly

Vice Chair of PPD Board H. E. Jagat Prakash Nada, Honorable Health Minister of Government of India has been elected as President of the World Health Assembly and

The Chair of the PPD Board H. E. Dr. Li Bin, Honorable Minister, National Health and Family Planning Commission of Government of China has been elected as Vice President of the World Health Assembly. The 68th Assembly opens on 18 May 2015 in Geneva. The Sixty-eighth session of the World Health Assembly held in Geneva in May 2015, with the presence of 3000 delegates from 194 Member States elected H. E. Jagat Prakash Nadda, Honorable Health Minister of Government of India as its new President and Dr. Li Bin, Honorable Minister, National Health and Family Planning Commission of Government of China as its Vice President.



Conclusion:

The ultimate appeal of SSC is to enhance country collaboration and to extend bilateral relationship for the better implement of country level disposition. Govt. of China, as the Chair of PPD is committed to provide support to PPD for South to South cooperation; however, PPD demands extended support from member countries both in technical and financial sphere. PPD would like to unfold evidence-based advocacy efforts for sound policies, budgets and programs for all the member countries. Through the partnership and diplomacy, PPD would like to influence the global policy dialogue to encourage inclusive approaches that sustain global human development, reduce inequalities, and respond to the priorities and interests of the member countries. One of the ultimate goal of PPD to facilitate needs-based, demand-driven technical and capacity building support to both member and collaborating countries. Ease the sharing of information, experiences and expertise through South-South cooperation will be considered as one of the success of PPD's umbrella contribution. Build institutional capacities to stimulate, deepen and strengthen south-south cooperation would definitely expand the weight of SSC under the unique platform of intergovernmental modality of PPD.

REPORT OF CHINA PROGRAM SUPPORT OFFICE

Organization of high-level consultation meeting on finalization of five-year Strategic Plan

The office in collaboration with PPD Secretariat organized a high-level consultation meeting on finalization of five-year Strategic Plan of PPD, in Taicang, Jiangsu Province of China from 2 to 3 March 2015. The participants, deliberations and outputs of the meeting, which was sponsored by NHFPC, Government of China are detailed in the PPD Sec, Advocacy and Policy Development section of the semi-annual report.

Organization of PPD Executive Committee (ExCo) meeting

The office, in liaison with PPD sec organized the PPD 26th ExCo meeting from 26th to 27th March in Beijing, China. The meeting was sponsored by PPD and NHFPC, government of China. H.E. Dr. Li Bin Minister of NHFPC and PPD Board Chair inaugurated the meeting and welcomed the ministers and all participants.



Capacity building trainings

Organization of capacity building demonstration classes: The office organized capacity building demonstration classes of "special position training for general practitioners" in China. Demonstration classes of "special position training" for general practitioners from different provinces were sponsored by the personnel department of NHFPC, and organized by PPD China office at Taicang, Jiangsu Province of China during the period January to May 2015. A total of 180 specific general practitioners who work in the township health clinics took part in the training courses. NHFPC, under the leadership of H.E. Mr. Jin Xiaotao; vice minister of NHFPC who pays attention to the courses and SSC, held face-to-face communication with the participants to better understand the situation and development needs of the general practitioners at the grass roots level. On behalf of the government of China, he provided information and responded to the participant's questions on career development, staffing levels and benefits, and also provided the government plans on the way forward for the general practitioners.

With the constant guidance and support from PPD Secretariat, National Health and Family Planning Commission of China (NHFPC) and many other domestic and international institutes and organizations, PPD China Program Office (PPD China) continued to promote the South-South Cooperation in the field of population and development mainly through 2 seminars hosted by the Ministry of Commerce and National Health and Family Planning Commission of the P. R. China. Although there are no training courses organized by PPD in the second quarter, the organizing of the 2 seminars will be an important path to promote South-South Cooperation.



Official Seminar on Population Census for Laos

Official Seminar on Population Census for Laos was organized at Beijing, Shanghai and Taicang from 10 to 30 July by PPD China. Sponsored by NHFPC and MOFCOM, the seminar brought 25 Laotian officers together, who are mainly from four ministries, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Public Security, Headquarters of General Staff of the People's Army and Statistical Bureau. This seminar aimed to improve the ability of policy making and management in the field of population for Laos so as to facilitate their sustainable ability in related fields.



