

**Uganda: Progress ,Achievements
and challenges in the
implementation of the 2010
Munyonyo Resolutions.**

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- In the 9th Parliament, a number of fora have been established to advance the ICPD agenda, Maputo PoA and the Accra Agenda.
- The committee on social services and other fora that include UPFFSP&D, NAWMP-U, The MDG forum, Forum on children, Youth etc

Resolution on Leadership

- Members of Parliament have continued to play a leading role in the promotion of Family planning and giving visibility to Maternal Health and RH in general.

- In the last parliament, a Motion for a resolution of Parliament to make maternal health a priority and a number of Questions for Oral answer were moved on the floor of Parliament

- Members tabled before parliament various bills that recognize rights of women, young people and other vulnerable groups . These include Bill on FGM, Domestic Violence Bill, Marriage and Divorce Bill and the trafficking in persons Act

- Members of parliament pressed government to secure funds to finance health and when a loan request from the WB of \$100 was brought to parliament, we refused to approve it until additional \$30 million had been secured for Reproductive health.

- In the new parliament, we have continued to influence government business, and have provided oversight to successful implementation of all government development programmes.

- We have been consulted when key policies are being formulated or reviewed
- PMTCT,VHT,Multi tasking

Financing

.Though we have not yet been able to achieve the Abuja target of 15%,we have seen progress in funding for the health sector in the national budget from 8.9% in FY 2006/07 to 10.4% in FY 2011/12.

- A budget line was created for contraceptives
- Budget for drugs and supplies was centralized and sent as a lump sum to the National Medical stores.

- Re allocated resources in the just passed budget to motivate health workers
- Refused to approve Ministry of Health Budget until re allocation of funds was made to cater for essential items like EMOC ,Safe Delivery kits

- Re allocated resources that had been indicated for trivial expenses like workshops and seminars to go into supporting Village health teams

Advocacy

- The various Parliamentary fora have continued to do advocacy in parliament and in members constituencies.(RHU-Kakuuto, Gomba&Mityana)
- Issued Media briefs and press conferences on FP,Maternal deaths Unsafe Abortion,Population growth

- Participate actively in international and national Campaigns and events e.g. Population day, Safe motherhood day, HIV/AIDS day, Women's day, CARMMA Launch etc

- Advocated to include Maternal Health on the agenda of the 2012 IPU in Kampala.

- MPs have gone ahead to raise awareness and generate the commitment of local government leaders in a number of districts.
- Some local governments have set by-laws attributed to the Forum that encourage male involvement in safe motherhood programs e.g. Mayuge, case of couples receiving first service for ANC.

Enhancing Partnerships

- Continued to work with partners
- PPDARO, POPSEC, UNFPA, DSW, RHU, AOUGU, WRA, IPPFARO
- Initiated partnership with Corporate sector and as a result we were able to acquire IV fluids and back up Power supplies for 6 major Hospitals .
- We enlisted corporate companies to donate blood on a monthly basis. So we have a blood donation roll on a monthly basis

- Have signed an MOU with the IPU to develop an advocacy strategy for MDG 5.

Learning from best practice

- Planning to do benchmarking visits to countries that have performed well e.g. Botswana, Rwanda, Ethiopia etc

Challenges

- Dealing with negative utterances and views on Family planning.
- Not all leaders are with us, there fore we strive to build political will and commitment from some leaders.
- Inadequate funds for constituency programmes