



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

**UGANDA'S PROGRESS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND  
CHALLENGES SINCE SEPTEMBER 2008**

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# 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**

