UNFPA’s Consultation on Ending Unmet Meet for Family Planning

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UNFPA Embarks on Consultative Process to End Unmet Need for Family Planning

UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, led by the Technical Division together with the Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, has launched a consultative process to accelerate efforts to end unmet need for family planning by 2030. This consultation is part of a broader series of discussions UNFPA intends to have with key stakeholder groups between now and the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 in November. The consultation process provides space for UNFPA and its partners to have candid conversations and find solutions to address the realities facing the family planning community. This consultation brings together colleagues from across UNFPA offices, alongside key thought-partners from the sexual and reproductive health and rights community, to identify actions that will have high impact towards ending unmet need for family planning across different programme country contexts, and to plan and agree on interventions that can be accelerated uniquely by UNFPA at global, regional, and country levels. This newsletter aims to provide you daily select highlights from the consultation.

To track the conversation live, please follow the @UNFPA_Supplies and @unfpaeecaro accounts or #FPConsultation #ICPD25 and #GlobalGoals.

Dereje Wordofa, UNFPA’s Deputy Executive Director Programme, Welcomes Participants to the Family Planning Consultation

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VIDEO OF THE DAY

Attendees at UNFPA’s Family Planning Knowledge Expo
Urgently Delivering on the Promise of Cairo

Keynote speakers Mari Simonen, Former Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UNFPA, along with Esther Moraes, Manager at the YP Foundation in India, inspired participants with their meaningful thoughts, reflections and commitment to finishing the unfinished business of Cairo. Both speakers reminded attendees of the urgency to accelerate progress, remain inclusive, engage a wide range of partners and actively involve young people, especially young women, as part of the process. They noted the progress made to date and the considerable work ahead, against the backdrop of a rapidly changing environment. They also emphasized the power of harnessing Cairo's legacy, while breaking through previous ways of thinking and ending old silos. They invited participants to embrace a new generation of leaders and thinkers and to reconsider conventional wisdom in order to accelerate efforts to end unmet need for family planning.

QUOTABLE QUOTE:
“Young people, especially young women, continue to be seen as a demographic to be ‘managed’ — we are spoken for in policy, and spoken about in research but have limited opportunities to speak for ourselves.”

—ESTHER MORAES, KEYNOTE SPEAKER, THE YP FOUNDATION
Transforming Our Approach for Ending Unmet Need for Family Planning

In a plenary moderated by Gifty Addico, Chief, Commodity Security Branch at UNFPA, Lester Coutinho, Deputy Director Family Planning, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Greg Davidson, Supply Chain Technical Officer, Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition and Emily Sonneveldt, Director for the Center of M&E and Advocacy, Avenir Health, discussed the conceptual framework for various strategic processes underway to transform the way we work in the family planning community, and addressed the challenges and opportunities to accelerate progress in the post 2020 environment. Their presentations are available here.

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

“By continuing to sow the seeds of sustainable family planning programmes, grounded in sound data and evidence, we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to realize universal health coverage, harness the demographic dividend, and unleash vast economic growth.”

—MARI SIMONEN, KEYNOTE SPEAKER, FORMER ASG & DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNFPA
Good Practices in Family Planning Featured at UNFPA Knowledge Expo

Participants were welcomed at a reception on the evening of 17 June, which also included a Knowledge Expo. The expo featured 19 case studies from around the world, showcasing good practices and lessons learned from UNFPA family planning programs. Presenters were on hand to explain their work, and participants were encouraged to "invest" in programs they believed demonstrated potential for strongest impact. The programs that received the most investment dollars were: Best practices in introducing a new long-acting reversible contraceptive method (Morocco), Virtual Contraceptive consultation: An innovative online multilingual learning platform for evidence-based and rights-based family planning (EECARO), and the Barcode Track and Trace Technology for Family Planning (Philippines). Read all the case studies here.

Accelerating Progress and Change through the Strategic Use of Data

Participants explored data trends across thematic areas to help inform the prioritization of actions toward ending unmet need. An Atlas of Opportunities was developed for each country to provide the most recent information about priority themes and to help guide in-country discussions and data-driven decisions regarding investments and strategies to end unmet need. The data review was critical in highlighting inequities that exist across regions, and within countries, and helped shine a spotlight on where the largest disparities. Attendees reviewed changes in regional contraceptive prevalence rates and noted that among UNFPA Countries — almost 1/3 are projected to fall into the two highest unmet need categories by 2030 — with more than 20% of married women experiencing an unmet need for family planning. These countries will require: significant effort to contribute to the goal of eliminating unmet need. In addition, participants noted that ending unmet need will require a laser focus on opportunities so that limited resources are used efficiently, the reduction or elimination of inequities, synergies with national priorities and bringing together data with country-level expertise.

The Atlas of Opportunities is available here. Presentations from the session are available here.

FAST FACTS

» 25 YEARS AGO 15% of married women in the least-developed countries used a modern contraceptive. TODAY 37% do.

» 25 YEARS AGO a woman in these same countries had six children. TODAY she has fewer than four.

» In the world’s poorest countries contraception use ROSE BY 46 MILLION between 2010 - 2018.
INFOGRAPHIC OF THE DAY

A number of complex but very important factors influence and ultimately define the enabling environment for family planning.

UNFPA TECHNICAL BRIEF ON ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS FOR FAMILY PLANNING

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TOP TWEETS

@UNFPA’s Ragaa Said talks about #ICPD25 and stresses importance of delivering concrete outcomes from the #FPConsultation to feed in to the strategic pathway toward the #NairobiSummit

How might we do things differently and #innovate to end unmet need for family planning? That’s where the rubber hits the road! #FPConsultation #ICPD25

We want to continue to create the future for achieving zero unmet need for #familyplanning,” @benoitkalasa of @UNFPA notes during opening session of #FPConsultation in Antalya.#ICPD25 #GlobalGoals

Participants at the #FPConsultation in passionate discussions on the urgency to end unmet need for #familyplanning and interventions best suited to meet this challenge! #ICPD25 #GlobalGoals

Looking for a fun way to discuss contraceptive choices? Check out @EPF_SRR valentines chocolates! How many methods can you name? Rights and choices for all #FPConsultation #ICPD25 #GlobalGoals

The time is now! Access to contraceptives & quality family planning knowledge & services is a human right, but so many are being left behind. @UNFPA & partners are spending this week developing a strategic pathway to end the unmet need for family planning by 2030. #FPConsultation

TECHNICAL BRIEFS

Enabling Environments for Human Rights-based Family Planning: an Integral Part of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights »

Demand for Family Planning aligned to the Individual’s Reproductive Health Intentions »

Improved Availability and Reliable Supply of Quality Contraceptives »

Availability of Good Quality, Human Rights-based Family Planning Services: Exercising Choice »

Providing Family Planning in Humanitarian and Fragile Contexts »

Young People’s Need for Contraception: a Critical Component of Adolescent and Youth Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights »

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