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Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
UNFPA:	United Nations Population Fund
ECP:	Country Cooperation Strategy
ICPD:	International Conference on Population and Development
HIV:	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
AIDS:	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
COVID-19:	Corona Virus 'Disease' 2019
7M:	7 th of March
SDG:	Sustainable Development Goals
CEMAC:	Central African Economic and Monetary Community
UNDAF:	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNDG:	United Nations Development Group
UNS:	United Nations System
NMMR:	Reduction of Maternal and Neonatal Mortality
MINSABS:	Ministry of Health and Social Welfare
PNSR:	National Reproductive Health Program
CPN:	Family Planning Center
CONU:	Obstetric and Neonatal Emergency Care
FAQ:	family planning
WHO:	World Health Organization
CERF:	Central Emergency Fund
GBV:	Gender Based Violence
SEA:	Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
SRH:	Sexual and Reproductive Health
ESD:	Demography and Health Survey
NGOs:	Non-governmental organization
Kits:	Product Package
MINASIGE:	Ministry of Social Affairs and Gender Equality
ADMAD:	Lasting Action for Environment and Development
ASAMA:	Association in Support of African Women
EGTC:	Equatorialguinea Trading Company
MISP:	Minimum Initial Service Package
DMP:	World Population Day
STD:	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
TB:	Tuberculosis
STIs:	Sexually Transmitted Infections
UNICEF:	United Nations Children's Fund
UNDP:	United Nations Development Program
FAO:	United Nations Food Fund
UNDSS:	United Nations Department of Security
RTVASONGA:	Radio Television Asonga
RTVGE:	Radio Television Equatorial Guinea
REPUGE:	Network of journalists united against HIV/AIDS Equatorial Guinea.
HNOS:	Brothers
BEAC:	Bank of Central African States
GAM:	Global Monitoring Report
PLWHA:	Living People with AIDS
PNLS:	National Program to Fight AIDS
UBRAF:	unified budget, results and accountability framework.
PLHIV:	living people with HIV
SSRAJ:	sexual and reproductive health of adolescents and young people.
INEGE:	National Statistical Institute of Equatorial Guinea.

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PRESENTATION



This report presents the main activities and results achieved, within the framework of the implementation UNFPA Equatorial Guinea 7th Country Program Document (CPD) during the year 2021. The report focuses on our work with partners to advance the three transformative goals : zero unmet need for family planning; zero preventable maternal deaths; and zero gender-based violence.

The year 2021 marked several achievements for UNFPA Equatorial Guinea, as efforts were intensified to accelerate progress towards UNFPA's transformative results and to ensure a sustainable and recovery from COVID-19, focusing on building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 "Africa we want".

Interventions were implemented through project components carried out in collaboration with our strategic partners i.e. government, implementing partners, civil society, private sector, and young people. Key results were yield from the implementation of projects such as: "Reducing Maternal and Neonatal Mortality in Bioko Norte and Kie Ntem" with the support of Nobel Energy/Chevron ; "START FREE", STAY FREE, AIDS FREE component OF THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS; and the "UBRAF" component (Uniform Budget, Results and Accountability Framework) to eradicate HIV/AIDS.

To advance Gender Equality and Women Empowerment, including in humanitarian, the CO supported 450 households and 1000 women and girls victims through the project: "Improving access to protection services so that the affected

population recovers from the explosions in Bata". The CO coordinated the celebration of International Women's Day on March 8th, the International Day of Women's Rights, the celebration of the 16 days of Activism to end Gender Based Violence, on November 25, 2021, and the International Day of African Women, on July 31st. To foster population dynamics, the program has provided support to the government by strengthening the National Statistic Institute (INEGE) technical capacities with the training in demography and economics, all at the Master's level.

Within the context of 2021 achievements and taking into consideration key opportunities and threats, the Country Office will continue positioning Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and the ICPD Agenda into efforts to build forward better from the C19 pandemic, to sustain the momentum for the voluntary ICPD25 commitments in an increasingly constrained resource environment. This enables UNFPA to be agile and sustain implementation in line with the UN Reform, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the SG's "Our Common Agenda". 2022 will focus on finalizing our ongoing projects and launching new initiatives and joint programs to collectively advance Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in the spirit of Building Back Better.

