REGIONAL MEETING OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES ON HEALTH IN SOUTHERN AND EASTERN AFRICA (SEAPACOH)

UGANDA’s PROGRESS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES SINCE SEPTEMBER 2008

BY

HON.DR. CHRIS BARYOMUNSI, MP
Uganda’s profile

- Total Population: 31 million
- Population growth rate: 3.3%
- Life expectancy at birth: 51 years
- Skilled birth attendance: 41%
- Maternal mortality ratio: 435/100,000
- Contraceptive Prevalence: 23%
- Unmet need for family planning: 41%
- Total Fertility Rate: 6.7
- Infant Mortality rate: 76/1000
- Enrolment in primary education: 7.5 million
- % health budget: 10.2% (incl. donors)
Progress since September 2008

- Engaged Ministries of Health and Finance on the need to fund SRH issues
- Carried out various media activities on issues of population and SRH
- Raised questions for oral answer on issues of RH on the floor of Parliament
- Actively participated in the marking of World Population Day
Progress since September 2008

- Recommended policy changes in the management and administration of the budget for drugs including RH commodities
- Allocated additional resources for RH including HIV/AIDS
- Successfully advocated for a budget line for activities to address Female Genital Mutilation
Progress since September 2008

- Prepared and presented a private member’s bill entitled “The Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Bill, 2009

- Drafted the HIV/AIDS Control Bill 2009, which is to be tabled as a private member’s bill. Motion to introduce the Bill has already been moved
Progress since September 2008

- Strengthened collaboration with NGOs – DSW Uganda, Reproductive Health Uganda etc

- Held capacity building activities for Members of Parliament on RH issues such as RH Commodity security

- Held advocacy meetings with leaders at constituency level on Population and RH issues in some districts
Progress since September 2008

- Undertook oversight and monitoring visits to different parts of the country

- Established and operationalised Constituency AIDS Task Forces in a number of constituencies

- Strengthened the Parliamentary HIV/AIDS Resource Centre with materials
Challenges

- Population and Health programmes remain poorly funded
- Capacity building for local governments to deliver SRH services is necessary – Human Resource for Health
- Need to support Parliament and Members of Parliament in order to play their meaningful role.
THANK YOU