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UNFPA IN TURKMENISTAN WORKS WITH THE GOVERNMENT ON:

1. Improving access to reproductive health services;
2. Ensuring that every young person is free of HIV;
3. Using the evidence based data for development and national programmes;
4. Promoting gender equality and reproductive rights.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY.

- Every minute of every day... one woman dies from a treatable complication of pregnancy
- Every minute of every day... 2 billion struggle to survive on a dollar a day or less
- Every minute of every day... 4 people contract HIV and another 4 die of AIDS
- Every minute of every day... 190 women get pregnant without intending to
RIGHTS OF WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES

THE CURRENT SITUATION

- People with disabilities make up nearly 10 percent of the world’s population, are people who are often faced with difficulties that prevent them from participating in all spheres of public life, including access to education, health, transport services and the labor unit.

- They often live in poverty, as opposed to citizens without disabilities, and their inclusion in all spheres of development will help to achieve national development priorities and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

- Women with disabilities have equal rights and the need for access to reproductive health (RH) services. However, they often face barriers to information and RH services. In reality, existing services can usually be easily adapted to the corresponding conditions for the disabled. Raising awareness is the first and most important step. In addition, much can be achieved through the participation of the persons with disabilities in development programs and their monitoring.


WHAT IS UNFPA DOING?

UNFPA supports the Ministry of Health of Turkmenistan in creating the gender-sensitive medical services for women with disabilities. Now there is a great momentum for interventions in this area since people with disabilities along with gender equality issues continue to gain a greater priority in the agenda of the Government. Advancement of these issues makes societies more coherent and gives opportunities for faster development.

OUR PROPOSAL FOR RESOURCE MOBILIZATION:

High level political commitment nationally is required to address the issue of the rights of people with disabilities and gender equality issues. This can be achieved throughout extensive advocacy efforts based on the evidence-based data, supported with the international expertise. In this regard, your support will enable rendering assistance in:

- Improvement of institutional capacity in reproductive health services for women with disabilities;
- Improvement of access to women with disabilities to reproductive health services;
- Implementation of reproductive rights of women with disabilities.

Estimate of funds needed for a 3-year project is from $280,000 - 350,000.

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YOUTH REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EDUCATION

THE CURRENT SITUATION

- UNFPA's focus on adolescents and youth is based on the recognition that young people, particularly those living in poverty, have been virtually ignored in policies and programmes. And that this period of their lives is a critical transition between childhood and taking on adult responsibilities.
- People younger than 25 comprise nearly 50 percent of Turkmenistan's population. The situation of youth in Turkmenistan is dynamic and complex. Youth Union is the central government body which enables the youth engagement in the youth development activities.
- Healthy lifestyle is widely promoted among young people by the Ministry of Health and mass media, however the level of awareness and education on healthy reproductive health behavior remains low due to the limited access to youth-friendly preventive and curable services;
- To address these challenges the government positively responds to establishing national, regional and global partnerships on youth issues ensuring exchange of best practices and effective implementation of youth policies.

WHAT IS UNFPA DOING?

- UNFPA in Turkmenistan supports the Government in expanding the access for the youth to evidence-based information and reproductive health services through formal and informal ways of education.
- **Formal education** - UNFPA collaborates with the Ministry of Education in:
  - strengthening the capacity of the secondary school teachers on interactive methods of teaching the Basics of Healthy Lifestyle subject for 7-10 grades, where the issues of adolescent reproductive health and STI/HIV prevention are addressed;
  - development of the teacher's manuals and supplementary interactive materials for the subject Basics of Healthy Lifestyles for 7-10 grades, with consideration of the gender-sensitive principles;
- **Informal education** –
  - UNFPA supports the expansion of the international youth network Y-PEER in Turkmenistan, which helps young people learn about adolescent reproductive health through peer-to-peer approach:
    - 2,000 young people raised their knowledge and skills on advocating the healthy lifestyle, including STI/HIV prevention, through peer-to-peer and theatre based education
    - Two youth centers were launched in the capital and Mary to increase access for youth to knowledge in the area of STI prevention and healthy lifestyle
  - Teen HOTLINE started its work in 2009 with support of UNFPA and Health Information Center of the Ministry of Health of Turkmenistan where around 3,800 young people received the qualified confidential counseling from professional psychologist and gynecologist on by phone or in person and, if necessary, refer to the relevant medical or social services.