Ministerial Seminar on Population, Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction for Developing Countries

Sponsored by MOFCOM and NHFPC, Ministerial Seminar on Population, Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction for Developing Countries was successfully held from 17 to 23 September in Beijing, Shanghai and Taicang, China. The seminar brought together 24 delegates from 11 countries of Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Columbia, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, Namibia, Panama, Zanzibar and Zimbabwe. One minister from Ministry of Local Government and Chieftainship Affairs of Lesotho, three vice-ministers from Ministry of Labor of Panama, Bureau of Border Police of Panama and Ministry of Education of Zimbabwe attended the seminar. H.E. Mr. Wang Pei'an, vice-minister of NHFPC met with minister and vice-ministers attending the seminar.

Forum on Optimize Food Security System

Forum on Optimize Food Security System was carried out in PPD China at Taicang, Jiangsu Province of China on the afternoon of 24 September, which led by H.E. Mr. Jin Xiaotao, vice-minister of NHFPC. Jin had a face-to-face communication with the participants, who are from eight provinces of China to better understand and improve the general situation in the path of optimizing food security system. Each province delivered a 6-minute report on this issue, covering related achievements, challenges and suggestions. In addition, there are other training courses organized by PPD China Office, sponsored by other departments of NHFPC, such as one Planning and Supervision Training Courses, one Medicare Safety Training Courses, one Photography Training Courses and one Food Security Training Courses

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Information Construction for the Platform of Population and Development in South-South Cooperation

Despite organizing a set of international meetings, seminars and training courses with PPD secretariat and related offices of different countries in the field of population and development in South-South Cooperation, PPD China also took up the responsibility of sharing and spreading the latest news and information related to the field of population and development, reproductive health and family planning. The related information will continue to be updated on the website named "The information Platform of Population and Development in South-South Cooperation (SSCPOP)" for knowledge sharing, in which, the public are encouraged to leave messages in the Q&A section, whose messages will be taken down accordingly. The website will also post recent research projects conducted by officers of PPD China.

Research Projects Related to RH, FP and Population Development

Officers from PPD China will continue to conduct a series of research regarding the biggest concerns in South-South Cooperation. A list of project topics have been released and processed carefully, for instance, Family Development in China, Reasons and Status of Population Growth in Africa and so on. Discussion of achievements will be held after a period of independent research, presentations will be conducted by researcher as well as the Q&A section. Detailed summaries and reports will be posted on the South-South Cooperation website for the public to learn and raise questions.

Training courses: The office organized other training courses, sponsored by other departments of NHFPC, specifically two planning and supervision training courses; and one network security training course.

Conclusion

PPD China has accumulated a wealth of managing experience after facilitating a series of international communicative training programmes and research in the field of population. PPD China will continue to assist NHFPC in hosting international seminars and trainings and to deepen the cooperation and communication between PPD and other international organizations, cultivate new ideas and develop new issues to improve international communicative ability.

REPORT OF AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE

Policy and funding advocacy

Follow up of 2014 NEAPACOH and Women MPs meetings

PPD ARO in partnership with HPP organized two meetings in Lilongwe, Malawi on 20 February, 2015 and 30 April, 2015 with members of parliament in Malawi to take stock of the achievements made in implementation of the commitments made during the 2014 women MPs & NEAPCOH meetings. The meetings had the objectives of sharing the status regarding family planning /reproductive health financing in Malawi; sharing progress on implementation of FP/RH commitments made by Malawi Parliamentarians.

Participation in UN CPD meetings

Director, PPD ARO attended the side events organized by the UN on CPD from 5–19 April, 2015. The side events of the session of the Commission, provides an excellent opportunity for member states, observer states, observers, UN entities and civil society to discuss themes of the Commission or present relevant initiatives. He also attended a panel on SCC on RH, population and development organized by PPD in partnership with the Bangladesh Permanent Mission to the UN.

Participation in high level meeting on Demographic Dividend (DD):

The PPD ARO regional director attended on 1st June, 2015 a high level meeting convened by the President of the UN General Assembly. The high-level event focused on investments required to reap the demographic dividend, including the need for employment opportunities and decent work for young people. It also provided an opportunity for Member States and stakeholders to evaluate investments needed to harness the demographic dividend in their respective countries. The participants at the high level event included member states, UN agencies, civil society organizations, the private sector and other stakeholders. The meeting outcome the summary document of the President of the UN General Assembly's to be circulated to member states and stakeholders.

