Regional Meeting of Southern and Eastern African Alliance of Parliamentary Committees on Health (SEAPACOH)

Country progress, achievements and challenges

Rwanda Parliament
Key Facts about Rwanda

- A country of 11 million people,
- 26338 square km
- 30 Districts, 4 Provinces
- Home of the Mountain Gorillas
- 53% of Parliamentarians are women
- Economic Growth rate of 7%
- GDP US$ 560
Trend in Total Fertility Rate

TFR for women age 15-49 for the 3-year period preceding the survey

- RDHS 2005: 6.1
- RIDHS 2007-08: 5.5
- RDHS 2010: 4.6
Reduction of MMR

Maternal mortality rate (/100,000 livebirth)

- 1990: 611
- 2000: 1071
- 2005: 750
- 2008: 383
- MDG 2015: 268
Progress and achievements regarding SEAPACOH 2010 Resolutions
LEADERSHIP: High level commitment to support health services.
His Excellency meet with Community Health Workers.
High level commitment to support health services
Her Excellency the First Lady Supporting Vaccination
Rwandan Parliamentarians’ Network on Population and Development (RPRPD) advocacy

Parliamentarian demonstrating to local residents, in Nyamasheke District, the effective use of condom during monthly community work (Umuganda) on January 29th, 2011.
Parliamentarians members of RPRPD discussed with Anglican Church Pastors and their wives on their role in expanding FP use.
After visiting the Nyundo Health Center destroyed by flood last November 2010, Hon. Dr. Jean Damascene NTAWUKULIRYAYO.RPRPD President discussed with the Head of this Health Center about Reproductive Health Commodity Security
Other RPRPD RH/FP Advocacy activities include but not limited to:

- **March 2011**: Capacity building workshop for Students’ Network on Population and Development;

- **June 2011**: Rewarding Best FP/RH reporters;

- **August-September 2011**: Female Sex workers Needs Assessment for improved Parliamentary Advocacy;

- **September 24-October 29, 2011**: Family month with focus on role of CHWs in improving the Maternal and Child Health and the role of families in the Education of Young people on Sexual and Reproductive Health issues…

- **October 2011**: One Day Orientation Workshop: Mayors as FP/RH Champions in every Province
Strategies and Programs

- **Gender Budgeting**
  - National Budget on gender promotion programs

- **Community Based Health Insurance**
  - Removes financial barriers to qualify health care especially for women and children.

- **Family Planning Policy and Strategies**
- **Community Health Workers FP services distribution**
80% of health problems are solve at the community level with the participation of the community through prevention, sensitization and basic care.
Health Financing

- **Performance Based Financing**
  - Increasing the quantity and the quality of preventive and curative health care provided to the population in the respect of the standards, through “the purchase of the care”

- **Budget allocation to the Health Sector:**
  - 19.5% in 2010
## Future Resource Requirements

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Achievements

- Integration of the issue of population growth in each meeting held after UMUGANDA
- National Family planning campaign.
- Community mobilization by Political, administrative and opinion leaders on FP.
- Each district organize one FP campaign in addition to National FP campaign.
- Purchasing systems of condoms at all public area.
- Increase education at least to secondary level especially for girls and integrate Family
- Youth reproductive Health and Rights Policy in process
- Family Planning Policy and Strategies
- New Population Policy Draft
Challenges

1. Religious Organizations: Some religions doesn’t accept modern contraceptive. 21, 8% of women don’t use modern contraceptive because of misconception or fear of side effects.

2. Cultural Beliefs: Some cultures doesn’t accept family planning method

3. The fear of using modern contraceptive method
THANK YOU