The UNFPA Country Office is pleased to share with you the 2021 Strategic Highlights report that showcases key achievements and deliverables toward achieving the transformative results in Equatorial Guinea. We express our most sincere gratitude to all our partners for their support to UNFPA Equatorial Guinea.

3.- CONTEXT:



Equatorial Guinea, with a surface area of 28,051.46 km², is made up of two Regions: the Continental Region with a surface area of 26,017 km², and the Insular Region with 2,034 km²; it officially has five ethnic groups: Fang, Bubi, Ndowe, Bisió and Annobonese. Administratively, it has eight (8) provinces, 19 districts, 36 municipalities, 716 town councils, and 344 neighborhood communities, etc. According to the general population and housing census of 2015, the population of Equatorial Guinea was 1,225,377 inhabitants, in 262,157 households. The population growth rate was 2.4% (2015), while the total fertility rate was 4.7 compared to 5.03 and 5.5 in CEMAC and Central Africa, respectively. Equatorial Guinea has around 45 inhabitants per km², one of the lowest densities in the region. About 72% of the total population lives in the continental region, mainly in the coastal zone, while 88% of the inhabitants of the insular region live on the island of Bioko Norte, mainly in the capital, Malabo. The foreign population represents 17.15% of the total and 77% of this group are male immigrants.

4.- OBJECTIVES OF THIS REPORT:

UNFPA 2020 achievements' contribution to the SDGs



- Our aim is to present the results of the different activities carried out by the office of the United Nations Population Fund in Equatorial Guinea, during the year 2021.
 - Achievements harvested by the program according to sectors in which the action was implemented to seek to achieve the objectives of the United Nations Population Fund in Equatorial Guinea, such as:
 - Achieve zero Gender Violence and harmful practices against women and girls;
 - Achieve zero avoidable maternal deaths,
 - Achieve Zero unmet needs for Family Planning.
- Share the scope of each activity carried out by the program at the national level.

