

YOUTH AND  
POPULATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT 2009:  
ICPD +15

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## ICPD – Cairo 1994

- 5-13 September 1994, Cairo
- 20,000 delegates from governments, UN Agencies, NGOs and Media.
- 20 year action plan till 2015
- 15 Principles regarding various population issues
- Part of the ICPD provides a policy framework and practical guidelines for national and international action to improve the situation of youth

## Main Goals

- **Universal education:** Universal primary education in all countries by 2015. Urge countries to provide wider access to women for secondary and higher level education as well as vocational and technical training.
- **Reduction of infant and child mortality:** Countries should strive to reduce infant and under-5 child mortality rates by one-third or to 50-70 deaths per 1000 by the year 2000. By 2015 all countries should aim to achieve a rate below 35 per 1,000 live births and under-five mortality rate below 45 per 1,000.

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- **Reduction of maternal mortality:** A reduction by ½ the 1990 levels by 2000 and ¼ of that by 2015. Disparities in maternal mortality within countries and between geographical regions, socio-economic and ethnic groups should be narrowed.
- **Access to reproductive and sexual health services including family planning:** Family-planning counseling, pre-natal care, safe delivery and post-natal care, prevention and appropriate treatment of infertility, prevention of abortion and the management of the consequences of abortion, treatment of reproductive tract infections, sexually transmitted diseases and other reproductive health conditions; and education, counseling, as appropriate, on human sexuality, reproductive health and responsible parenthood. Services regarding HIV/AIDS, breast cancer, infertility, delivery and abortion should be made available. Active discouragement of female genital mutilation (FGM).

## ICPD and Young People

- **Action 5.5:** "...Measures should be adopted and enforced to eliminate child marriages and female genital mutilation..."
- **Action 6.8:** "Countries should give high priority and attention to ... the protection, survival and development of children and youth, particularly street children and youth, and should make every effort to eliminate the adverse effects of poverty on children and youth, including malnutrition and preventable diseases. Equal educational opportunities must be ensured for boys and girls at every level."
- **Paragraph 7.5,** recommends that a main objective is to ensure that "a full range of RH care services, including family planning, are accessible, affordable, acceptable

## ICPD and Young People

- **Action 6.13:** “Countries should aim to meet the needs and aspirations of youth, particularly in the areas of formal and non-formal education, training, employment opportunities, housing and health, thereby ensuring their integration and participation in all spheres of society, including participation in the political process and preparation for leadership roles...”
- **Action 6.15:** “Youth should be actively involved in the planning, implementation and evaluation of development activities that have a direct impact on their daily lives. This is especially important with respect to information, education and communication activities and services concerning reproductive and sexual health, including the prevention of early pregnancies, sex education and the

## ICPD +5

- Key Actions for further implementation in 4 areas:
  - Education and Literacy
  - Reproductive Health Needs and unmet need for contraception
  - Maternal Mortality Reduction
  - HIV/AIDS

## ICPD +5 and Young People

- The Special Assembly issued a document that reaffirmed the Programme of Action, identified key actions to take, and emphasized commitments to youth.
- Provision of, access to, and use of safe and effective family planning and contraception;
- Obstetric care by skilled attendants; and
- Prevention and management of reproductive tract infections, including sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV.[9]

## ICPD +5 and Young People

- The UN General Assembly also agreed that youth ages 15 through 24 are at highest risk of HIV infection. Governments made specific commitments that
- By 2005, at least 90 percent, and by 2010, at least 95 percent, of young people would have access to the information and services they need to reduce their risk of HIV infection
- HIV rates in young people should be a central benchmark indicator, "with the goal of ensuring that, by 2005, prevalence in this age group is reduced globally, and by 25 per cent in the most affected countries, and that, by 2010, prevalence in this age group is reduced globally by 25 percent.
- Young people should have sex education at all levels of

## ICPD +10

- Many countries translated the commitments they made in Cairo into policies and programmes designed to transform the lives of women, men and children.
- Most member states, UNFPA, and other partners agreed that the best way to commemorate the ICPD was through an in-depth, country-by-country analysis of achievements, constraints, lessons learned and the way forward to full implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action.

## ICPD +10 – National Activities

- Common objectives in all countries were to: assess achievements; identify challenges, constraints and opportunities; formulate lessons learned; and strategize on how best to accelerate the full implementation of the ICPD PoA

## ICPD +10 – Regional Level

- UNFPA supported the UN Regional Commissions in marking the ICPD tenth anniversary with regional reviews, including regional analyses of the results of the Global Survey. The emphasis was on lessons learned and on exchange of experiences at the regional Level:
- Africa, Arab Region, Asia and Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

## ICPD +10 – Global level

- ***Commission on Population and Development***
- ***General Assembly Commemoration of the Tenth Anniversary of ICPD***
- ***Annual Session of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board***
- ***High-level Roundtables and other events***
- ***State of the World Population Report***
- ***Financial Resource Flows for Population Activities in 2002***
- ***Financing the ICPD Programme of Action: Ten Years Later***

## ICPD +15

- 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the Commission on Population and Development.
- Sixty-second World Health Assembly
- 19<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Sexology
- International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics 2009 World Congress.
- International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of ICPD.
- Arab Conference for Population Development (ACPD)
- European Conference for Population Development (ECPD)
- Other Events TBC.

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