Country presentation on the implementation of country specific-actions made during the Women Parliamentarians meeting 2013

COUNTRY: UGANDA

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Specific Actions

- Ensure that the funds allocated for FP are ring fenced
- Ensure availability of and access to FP information and services to increase uptake
- Ensure that there is a policy on task sharing that conforms the WHO standards/guidelines
- Demand creation for FP services
Progress on specific actions

Commitment
• Ensure that the funds allocated to RH/FP are ring fenced.

Progress
• The funds allocated have been ring fenced in the national budget FY2014/15, what remains to be done by M.o.H, is to ensure that the funds are absorbed and commodities are availed to the woman at the HC II.
Commitment

• Ensure that there is access to information and services.

• Ensure that there is a policy on task sharing that conforms the WHO standards

Progress

• Women MPs under our umbrella NAWMP have held a number of dialogues with CSOS & other stakeholders on RH & FP and we plan to facilitate a motion on the floor of parliament.

• We also participated in the first FP conference in uganda. And we are happy to report that HE was very committed to promoting RH & FP issues.

• This attracted health committee engagement with the Minister for health, in the committee while discussing the ministerial policy statement 2013/14. and the minister took this up

• (There are clinical officers that are being trained by the MOH)
Progress

Commitment

Emphasize that parliament is given reports on Maternal deaths Audits.

Progress

The ministry of health presented a maternal death Audit report to all members of parliament. (Both online and Hard copies.)
Together with PPD ARO we have developed 2 policy briefs

• This was launched last year, June 2013
Together with PPD ARO: Second policy brief was launched on the 4th of March 2014.

- We use these policy briefs in advocating for increased funding for FP programmes
Commitment

Demand creation for FP services

Progress

We held dialogue with district and sub-county leaders in the districts of Mubende, Mbale, Kanungu and Gulu, they committed to allocate funds for RH & FP in their budgets.

We also visited the islands of Busi in Wakiso district and Jaguzi in Mayuge district and talked to Islanders on the importance of FP.
Challenges

• Limited facilitation for MPs to adequately implement the committed activities especially the demand creation activities
• Competing issues on the order paper/ space for discussion
• Getting all MPs on board is still our challenge
• Engagement of Local Government councils requires sessions sponsored by agencies other than the LC themselves.
• Cultural and religious interferences.
Way forward

• Parliament should acquire willing partners to fund activities especially community outreach demand creation activities including RH/FP budget oversight.

• Sustain the existing partnerships for deepening the campaign and oversight on RH/FP agenda.

• Continue to garner MPs support and will of more of them toward the cause.

• Engagement of local government councils
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