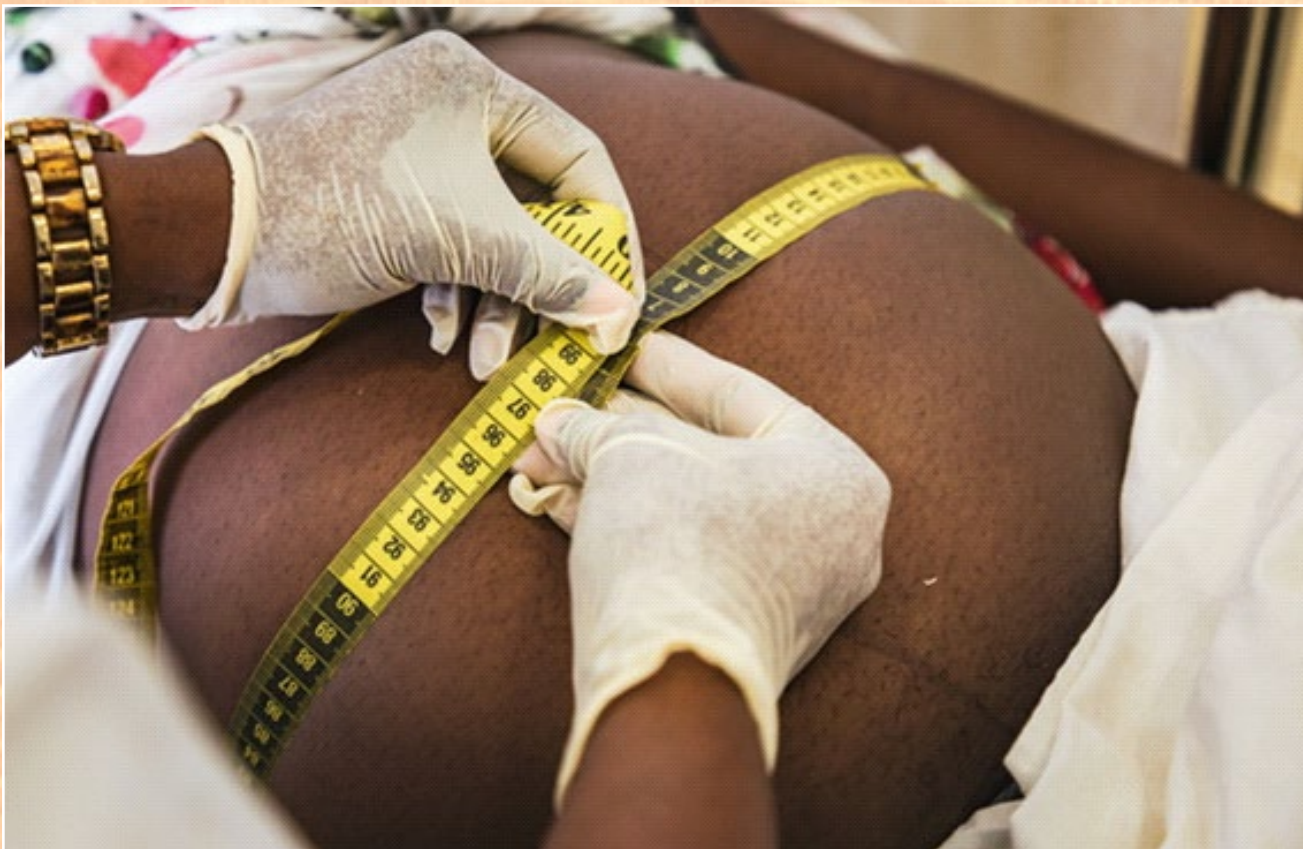
National Institute of Statistics of Equatorial Guinea (INEGE): Equatorial Guinea in Figures, 2016
 Indicators on gender, poverty and environment in African countries, African Development Bank 2015.

5.- SEVENTH CYCLE OF COOPERATION

The UNFPA Equatorial Guinea is in its seventh assistance to the Cooperation program with the government of the country, which covers the period 2019-2023. A process that the Country Cooperation Strategy (ECP) and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) agree on the guidelines approved by the United Nations Development Group (UNDG), under the following consent:

- Preparation of a roadmap in which the context in which the programming exercise is carried out is specified, and defines the stages of the process with the functions that the partners (Government - UNS) are expected to perform in terms of support.
- The final evaluation of the UNDAF 2013-2017 that took place in April 2017, allowed to learn from the successes and failures of its application to improve the following evaluation;
- The preparation of the analysis of the country situation to update the knowledge on the development situation of the country in order to orient better the priorities of the UNDAF;
- The holding of the strategic planning workshop organized with the technical support of the UNDG regional office, which made it possible to define, together with national partners, including the Government, the priorities of the current UNDAF 2019-2023.

6.- SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH:



The Government of Equatorial Guinea adopted a “Road Map” to accelerate the Newborn and Maternal Mortality Reduction; as well as the promotion of family planning services. Actions that prompted different interventions, and the development of strategies to reduce the mortality rate, efforts that have made it possible for the mortality rate to currently stand at 308 deaths per 100,000 live births (EDS-2011). The annual work plan of the Newborn and Maternal Mortality Reduction (NMMR) project, which covers Bioko Norte and Kie Ntem province, includes the PF Health Center and the Bata Regional Hospital maternity, and has been implemented at through the activities agreed between UNFPA and the national reproductive health program of the MINISABS, among which, we can mention, among others, the following: updating of the document of standards and protocols in SMNN production, dissemination and distribution; Strengthening the capacities of health personnel, through advanced strategies (CPN and FP consultations and support for the response to COVI-19 at the community level, during which essential items could be

