

NEAPACOH MEETING

October 2-3, 2014, Kampala, Uganda

REPORT ON THE COMMITMENTS MADE AT THE 2013 NEAPACOH MEETING

BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HIV/AIDS, PARLIAMENT OF SOUTH SUDAN.

Commitment	Achievements	Challenges	Lessons learned
Sensitization of National & State parliamentarians and other political leaders on RH/FP and other population issues	No activities could be planned at any level of legislature and political leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The civil strife that engulfed the country since December 2013 preoccupied the political class with the search for peace. - Political leaders and health care providers are buried in cultural misconceptions/ignorance on family planning while demand overwhelms the health services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Despite absence of public sensitization, there is spontaneous demand for family planning even in rural areas but no service providers. -The Committee on Health and HIV/AIDS could possibly explore sources for financial and technical support including PPD/ARO.
Legislation on RH/FP rights and care Legislation on Domestic Violence and Sexual Offences	An RH strategy and a separate Family Planning policy were approved by MOH.	-Lack of awareness and of resources is impeding efforts to disseminate these initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Committee on Health & HIV/AIDS seeks technical support to initiate work on the legislative agenda. -
Advocacy for increase in the health budget in general & budget line for RH/FP.	There was slight increase in the general health budget in the 2014-2015 financial year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Despite the increase, there is no budget line for family planning. -Despite the increase the health budget remains below 4 per cent of the whole budget in 2014-2015. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Funding even for emergency obstetric care remains scanty & comes from development partners. -There is need to mobilize for family planning specific CIP.

Presenters: **Honorable Mary Kiden Enoka, Hon. Dr. Luka T. Monoja & Mr. Akok Atem** (committee Clerk).

COUNTRY ACTION PLAN FOR THE PERIOD: OCT 2014 – SEPT 2015
COUNTRY: SOUTH SUDAN

SMART OBJECTIVE	Activities	Responsible	Estimated Budget	Time Line	Comments
To have increased awareness on RH/FP among policy makers & community leaders. e.g. traditional Leaders	1. Conduct National KAP baseline.	MOH, UNFPA	\$50,000	Jan- Feb. -2015	Cost has to be verified. Potential sources of funding to be identified.
	2. Organize sensitization workshop for National legislature and Executive.	-Committee of Health & HIV/AIDS, NLA	\$ 30,000	April -2015.	
	3. National Family Planning conference. 4. Conduct a follow-up KAP survey.	-MOH, NLA, UNFPA, Partners.	\$150,000 \$50,000	June-July -2015 Aug. 2015	