Accountability for FP/RH commitments

Stakeholder's accountability meeting on Uganda commitments in RH

In partnership with SAMASHA Medical Foundation, PPD ARO organized a half day meeting on Uganda commitments initiative, held on 29th April, 2015 in Kampala, Uganda. The commitment initiative compiled all the RH related commitments that the Government of Uganda (GoU) made for the last five years and developed an Uganda RH commitment compendium that includes the list of commitments pronounced, actionable activities and indicators. A stakeholder matrix was developed to indicate the areas of the commitments that CSOs and development partners supported in terms of financing and technical support.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To present the Uganda commitment motion tracker and the indicators for tracking Uganda RH related commitments including FP2020.
- To discuss progress on the achievement of the RH related commitments by the Uganda Government
- To galvanize stakeholders around RH related commitments in order to gain traction
- One of the major meetings outcomes was a commitment motion tracker that was developed with clear indicators.

Networking and building strategic partnerships in the region

Participation in the national partners meeting:

PPD ARO participated in a national partners meeting involved in the implementation of the agreed on action plans from the regional meeting organised in Nairobi, Kenya in April 2014 under the theme : Accelerating Contraceptive Choice (ACC) in Sub-Saharan Africa that aimed at reflecting on the goals of FP2020. The meeting participants reviewed the progress made in the implementation of Uganda's action plan and identified new advocacy areas related to the ACC in the country.

Participation in consortium partners meeting:

PPD ARO, as part of the consortium (PPD ARO, APHRC and ECSA) for the implementation of "Innovating for Maternal, New-born and Child Health" project, attended a partners meeting on 23rd Feb, 2015, Nairobi Kenya. The purpose of the meeting was to agree on the consortium partner specific roles; and development of an agenda for the project inception meeting that was to be organized in Nairobi from 7-11 April, 2015.

Participation in STEP UP management meetings: PPD ARO attended a STEP UP Senior Management Team (SMT) and Consultative Advisory Group (CAG) meeting that was held from 23 -26th February, 2015 in Nairobi, Kenya. The meeting was organized by the Population Council of Kenya and attended by STEP UP implementing partners and advisors.

Participation in The World Innovation Summit for Health:

Regional Director of PPD ARO participated as a panelist in the World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) held in Doha, Qatar from 17-18 February 2015. The WISH focuses on some of the most pressing and serious global health challenges facing governments, health systems and populations. The Summit brought together internationally renowned experts, who work with advisory groups to publish evidence-based reports on a range of healthcare topics each year.

Participation in health of people and environment workshop:

PPD ARO participated in a high level workshop organized by Pathfinder International and partners from 18-19 February, 2015. The workshop was conducted to disseminate the strategic planning for scale up for the Health of People and Environment in the Lake Victoria Basin (HoPE-LVB)" project. The workshop agreed that Pathfinder and Partners would continue mobilizing resources for scaling up the initiative.

Organisation of workshop to disseminate Uganda FP implementation plan:

PPD ARO, with the support of Advance Family Planning (AFP) and in partnership with the Ministry of Health (MoH) Uganda; Futures Group; and Reproductive Health Uganda (RHU), organized a two days long meeting from 4-5th March, 2015 in Kampala, Uganda for CSOs to disseminate the Uganda Family Planning Costed Implementation Plan (FP CIP).

Participation in FP/RH commodities workshop:

PPD ARO participated in a workshop organized by PATH on March 11th, 2015 to disseminate the findings from a Total Market Approach study for FP/RH commodities in Uganda. The objective of the meeting was to review the key findings from the study and define workable recommendation to operationalize the approach in the context of Uganda

Organisation of a meeting to review a district level advocacy guide: On March 13th, 2015, RHU in partnership with PPD ARO organized a meeting to review a district level advocacy guide to enhance prioritization of FP in decentralised district planning and budgeting processes. The specific objective of the meeting was to solicit inputs from key stakeholders before the guide was shared with the Uganda MoH FP Technical Working Group/MCH cluster. The meeting adapted the advocacy guide to facilitate FP prioritization in the district level, local planning process.

Participation on the annual AFP partners meeting: PPD ARO attended the annual AFP partners meeting held from 16-21 March, 2015 in Baltimore that was aimed at creating synergy among AFP partners in working with countries to fulfil the FP2020 vision. It also provided an opportunity for partners to present the FY14 achievements and actions plans for FY15.

Symposium on Reproductive Maternal New-born and Child Health (RMNCH): PPD ARO was represented by the International Program Officer (IPO) in the 2nd East Africa Community (EAC) Health Ministers and Parliamentarians Forum on Health and Symposium on RMNCH organised in Kampala, Uganda from March 24-27, 2015. The IPO served as panellist in the high level panel discussion under the theme of "Transforming lessons from the MDG Era into Robust Actions for Accelerated Elimination of Preventable Maternal, Newborn and Child Deaths in the East African Community Post 2015".