distributed in the orphanages, nursing homes for the elderly and vulnerable groups in the two provinces covered by the project (85 men and 110 women); two training and monitoring supervisions in the 23 health establishments in the areas covered by the NMMR project, to ensure the quality of the SMNN service offer, having 8 men and 30 women trained; Training for the personnel of the National Directorate of Communication, Education and Mobilization of the Masses of MINISABS, and develop strategies for the topics of SRH, FP, CPN including the health of adolescents and young people; technical meetings for the preparation of communication material on priority issues in the care of SRMN and COVID-19; the maintenance and installation of health equipment (electronic hematology analyzers) purchased under the NMMR project, vehicles, internet lines, assigned warehouses, as well as the acquisition of office equipment; the acquisition of essential drugs and medical equipment for maternal health, supplies of FP and PPE necessary in the areas covered by the project; etc.

With the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, initial implementation plans were heavily affected. UNFPA, together with the National Reproductive Health Program (PNRS) of the MINSABS, adjusted the Project's work plan, ensuring the supply of FP supplies and essential medicines for Maternal and Neonatal Health in the NMMR areas. The Project has also provided technical assistance to the Technical Committee for Surveillance and Response to Coronavirus COVID-19, especially in the preparation and adaptation of key documents, such as the protocol for the management of pregnant women and newborns with COVID-19 or suspected infection for the new coronavirus, the organization of awareness lectures to pregnant women about the Covid and the reproduction of brochures and posters that were distributed in all maternity wards nationwide.

Results:

- 100% of the health agents of the health establishments selected to exercise the required skills and provide the necessary medical care to pregnant women and children of Bioko Norte and Kie Ntem, as well as provide family planning services, obstetric care and attention to infectious diseases and other activities for the prevention and promotion of maternal and neonatal health, have been trained.
- 23 Health establishments in the provinces of Bioko Norte and Kie Ntem, the Bata Regional Hospital (maternity and FP center), supplied with management material, family planning supplies, as well as essential medicines for the care of maternal and neonatal health, which ensure free access to these supplies and medicines by the population.
- The country already has 265 national trainers (MINSABS/UNFPA) trained in 166 FP, 75 in CPN and 24 in CONU, respectively.



- The National Health System has updated documents and guides, in accordance with international standards and WHO recommendations.
- 55 national cadres of the National Directorate for Health Education, Communication and Mobilization of the Masses of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (19 men and 36 women) have been trained in the development of communication messages for awareness lectures on maternal health.



• Innovation project to support the NMR

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), within the framework of the activities provided for in the Annual Work Plan of the Innovative Angels of the Guard project to support the Reduction of Maternal and Neonatal Mortality, has carried out a face-to-face workshop with the health professionals who attend deliveries in the two pilot hospitals in Malabo and Bata about the use of the new application/prototype "guardian angels", as a support tool to reduce maternal and newborn mortality.



The health professionals who attend deliveries who have participated in this training showed interest and ability to use the App “guardian angels”, in addition to being able to consult or request specialized remote support 24 hours a day/7 days a week, in order to manage obstetric and newborn emergencies. A total of 30 professionals participated in the workshop, of which 11 men and 19 women.



7.- START FREE, STAY FREE, AIDS FREE THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS

During the years 2018 and 2020, the initiative “Start free, Stay free, AIDS free” in the fight against HIV, UNFPA and the General Directorate and Coordination of the fight against STD, HIV, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis, have developed various prevention activities in the “STAY FREE” strategy with the goal of “Reducing new HIV infections in adolescents and young women (10-24 years); less than 1000 by 2020”. In this context of the fight against HIV-AIDS, the Government of Equatorial Guinea provided funds to organizations of the United Nations System related to this problem, in order to manage the implementation of activities within the framework of the Start Free, Stay initiative. Free, AIDS Free for the fight against HIV-AIDS in Equatorial Guinea.

This project aims to sensitize the general population and stakeholders, especially young people and adolescents in the fight against the HIV/AIDS and COVID-19 epidemics, in order to renew their commitment to the joint fight of HIV/AIDS in Equatorial Guinea, and reduce stigmas and discrimination in relation to PLWHA and vulnerable population.