OUR PROPOSAL FOR RESOURCE MOBILIZATION:

Your contribution will support:
Expand the network, particularly for informal education to other regions (velayats) based on successful work in Mary and Ashgabat.

Estimate of funds needed for a 3-year project is from $150,000 - 200,000.
PREVENTING CERVICAL CANCER IN TURKMENISTAN

THE CURRENT SITUATION

• Although preventable and treatable, cervical cancer continues to be a major killer of women. Caused by sexually transmitted infections with human papillomavirus (HPV), the disease kills more than 270,000 women every year, most of who live in developing countries.

• The disease burden has declined significantly in developed countries because measures were taken to:
  - (1) screen women for precancerous lesions and treat before progression to cervical cancer;
  - (2) vaccinate girls and women before sexual debut and, therefore, exposure to oncogenic HPV types.

• Turkmenistan has 1.68 million women aged 15 years and older who are at risk of developing cervical cancer. Current WHO estimates indicate that every year 134 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 73 die from the disease. Cervical cancer ranks as the 2th most frequent type of cancer of reproductive system among women in Turkmenistan, and the 5th most frequent cancer among women between 15 and 44 years of age.

• Early detection of cervical cancer cases can dramatically decrease the mortality rate among women.

• As part of its work on reproductive health, UNFPA supports national governments and non-governmental organizations around the world to scale up measures to screen and prevent cervical cancer.

WHAT IS UNFPA DOING?

UNFPA in Turkmenistan collaborates with the Ministry of Health of Turkmenistan, whereas it supported in development and adoption of the National Programme on Prevention of Cervical Cancer in 2011.

UNFPA will continue to work with the Ministry in strengthening the national capacity for implementation of the National Programme in accordance with the evidence-based international standards.

OUR PROPOSAL FOR RESOURCE MOBILIZATION:

Increasing the coverage will lead to diagnosis of new cases. If diagnosed skillfully, it will save more lives. Your contribution will support:

• Advocacy - presenting the world best practices in using the affordable, effective, and cost-efficient methods of national screening;
• Improved monitoring and evaluation system to ensure effective implementation of the Programme;
• Raising the awareness of women on importance of regular check-up through the IEC materials;
• Capacity development in quality examination and overall cervical cancer prevention.

Estimate of funds needed for a 3-year project is from $350,000 - 450,000.

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CENSUS 2012 RESULTS ANALYSIS AND DATA DISSEMINATION

THE CURRENT SITUATION

• What cannot be measured - cannot be managed. The evidence-based data is valuable for development of the national socio-economic policies;
• Data received from the census can also allow to:
  - Forecast population needs;
  - Improve infrastructure system;
  - Stimulate development of private sector;
  - Create short-term and long-term programs for the markets development;
• Turkmenistan is preparing for the second census since its independence. The last census in Turkmenistan was in 1995. Since that time a lot of changes had been made in social, economic and political life of Turkmenistan.
• UNFPA is a leading agency to support for the preparation, conducting and disseminating census results. Jointly with UNICEF and UNHCR, UNFPA currently provides its assistance within the framework of a 5-year programme in support of the Population and Housing Census.

WHAT IS UNFPA DOING?

UNFPA, UNICEF and UNHCR in Turkmenistan collaborate with the State Statistics Committee of Turkmenistan in strengthening the capacity of the census personnel in GIS technologies, development of methodology and census advocacy.

UNFPA will continue to work with the Committee in strengthening the national capacity for conducting and disseminating census results. Additionally, UNFPA began its collaboration with the National Institute for Strategic Planning and Economic Development for strengthening the national capacity to prepare national development programmes with the use of the evidence-based census data.

OUR PROPOSAL FOR RESOURCE MOBILIZATION:

Upon completion of the Census 2012, your contribution will support:
• Data analysis and dissemination with the use of modern information technologies.

Estimate of funds needed for a 3-year project is from $200,000 - 300,000.
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