Follow up meeting on Uganda parliaments commitments in FP/RH:

PPD ARO in partnership with the Ministry of Health (MoH), the Parliament, and the UNFPA country office in Uganda organised a follow up meeting on 31st March 2015 for Members of Parliament in Uganda to assess the progress on the FP/RH commitments made by Ugandan Parliamentarians during the October 2014 NEAPACOH meeting. The commitments included 1) Establishing a National Health Insurance Scheme that includes family planning; and 2) Increasing human resource for family planning at Health Centers IV, IIIs and IIs.

Organisation of NEAPACOH Executive Committee Meeting:

PPD ARO supported the organization of the Executive Committee meeting on 31st March 31, 2015 of the Network of African Parliamentary committees on Health (NEAPACOH). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the network's governance matters and the modalities of convening the annual NEAPACOH meetings as well as to agree on way forward regarding the preparation, including resource mobilization issues for 2015 NEAPACOH meeting to be organized jointly by PPD ARO with NEAPACOH.

Innovating for Maternal and Child Health (IMCHA) in Africa program consortium meetings:

Director of PPD ARO and program officer attended a workshop on "Innovating for Maternal, New-born and Child Health- (IMCHA) held from 7 – 11th April, 2015, in Nairobi, Kenya. The workshop, organized by APHRC brought together all IMCHA grantees, the East Africa Health Policy and Research Organizations (EA-HPROs), the West Africa Health Policy and Research Organizations and approximately twenty Implementation Research Teams (IRTs) drawn from IMCHA focus countries. The overall objective of the workshop was to lay the foundation for the program in order to achieve and optimize results and establish, facilitate collaborations among research teams and health policy and research organizations.

Participation in consultation meeting on Uganda's commitments to FP2020:

ARO IPO participated and served as panellist in a high level consultation meeting organized by DSW on 23rd April 2015 in Kampala, Uganda, it was organized under the theme "advocating for Uganda's commitment to FP2020", the meeting aimed at generating collective evidence based advocacy and strategy on SRH/FP and the needed to support and strengthen the creation of a favourable policy environment that would facilitate the country in realising its key development goals through FP/SRH. The specific objectives of the meeting were to understand the finance processes of family planning in Uganda; and propose recommendations and actions that would influence future family planning finance through continued advocacy.

Participation in IMCHA meeting:

PPD ARO PO participated in a meeting for the East Africa Health Policy Research Organizations (EA-HPROs) and Implementation Research Teams (IRTs), held from 27 – 28th May, 2015 in Arusha, Tanzania. The meeting was hosted by APHRC, under the flagship of the IMCHA program. The objectives of the meeting were to develop a common understanding on the area of IRT collaboration and engagement with EA-HPRO; and to identify the opportunities for capacity building. The meeting revised EA-HPRO strategy and work plan delineating the roles of the consortia partners and mainstream areas for HPRO and IRT collaboration and engagement including capacity building opportunities.

Participation in meeting for parliamentarian meeting on STEP UP:

Under STEPUP project, PPD ARO, APHRC and the National Council for Population and Development (NCPD) Kenya jointly organized a meeting for the parliamentarians of Kenya on 11th June, 2015 in Nairobi, Kenya. The meeting was attended by over 25 parliamentarians of Kenya National Assembly as well as representatives of MoH and CSOs. The objectives of the forum were to revisit the understanding of Kenya's reproductive health/family planning, population and development challenges from the policy perspective. The meeting specifically was to build on complement and leverage NCPD's advocacy efforts with parliamentarians to raise awareness on reproductive health, population and development. The meeting defined a way forward and advocacy areas for wider engagement of stakeholders to increase access to FP and RH services and information in Kenya.

Participation in meeting on Ugandan FP CIP:

PPD ARO participated in a technical meeting held on 25th June 2015 in Kampala Uganda organized by FHI360 to assist the Ministry of Health of Uganda to operationalize and executing FP costed implementation plan. A performance monitoring mechanism to support the implementation of this plan was developed as an outcome material of the meeting.

Sharing of South-South good practices

A follow up meeting was held on 31st March 2015, representatives from Ghana and Uganda were present in the meeting. The parliamentarian's commitments on FP/RH of Uganda were discussed. Uganda also shared their success case in health care financing through social health insurance scheme. The experience of Uganda in developing the national FP CIP and Demographic Dividend Model were also shared during the regional and global meetings that PPD ARO participated during the reporting period.






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