And specifically:



- Promote voluntary screening of HIV as an opportunity to know its diagnosis and timely and free access to treatment.
- Disseminate information on healthy habits related to the prevention of STIs, HIV and AIDS, promoting the use of condoms as an effective measure.
- Promote the importance of prevention and complete treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) by accessing Health establishments.
- Promote healthy sexual practices in the sexually active population (youth and key population target).
- Provide information on STI/HIV and AIDS to religious, healers, community presidents, health personnel and people living with HIV.



Four activities have been planned and carried out:

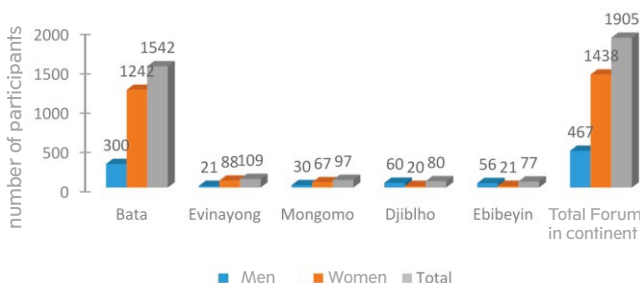
- Organization of HIV/AIDS/STI/COVID-19 awareness forums, aimed at adolescents and young people at school at a national level in Equatorial Guinea.
- Support for World AIDS Day activities.
- Telephone and internet communications from PNLS and HIV focal point at UNFPA.
- Acquisition of material from PNLS offices and the HIV/AIDS focal point at UNFPA.

- **Information and awareness forums in the scholar environment**

- This activity aims to sensitize adolescents-young people in educational centers nationwide to acquire healthy sexual behaviors about HIV-AIDS. Two awareness forums have been planned and held (Continent Forums and Bioko Forums) in the district capitals.

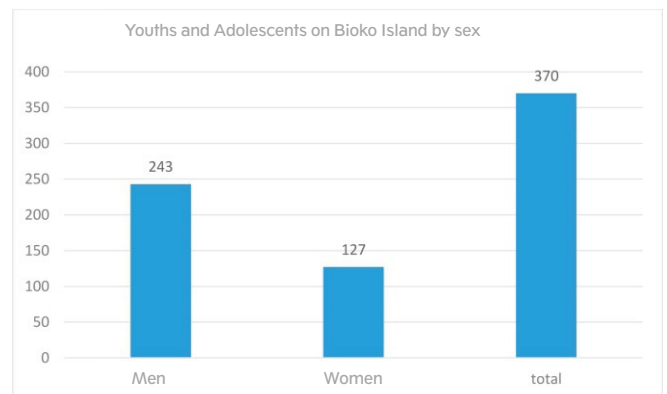
- **Continent Forum**

Four information and awareness forums for adolescents and young people were organized by the United Nations Population Fund in coordination with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, through the General Directorate and Coordination of Fight against STDs, HIV/AIDS, TB, and HEPATITIS in the five provincial capitals (Bata, Evinayong, Mongomo, Djibloo, Ebibeyin). During the different lectures, 1905 adolescent-young people have been sensitized, among them 1,438 (75.5%) women and 467 (24.5%) men. The topics presented to young people/adolescents were, among others: “The epidemiological presentation of HIV-AIDS”, “the routes of transmission of HIV-AIDS”, “the importance of using condoms”, non-stigmatization and discrimination in the PLHIV-AIDS”, etc. During this activity, various awareness materials were distributed such as: condoms, old t-shirts, caps, notebooks, etc.



- **Bioko Forums:**

On the Bioko island, 7 centers benefited from information and awareness conferences to young people/adolescents in the school environment, through the following topics: “The epidemiological presentation of HIV-AIDS”, “The ways of transmission of HIV-AIDS ”, “ the importance of condom use ”, non-stigmatization and discrimination in PLHIV-AIDS”, etc. During the activity, various awareness materials were distributed such as: condoms, poster, t-shirts, caps, notebooks, etc. with a total of 370 young adolescents, of which 243 (65.67%) were female and 127 (34.33%) were male.



