



**ICPD at 15:**

**ICPD and MDGs Working as One**

**A process, opportunity,  
and necessity**

**Plans, prospects, partners**

# Basic Propositions



- The ICPD Programme of Action remains relevant and inspiring. It provided a comprehensive strategy and vision of development and its requirements.
- The MDG framework only belatedly incorporated all the quantitative goals of ICPD.
- Basic principles of the ICPD have often been omitted from MDG discourse.
- We need to bring this vision to attention again, but in a forward looking way. We need to assess and accelerate progress in a way relevant to current circumstances.

## Progress on ICPD/MDG5 to date



- Maternal mortality is basically unchanged.
- Family planning prevalence has gradually improved.
- Unmet need for family planning remains high for the poorest countries and populations.
- Coverage of skilled birth attendants has improved in many areas; emergency obstetric care access lags.
- Access to emergency obstetric care remains problematic.
- Adolescent birth rates, where high, have remained so.
- Women's equality discussion has been diverted to economic and political concerns only.

# Missing elements in MDG discourse, present in ICPD



- **Social determinants of health and health outcomes, particularly those relevant to SRHR**
- **Importance of civil society partnerships**
- **Rights-based approaches to development stressing participatory approaches and accountability mechanisms**
- **Long-term determinants of development (including demographic dynamics over time, climate processes, etc.) and their low salience in short term political processes (including, as we pass the mid-point, the MDGs)**
- **Equity concerns: process and outcome disparities by age, gender, wealth and locale**
- **Strategies needed to address crisis, emergency and poor governance settings**

## Changes in the Context and accomplishments to date



- Target 5B accepted: but not fully appreciated
- New donor international health partnerships: good news, bad news: health system development
- Paris Principles: an elegant challenge, including a new aid environment – need for country level traction
- UN system reform – impacts in countries and regions

# Key objectives, strategic needs (A common view with NGOs) [1]



- **Raise visibility of ICPD and the ICPD-MDG linkages, and advance awareness and use of the new RH target, particularly at the national level, and to link it to other population and development and poverty reduction themes**
- **Have Governments and other key partners reaffirm their commitment to the ICPD agenda (and to resourcing its implementation)**
- **Assess progress on ICPD implementation, collate lessons learned, identify gaps, in particular on key selected issues to be identified**

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- Mobilize commitment and support for more effective monitoring of ICPD and MDGs, including on capacity development in the area of data collection and utilization, civil society monitoring of the Programme of Action and inclusion in the monitoring frameworks of multi-partner initiatives (IHP compacts and plans, health MDG initiatives, etc.)
- Initiate discussion on the final review of, and successor to the ICPD PoA, including advancing knowledge on emerging issues such as climate change, food crisis, as they relate to population.

# Principles for ICPD at 15 efforts



- \* Celebrate (achievements, progress, commitment, funding, etc.) but also to highlight urgency for action, important gaps and challenges, and identify the way forward. Focus on substance and partnerships
- \* Avoid as much as possible negotiations, and any risks of re-opening the ICPD agreement.
- \* Focus on activities at the country level, informed by regional decisions.
- \* Strengthen partnerships both within the SRHR community and between these institutions and those addressing other development concerns.

# Key global events (1)



- 2009 Commission on Population and Development (topic is ICPD and its relation to the MDGs);
  - World Health Assembly review of progress on health-related MDGs (to include sufficient attention to the reproductive health target);
  - ECOSOC Thematic Session on Global Public Health;
  - Commemoration during the 64<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly
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- IPCI/ICPD (December 2009): Parliamentarian meeting; additional day on maternal health being funded by the Netherlands.

## Key global events (2)



- An NGO meeting is under discussion to assess progress, identify opportunities and constraints and devise strategies for more effective support for ICPD implementation.
- An effort will be made to encourage national level monitoring/CSO “report cards”/inclusion of CSOs in policy dialogues related to ICPD/MDG implementation strategies.
- The XXVI IUSSP International Population Conference involves the academic community: a UNFPA panel and side events are planned
- A small number of technical meetings may be organized: possible topics are under discussion, including MDG3 and MDG5 linkages.

## Key global events (3)



- Dissemination of model legal frameworks in support of progress on ICPD issues will be intensified.
- Support to the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health will continue.
- Networks from Faith-based Organization Initiative to be utilized to disseminate ICPD messages.
- Global Youth Summit under discussion with multi-agency and other stakeholder buy-in

# Regional level activities



## Regional Economic Commissions

- ECA: Expert Group Meeting, Ministerial meeting under discussion
- ESCAP: planning an Expert Group Meeting in Jan09, possible a high level meeting in Oct/Nov09
- ECLAC also considering undertaking a survey; review slated for 2010, decisions to be taken in April 09
- ECE: a work in process
- ESCWA: a work awaiting process

Ways to involve NGOs: side events, direct participation, monitoring of past impact

# Country level activities



- Selected case studies on incorporation of ICPD Programme of Action recommendations and perspectives in national policies, strategies and programmes
- Encouragement of incorporation of population and SRHR in national dialogues, national MDG reporting (for 2009 and 2010 MDG reviews)
- Intensified efforts to ensure monitoring of ICPD progress, with particular attention to MDG indicators and other universal access to reproductive health measurement frameworks
- Support to CSO monitoring and accountability on progress on ICPD/MDG issues will be included in national level planning

# Special concentrations (1)



- Reproductive health, including family planning, population dynamics and their linkages to the attainment of the MDGs
- Achieving a complete continuum of care in Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (universal access to basic health services) in health sector reform and the new aid environment: an assessment of progress, prospects and challenges
- Women's rights, male involvement, and gender equality and their impacts on women's and children's health (including GBV): an assessment and review of barriers, strategies and progress

# Special concentrations (2)



- Transitions to adulthood: strategies to meet the health (including reproductive health), education and employment needs of young people
- Assessment of the integration of HIV/AIDS and SRH programmes: are the commitments being met
- Equity in access to services that promote child and maternal health, support reproductive health and prevent HIV/AIDS: a situation analysis
- Raising the priority of family planning: an assessment of the situation, identification of underserved populations and strategies for progress

# Special concentrations (3)



- Urbanization, migration and the MDGs: Assessing urban population, population movements, and economic dynamics and their role in reducing poverty, improving health and education
- Data availability for poverty reduction and the health-related MDGs: the current situation and ways forward
- Addressing unsafe abortion and recourse to abortion: the current situation, programmatic requirements
- Short and long term planning conflicts: demographics, climate change, food security, resource availability – moving to more sustainable development

## Additional UNFPA products for advocacy and policy



- *Adding It Up*: an updated evidence base for investments in FP and RH
- *Country Profiles for Population and Reproductive Health*: updating reports on data and policy situations
- *Measuring Universal Access to Reproductive Health at the country level*: testing and rolling out improved monitoring
- Updating the “costed package”
- Advancing RHCS and MHTF alignment and implementation; enhancing agency collaboration
- ICPD at 15 Progress Report

# What else is needed, practical and value added?



- We will provide technical inputs and support to efforts initiated by partners.
- We will listen to and consider your concerns.
- We seek to strengthen and broaden our partnerships.

THANK YOU.