

# POPULATION REFERENCE BUREAU SELF-REPORTING QUESTIONNAIRE 2019



*EWEC Secretariat, PMNCH, FP2020 self-reporting questionnaire to assess progress on implementation of commitments to the Global Strategy on Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health.*

## COMMITMENT PROGRESS SUMMARY NARRATIVE

The 2018 edition of our signature product, World Population Data Sheet, explored how shifts in a country's age structure over time can have important implications for its economic and social trajectory, resource allocations, and policy agendas. The Data Sheet garnered media coverage in more than 250 outlets worldwide.

The SAFE ENGAGE project's multimedia presentation "Within Reach: Expanding Access to Safe Abortion" was launched at the World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics in Rio de Janeiro during a lunchtime symposium with more than 100 safe abortion advocates, researchers, and medical professionals.

The policy brief, "Enhancing Family Planning Equity for Inclusive Economic Growth and Development," examines the impact of wealth-based disparities in contraceptive use and fertility rates in Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, and Tanzania on the age structure of the richest and poorest households through 2050 and makes recommendations for improving equitable access to and use of family planning. PRB shared the analysis with Ministry of Health and Finance officials and parliamentarians during a regional family planning meeting in Ghana. The policy brief was also disseminated at the 2018 World Bank spring meetings.

Through the EEDA project, PRB teamed with the East Africa office of DSW (the German Foundation for World Population) to develop communication products to advance national and sub-national family planning advocacy in Kenya and Uganda. The PRB products prepared advocates to engage early in the budget cycle, and contributed to advocacy wins: In Kenya, Laikipia County committed to allocating funds for FP sensitization and training of health workers on youth-friendly services and in Kamuli, Uganda, the district health officer used the PRB video to persuade the district council to increase the FP budget from 5 to 9 percent of the total district health budget.

PRB updated the Youth Family Planning Policy Scorecard, which systematically assesses the policy environment for youth family planning in 16 countries. In May 2018, we launched a brand-new digital platform to allow users to compare youth FP policy environments within and across countries.

PACE was invited to serve as an external expert in a Tuungane population, health and environment project review led by The Nature Conservancy and Pathfinder International in Kigoma, a rural community in Tanzania. PACE co-facilitated a high-level discussion of opportunities for linking conservation and reproductive health outcomes that identified new ways to achieve impact through collaboration and alignment, and to introduce and/or expand reproductive health and environmental impacts of existing programs. Media Coverage on FP PRB-sponsored Women's Edition journalists produced stories on topics that drew the attention of policymakers and influential organizations across sub-Saharan Africa. A Zambian journalist produced a documentary on the country's contraceptive supply chain, and in response, an MOH official told her that the ministry wanted to establish a media desk to intensify coverage of SRH issues.

In Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, and DRC, the SAFE ENGAGE project begun establishing connections with journalists who will form a corps of editors and reporters trained and prepared to effectively and accurately report on abortion and related issues.

## **THEMATIC COMMITMENT PROGRESS**

### ***Reduce global maternal mortality to less than 70 deaths per 100,000 live births***

Reduce maternal mortality ratio

### ***Ensure universal access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)***

Percentage of women of reproductive age (15-49) who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods

Adolescent birth rate (10-14, 15-19) per 1000 women in that age group

Proportion of women aged 15-49 who make their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations, contraceptive use and reproductive health care

Number of countries with laws and regulations that guarantee women aged 15-49 access to sexual and reproductive health care, information and education

Proportion of men and women aged 15-24 with basic knowledge about sexual and reproductive health services and rights

### ***Eliminate harmful practices, discrimination, and violence against women and girls***

Percentage of women aged 20-24 who were married or in a union before age 15 and before age 18

Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15 and older subjected to physical, sexual or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months

Proportion of women and girls aged 15-49 who have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C)

Whether or not legal frameworks are in place to promote, enforce and monitor equality and nondiscrimination on the basis of sex

### ***Geographic Coverage. Check all the geographical levels that you implement your commitment-related activities in?***

Global

Regional

Country

Sub-country

### ***Linkage to National Health Strategies. Are commitment-related objectives and/or targets aligned with the national health strategy of the country or countries in which activities take place in?***

Yes

### ***How commitment-related objectives and/or target were selected?***

PRB informs people around the world about population, health, and the environment and empowers them to use that information to advance the well-being of current and future generations through a variety of different projects. The PACE (Policy, Advocacy, and Communication Enhanced for Population and Reproductive Health) project's activities ensure that family planning, reproductive health, and population issues are at the heart of policies and programs and are recognized as key to sustainable and equitable economic growth and development. The SAFE ENGAGE (Strengthening Evidence- Based Policy to Expand Access to Safe Abortion) project supports access to safe abortion by providing decision-makers with the latest data on abortion and maternal health, building the capacity of advocates and other decision-makers to use evidence to achieve policy goals. The EEDA (Empowering Evidence-Driven Advocacy) project aims improve the implementation of existing family planning policies and generate new funding

and policy commitments for family planning in response to evidence-driven advocacy by increasing youth advocates' capacity to measure policy implementation and hold governments accountable for their commitments, and increasing decision-makers' use of evidence.

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## **EVERY WOMAN EVERY CHILD FOCUS AREAS**

### ***Adolescent and Young Adult Health and Well-being***

Applicable

Status: Ongoing

Country Leadership: Yes

Financing for Health: Yes

Community Engagement: Yes

Individual Potential: Yes

Research and Innovation: Yes

Multisectoral Action: Yes

Accountability: Yes

Service Delivery Included: Yes

Both Urban and Rural: Yes

Adolescent girls and young women (aged 15-24): Yes

Adolescent boys and young men (aged 15-24): Yes

Women (aged 25-49): Yes

### ***Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights***

Applicable

Status: Ongoing

Country Leadership: Yes

Financing for Health: Yes

Community Engagement: Yes

Individual Potential: Yes

Research and Innovation: Yes

Multisectoral Action: Yes

Accountability: Yes

Service Delivery Included: No

### ***Quality, Equity and Dignity in Services***

Applicable

Status: Ongoing

Country Leadership: Yes

Community Engagement: Yes

Individual Potential: Yes

Research and Innovation: Yes

Multisectoral action: Yes

Accountability: Yes

Service Delivery Included: No

### ***Empowerment of Women, Girls and Communities***

Applicable  
Status: Ongoing

Community Engagement: Yes  
Multisectoral action: Yes  
Service Delivery Included: No

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