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“Choices, not Chances” – UNFPA Support to Achieve Universal Access to Family Planning in EECA Countries

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- Population: 409 million
- Women of reproductive age (15-49): 103 million
- Number of young people (15-24): 55 million

■ Programme Countries
■ Former Programme Countries

Istanbul Almaty

Delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, every young person's potential is fulfilled.

UNFPA Commitment: From Cairo to SDGs

DEVELOPMENT GOALS TIMELINE

RH: “a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, in all matters relating to the reproductive system the right of men and women to be informed and to have access to safe, effective, affordable and acceptable methods of family planning of their choice.” ICPD PoA, 1994

Indicators to measure SDG progress scheduled to be adopted (March)

SDGs take effect (Jan.)

17 goals and 169 targets adopted for SDGs (Sept.)

MDG target adopted on “universal access to reproductive health”

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) adopted

International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action adopted

Beijing Platform of Action adopted

Governments and the international community should use the full means at their disposal to support the principle of voluntary choice in family planning. ICPD PoA, 1994

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) proposed

Global consultations and negotiations on SDGs

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Cairo Commitments and Achievements in EECA

- FP is part of national programmes and development plans.
- Access to modern contraception and growing of MCPR
- Decreased numbers of unintended pregnancies and abortions
- Results, achieved in FP in EECA influenced global trends and statistics!

But:

- Unmet need for FP is still challenge in the region!
- Inequities between and within countries
- Universal access to SRH, including FP – promise, to be delivered by EECA countries

UNFPA in EECA: Renewed Agenda for Achieving Universal Access

Cairo Conference on Population and Development, PoA (1994)

2030 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

UNFPA New Strategic Plan 2018-2021

ENSURING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO SRH/FP

- End preventable maternal deaths
- End unmet need for family planning
- End gender-based violence and harmful practices

Choices not Chance: UNFPA Family Planning Strategy 2012-2020

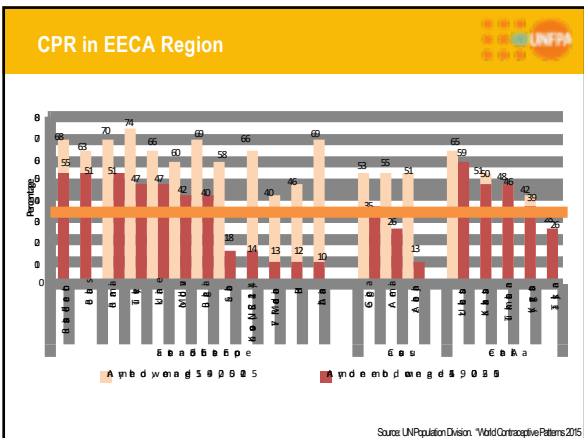
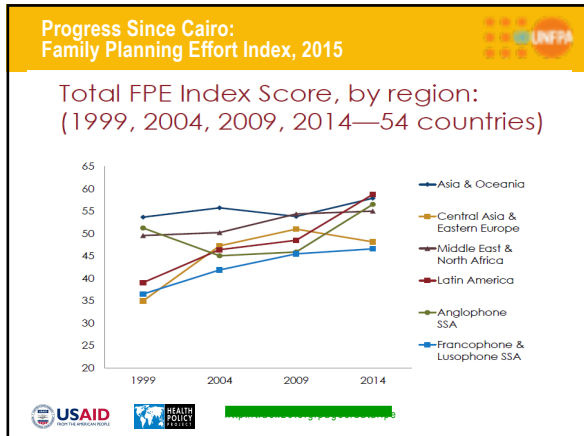
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Five Measurable Results

1. Enabled environments for human rights-based family planning as an integral part of sexual and reproductive health and rights
2. Increased demand for family planning according to client's reproductive health intentions
3. Improved availability and reliable supply of quality contraceptives
4. Improved availability of good quality, human rights-based, family planning services
5. Strengthened information systems pertaining to family planning.

Implementing FP Strategy in EECA: Challenges

- Political environment**
 - Trends in global and regional environment
 - Political resistance to FP in low fertility countries
- Demand for family planning**
 - Negative attitudes and misconceptions and myths about modern methods
 - Limited access of population to SRH/FP information and education
 - Lack of sexuality education for adolescents and youth
- Supply of quality contraceptives**
 - State funding for FP programmes and supply initiatives
 - Decreasing donors' funding to MIGs
 - Slow progress in reforming processes
 - Public-private partnerships
- Quality of family planning services**
 - Institutional capacities
 - Standards of services and education
 - Absence of comprehensive SRH/FP topics in pre and post-diploma education programmes
- Information systems**
 - National systems for health data collection and analyses
 - Capacities for LMIS



Implementing FP strategy in EECA

- Advocacy and policy dialogue:** European SRH AP
- Support to QoC:** EBCOG European Standards operationalised in EECA
- Capacity building for HRB FP services provision:**
 - SRH Masterclasses
 - Online training platforms (VIC)
 - Evidence based clinical guidelines
- Commodity supply:** UNFPA online procurement opportunities
- Demand generation:**
 - Mobile application for women, Flo
- Partnerships:** Professional networking with European professional societies

Next steps for accelerating the progress

How European professional societies can support?

- Commitment to contribute to Cairo Agenda
- Support in Advocacy and policy dialogue: joint position papers, statements, celebration of the global events (WCD, WHD, WPD)
- Joining the efforts for mobilizing financial and technical resources
- Strengthening the role and capacities of professional societies in EECA countries
- Sharing the tools, learning platforms and best practices for improving the quality of FP services in EECA
- Introducing international standards and methodologies for pre and post-diploma medical education
- Joining EECA regional roster for technical support to EECA countries

THANK YOU!