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Repositioning Family Planning and Reproductive Health in Africa:
Lessons Learnt, Challenges and Opportunities
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Follow-Up Survey Results

1. What would be the best method for SEAPACOH to share information with you outside of meetings?
   - Email/ email list: 96%
   - Website: 27%
   - Other: 18% (fax, telephone, correspondence, Facebook, exchange visits)

2. What is the best way for you to share information, best practices, and lessons with your fellow parliamentarians in other countries?
   - Email/ email list: 80%
   - Website: 27%
   - Other: 16% (workshops, briefing meetings)

3. How could SEAPACOH keep you updated on issues related to your work?
   - Share information and news through email: 71%
   - Have a website where global and regional agreements (e.g. Maputo, Abuja, etc.) can be downloaded: 51%
   - Have a website where examples of members bills can be downloaded: 31%
   - Have a website where you can post information on progress in your country: 36%
   - Other: 11% (workshops, through office of the Secretary of the National Assembly)

4. What would be the best follow-up mechanism for members of parliament to report on their in-country work?
   - Quarterly report to SEAPACOH Secretariat by email: 40%
   - Bi-annual report to SEAPACOH Secretariat by email: 51%
   - Other: 9% (annual, annual general meeting, exchange visits)

5. Do you have any other suggestions for how SEAPACOH can improve coordination and reporting mechanisms between members?
   82% made a comment
   - A permanent/ full-time secretariat would improve communications- 8
   - Annual meetings- 5
   - More regular/ (bi-annual or quarterly) regional meetings- 5
   - Rotate meeting location- 4
   - Current communication methods are in order and should be maintained- 4
• Interactive (increased) email list - 4
• Use the media if funds allow - 2
• Contact person(s) in each parliament to coordinate - 2
• Exchange visits - 2
• Have the parliamentary committee clerk as a contact person for monitoring progress
• Enhance work with individual MPs
• Increase participation in SEAPACOH to additional committees and forums and countries, and to more women - 4
• Arrange to have permanent membership from committees of health from member countries so as to create continuity and sustain efforts
• Benchmarking and networking
• The steering committee meets to discuss reports and ensure commitment more frequently
• If it is possible to expand the working languages to French and Kiswahili . . .
• SEAPACOH should be more aggressive with MPs in ensuring activities are carried out and reported on—this will increase visibility - 1
• Restricted website/blog