



Partners in Population and Development (PPD)
An Inter-Governmental Organization
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PPD SECRETARIAT NEWSLETTER

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Officer-in-Charge

Mr. Oliver Zambuko is currently the Officer-in-Charge of Partners in Population and Development (PPD), an Inter-Governmental Organization with the Headquarters in Dhaka. Before entering the public sector at South Africa's National Department of Social Development, he spent more than 20 years working in the subject of population and development as a professor at the University of KwaZulu Natal. He is an expert in monitoring and evaluation, policy analysis, and demography in addition to being a researcher. Also; Climate change, political demographics, migration, and fertility are among his areas of interest.

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The South-South Youth Platform (SSYP) has been launched to address the need for a youth-oriented platform to the policy-making level, capacity building, production and exchange of technology and in-depth knowledge about barriers to youth empowerment, raising awareness among young people about their rights and obligations, and others. It aims to raise awareness about rights and obligations among young people, facilitating their engagement and mobilization in developing countries.

Preparatory Meeting of the 20th IIMC on SSC in Population and Development in collaboration with UNFPA.

- The 20th International Inter-Ministerial Conference's concept note and program date have been finalized.
- PPD co-ordinated a meeting with the Ministry of Health, Government of Zimbabwe, and UNFPA in person to confirm the Zimbabwe Government's commitment for the 20th IIMC.

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WHO WE ARE

The Partners in Population and Development (PPD), a global intergovernmental organization (IGO) consisting of developing countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands, represents 60% of the world population, including all large areas of the youth population. In collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the PPD seeks to promote population and reproductive health agendas for sustainable development through youth-led South-South and Triangular Cooperation (TS3). With the aim of accelerating the achievement of the SDG goals and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), the PPD and UNFPA have thus jointly launched a unique platform for young people to engage in TS3, called 'South-South Youth Platform (SSYP)'. Currently, there are 1.8 billion adolescents and youth between the ages of 10 and 24, making the largest youth generation in history. In fact, half of the world population is comprised of people aged 18 or below, which is set to reach 3.2 billion by the age balance in politics, employment, health and justice have been decidedly unfavorable towards young people, who face numerous barriers without the adequate involvement of the youth, the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and SDG commitments remains pending. Moreover, due to barriers to reliable reproductive health information and adequate health care, the youth face a higher risk of unwanted pregnancy, unsafe abortion, harmful traditional practices, and diseases, including HIV/AIDS, and sexual violence in the post-COVID era. The pandemic has also exacerbated the trends around domestic violence and child marriage, increased the number of unpaid household work, and disrupted the educational and health systems worldwide, all of which are adversely affecting today's young people. There is thus a real need for a youth-oriented platform, interconnecting programmatic interventions such as advocacy on the policymaking level, capacity building, production and exchange of technology and knowledge, and raising awareness among young people about their rights and obligations. To the end, as developing countries recover from the economic shocks imposed by the pandemic and other global challenges, the South-South Youth Platform (SSYP) has been launched to facilitate youth engagement and mobilization.

MISSION

1. Foster engagement and mobilization (Empowering and meaningful partnership with the youth, with a view to catalyzing the generation and reproductive health dynamics across the developing world)
2. Leveraging TS3 (Using the platform as an important vehicle to leveraging TS3 in the global development agenda and formal political processes)
3. Social Media Communications (Using the potential of social media, with its prevalence and wide acceptance, as one of the most powerful tools to promote youth-led advocacy and disseminate development solutions)
4. Production and Exchange of Knowledge (Bringing the gap between the youth and experts, and bringing youth leaders and

KEY OBJECTIVES

1. Organize a strategic digital campaign utilizing social media platform, which engaged around 50,000 young people
2. Facilitated the engagement of youth activists, youth-led networks, human rights educators, researchers, development experts, gender activists, and credible and public institutions from developing countries
3. Held a webinar with youth and experts on 'Empowering Youth: Curating Innovative Solutions to Push Forward the SDG Agenda'
4. Organized a thematic photo exhibition, featuring the youthful photographs of the youth of the Global South
5. Developed a publication, titled 'South-South Youth Platform: Strategies and Visions', thus far, for informing its objectives and action plans, and developing practical strategies for the future

ON REFLECTION MILESTONE

1. Organized a concept note competition to encourage innovative thinking, team partnerships and highlight the lessons learned and best practices on leveraging youth involvement to achieve the 2020 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDG agenda
2. Organized an essay competition to gain a deeper understanding into the perceptions of young people across the developing world and help build their capacity

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PPD's member country's good practice has been selected as a solution by South South Galaxy of UNOSSC

The good practice from South Africa, Siyakwazi Youth Network (Advancing youth sexual and reproductive health and rights advocacy through civil society-government partnership in South Africa) has been selected as a best practice solution at **South-Souththe Galaxy** of UNOSSC.

The Siyakwazi Youth Network is South Africa's first-ever SRHR Network that brings the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) issues of Youth to the fore with sustainable support and tangible interventions. It promotes youth agency by creating a critical mass of youth who can critically analyze and interrogate policies and engage in SRHR advocacy.

For details, please see the link: **Siyakwazi Youth Network**



Planning for the Activities of SSCAF Project under China Aid throughout the 2023

- Six Days Training & Meeting at Manikganj and Gazipur, in Bangladesh.
- Advocacy Activities on Raising Awareness for Reducing Maternal Mortality at Manikganj and Gazipur, Bangladesh.
- Expert Group meeting & Residential Practical training.
- Preparation for the advocacy materials on the uses of Tab Misoprostol to prevent PPH.

PPD's Engagement in Forthcoming Events

- 38th Executive Committee Meeting, 8-10 August, 2023 at Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- 20th International Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Population and Development: A High-Level Thematic Consultation Leading up to ICPD30, 9-10 October 2023 at Zimbabwe.
- PPD Partner Country Coordinators Workshop on South-South Triangular Corporation, 11th October 2023 at Zimbabwe.
- Training & Meeting on "Institutional Delivery and Uses of Tab Misoprostol to Prevent PPH at Satellite Level to Reduce Maternal Mortality", 17-25 June 2023 at Bangladesh.