



PRESENTATION OF THE PORTFOLIO HEALTH COMMITTEE FROM THE PARLIAMENT OF SWAZILAND

AT 2011 SEAPACOH MEETING
KAMPALA , UGANDA

COUNTRY PROGRESS

- The government of the Kingdom of Swaziland established various interventions in response to HIV/AIDS and SRH needs e.g a policy environment supportive of integration of HIV and SRH as well as coverage of SRH and HIV issues such as the National Health Policy and National Strategic Framework in HIV.
- The country's SRH programme aims to establish an apply a comprehensively integrated and coordinated SRH package that promotes integration with HIV services.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- The government has also implemented the National Condom Strategy is to ensure adequate supply and access to male and female condom, coupled with public education and advocacy.

CHALLENGES

- Owing to the cashflow problems in the country, we have not been able to reach Abuja target in our budget.
- There is a need to purposely include reproductive health intervention in HIV programmes for especially vulnerable populations.
- Due to the high prevalence of HIV, funds are focused on mitigating the epidemic as opposed to SRH.

CHALLENGES CONT.

- There is a SRH Strategic Plan (2008- 2015), however the country does not have a specific policy for SRH.

PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITY

- The committee asked Ministry about the availability of a Reproductive Health Policy. The Ministry has a final draft that still needs to be taken to stakeholders.
- The Ministry of Health has revised the strategies for Reproductive Health and it has transpired there are challenges hence the establishment of CARMMS (campaign on accelerated reduction in maternal mortality in Swaziland).

CONT.

- Government has introduced maternity waiting home/huts near a hospital just before the baby is due. In Swaziland, three hospitals had such maternity waiting homes/huts.
- This is still of part governments commitment to improve maternal health.

- **THANK YOU, SIYABONGA !!!**