Our Work in 2015

Population & Development

Harnessing the Demographic Dividend:

a) Hosted a Policy Makers’ Briefing seminar to explore strategic opportunities presented by the demographic transition to harness the Demographic Dividend in the country.

b) 7 of 12 media houses trained on the Demographic Dividend agenda.

National Action Plan on the Follow-up to the ICPD 2014:

a) National Action Plan on the follow-up to the ICPD Beyond 2014 drafted.


c) 200 young people participated and developed post Vision 2016 recommendations to support the formulation of sustainable strategies promoting youth participation in development.


UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, expands the possibilities for women and young people to lead healthy and productive lives.

It is the lead UN agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person’s potential is fulfilled. Since UNFPA started working in 1969, the number-and rate-of women dying from complications of pregnancy or childbirth have been halved. Families are smaller and healthier. Young people are more connected and empowered than ever before.

But too many are still left behind. More than 800 million people remain mired in extreme poverty. Reproductive health problems are a leading cause of death and disability for women in the developing world. Young people bear the highest risks of HIV infection and unintended pregnancy. Millions of girls are at risk of child marriage and female genital mutilation.

Much more needs to be done to ensure a world in which all individuals can exercise their basic human rights, including those that relate to the most intimate and fundamental aspects of life.
Social Behaviour Change Communication
Supported the Ministry of Health to implement the CONDOMIZE Campaign.

Youth Friendly Services
a) Supported the Ministry of Health to provide Youth Friendly Services (YFS).
b) 562 young people reached with integrated youth friendly services (Outreach).
c) 982 young people reached with integrated youth friendly services (Outreach).
d) Awareness of YFS services using WHO global standards for YFS.

Comprehensive Sexuality Education CSE
a) 150 teachers trained on CSE.
b) 656 young people aged 15 - 17 years were educated on Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) during the Botswana Scouts Association annual Jamboree and the annual Debates forum.
c) Advocacy for integration of Comprehensive Sexuality Education in national curricula

Key facts on CSE
1. CSE does not lead to earlier sexual activity or earlier sexual behaviour.
2. CSE programmes reduce risky sexual behaviour.
3. About two-thirds of evaluations show reductions in targeted risky behaviours.
4. Students who participated in CSE programmes have an increased awareness of how to protect themselves.
5. Students who participated in CSE programmes have a decreased likelihood of engaging in risky sexual behaviour.

Youth Participation & Leadership
a) Established a 22 member Youth Advisory Panel (YAP) for UNFPA Country Office.
b) Facilitated participation of young people at regional and global events:
   i. One at the UN Secretary General’s Global Strategy on Women, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health workshop, 3-5 May 2015, Johannesburg, South Africa.
   ii. Two at the AFRIN Action General Assembly, 5-10 October 2015, Johannesburg, South Africa.
   iii. 102 young people engaged with Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Health (@PSHalabi) to discuss delivery of health services to young people through social media.

Ensuring availability of Reproductive Health commodities
300 000 female condoms procured for Ministry of Health at a total cost of 398 039 through Third Party Procurement.

SRH
- Male involvement
- Family planning
- Adolescent Reproductive Health
- Maternal and Newborn Care
- Cancer of the Cervix
- Infertility
- Learn HIV status
- Promote safer sex
- Optimize treatment and care for HIV/AIDS
- Integrate HIV/AIDS with maternal and child health

Key Linkages
- ARV
- PANC/TCT
- Testing and Counselling
- STI
- Behaviour change
- Community based care

A cross-sectional study of Client Satisfaction of integrated SRH/ HIV services in Botswana

Results
- Over 92% of the clients were satisfied with the services they received at the health facility.
- 78% of clients cited reduced number of return visits to clinics and transport costs for accessing health facility health services as a benefit. This was also mentioned by service providers.
- 91.5% of clients said integration was an opportunity to access additional services other than the service(s) of primary consultation.

Challenges Identified
- 53% of service providers mentioned that they were under-funded due to issues of limited resources (particularly equipment, staffing and commodities).
- Increase in waiting time at the health facility (27%).
- Increased work load for health service providers (46%).
- 82% of clients said integration was an opportunity to access additional services other than the service(s) of primary consultation.

SRH/HIV Linkages Project
- A pilot project to support the implementation of SRH/HIV Linkages Programmes in 9 pilot sites*
- 108 092 people reached with integrated SRH/HIV Linkages to 16 districts.
- Minimum Package of SRHR/HIV integrated services developed.
- 46 facilitators are trained as health care providers.
- Mobilized 78 154 from Global Fund to scale up of SRH/HIV Linkages to 16 districts.
- 35 health care service providers on District Health Information System 3.

SRH/HIV Linkages integrated services
- Satisfaction of integrated SRH/ HIV services in Botswana
- 825 female condoms were distributed.
- 7 200 female condoms distributed.
- 390 000 commodities procured for Ministry of Health at a total cost of 421 78 908 through Third Party Procurement.
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Gender Equality Programme
- 1 774 cases were handled by UN Women rules.
- 625 young women were mobilized as gender advocates through the Women’s Intergenerational Dialogue.
- 519 soccer stars as advocates for involvement of men & boys in the prevention of violence against women and girls through SRH campaigns with soccer teams.
- 5 000 fathers committed to support their partners and to access SRH services through the MenCare project aimed at strengthening male involvement in SRH, fatherhood and GBV prevention.
- Trained 3 000 media houses on GBV reporting.
- Developed the 2015 UN Women publication documenting women’s experiences of GBV to give a human face to the severity of GBV in the country.
- Increased number of people seeking GBV services and information through the GBV SMS Helpline from 1,774 in 2014 to 3,772 in 2015.
- Mobilized 42 soccer stars as advocates for involvement of men & boys in the prevention of violence against women and girls through SRH campaigns with soccer teams.
- Developed the 2015 Gender Barometer to measure the country’s progress in attaining the SDG Gender & Development Protocol targets.
- Around 350 young women were mobilized as gender advocates through the Women’s Intergenerational Dialogue.
- Engaged 625 fathers/boys on GBV to act at community and national levels in prevention of GBV.
- Developed a national GBV Research Agenda that identifies key data and information needs on GBV.