

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.

# Progress



## 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

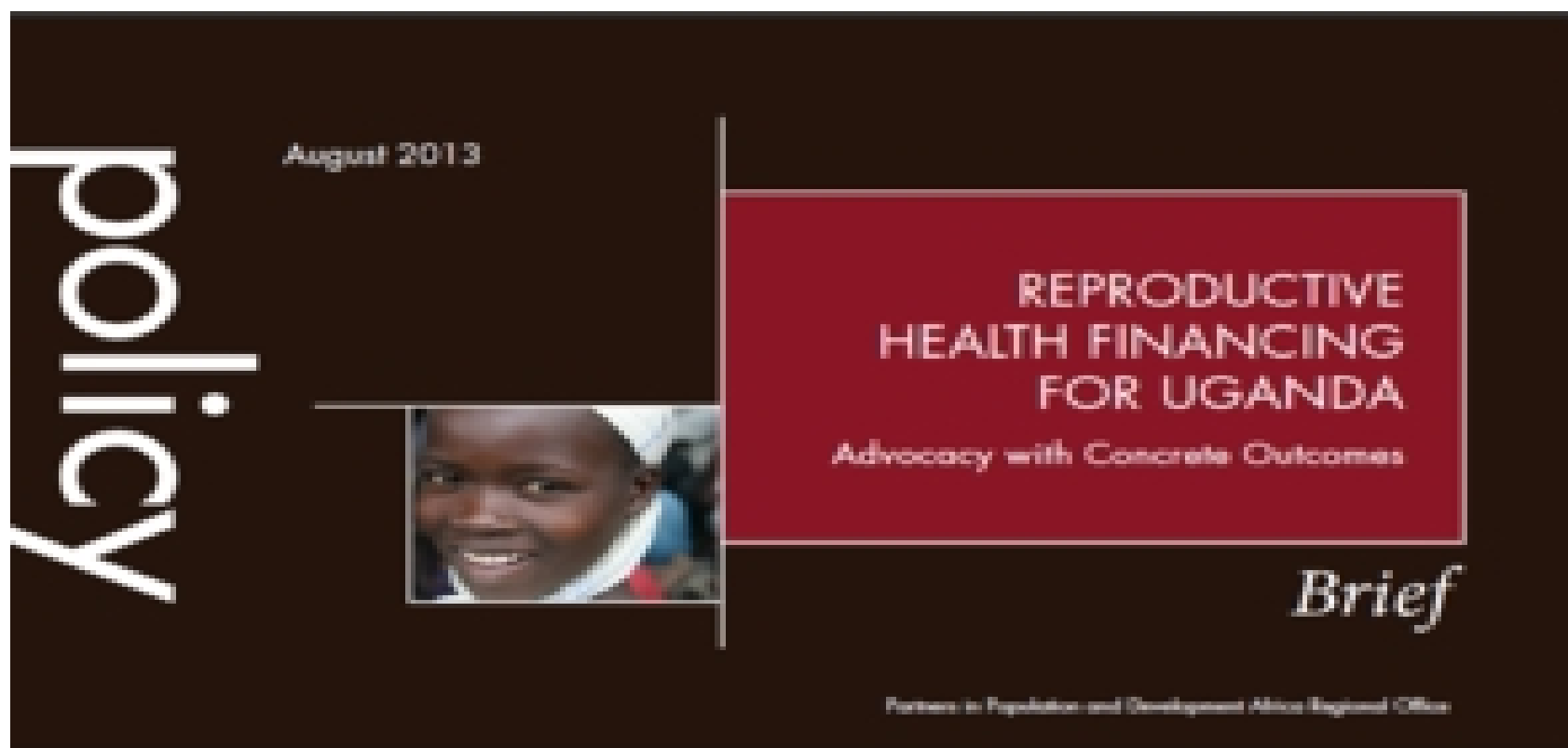
The ministry of health presented a maternal death Audit report to all members of parliament.  
(Both online and Hard copies.)

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2014.



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

# Progress



## **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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