Minimum age to participate amongst youths and adolescents was between 14 and 22 maximum.

- **World HIV-AIDS Day 2021**

For the implementation of the celebration of World AIDS Day, various activities have been held in different strategic cities of the country. The celebration in some places began on the 1st of December as planned, in others it took place days later, that is, until the 4th. In the city of Malabo, the strategic points of action indicated by the General Directorate, Coordination of Struggle Against HIV-AIDS, they have been:

- **The National University of Equatorial Guinea (UNGE)** activities in this center were carried out during the class period, and 78 students participated, of which 63 (80.67%) were female university students and 15 (19.23%) were male university students.
- **Communities of:** Samapka, Ela Nquema, La Begoña, Waiso Ipola, Caydasa, Campo Yaunde, Santa María 3 etc. In these places, a total of 1,325 people were sensitized, of which 935 (70.57%) were women and 390 (29.43%) were men.

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- The Markets: the Central Market, Semu, Fiston and Public, also benefited from the awareness lectures on the prevention of HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, HEPATITIS AND COVID 19. During them, the participants showed great interest in the topics addressed and they asked many questions that were answered satisfactorily by the facilitators. In these lectures, awareness-raising material consisting of T-shirts, brochures, caps, hats, as well as the distribution of male condoms.

Luba

- The celebration began on November 30 and has been analyzed on December 1, this awareness was developed in the educational centers of the provincial capital of Bioko Sur with a massive participation of young people/ adolescents and awareness material was distributed to all students and the public that participated in this demonstration.

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In that city, the activities began from December 2 to December 6, respectively. The information and awareness sessions were opened by the General Director and Coordination of the Fight against HIV/AIDS, in the presence of the Regional Delegate of MINISABS, other local authorities, and the UNFPA country office. Sensitization sessions on the ground began in the Bata city prison with the participation of all inmates of both sexes and uniformed personnel. These lectures were very well received by all the attendees and the facilitators clarified the questions raised by the attendees; At the same time, they proceeded to distribute awareness materials (T-shirts with messages, caps, brochures, banners and male condoms).



Group 1:

The first group of information and awareness gave a lecture in the Community of Ngolo where 778 participants were registered, of which 53 (67.95%) are women and 25 (32.05%) men; In Florida, 25 people also attended, 19 (76%) women and 6 (24%) men; Nfesesala, with a presence of 55 participants, of which 19 (34.54%) were women and 36 (65.46%) were men; Mercado Mondoasi, the participation was massive, in fact it has been difficult to capture the number of people by gender. But it is estimated around 800 people with feminine predominance.

Group 2:

The second group worked in the community of Ngolo 1: the number of participants was 53 people, including 41 women (77.36%) and 12 men (22.64%); In the community of Lea, Las Palmeras area, 31 people attended, amongst them: 25 men (80.65%) and 6 women (19.35%); in Ukomba, the participation was 65 people, of which 47 women (72.31%) and 18 men (27.61%); In the Bikuy Market, an attendance of 1000 participants is estimated, most of them women.

Group number 3:

The third information and awareness group worked in the Florida Community with a total of 45 participants, 35 women (77.78%) and 10 men (22.22%); in Ngolo7, it reached 83 participants, 32 (38.55%) women and 51 (61.45%) men. With a noticeable presence in young people. In Mondong, 35 people attended, of which 17 were female (46.59%) and 18 were male (51.43%); Market 5 of (Ntobo), its capacity was 600 people, with a greater predominance of women.

SOS of Bata

In this NGO, the information and awareness-raising activity on HIV had the participation of around 205 people, most of them young people/ adolescents, among them, 140 (68.3%) of the female sex and 65 (31.7%) of the male sex .

Mongomo City

In the capital of the Wele Nzás province, Mongomo, awareness lectures were held in different schools with global participation, sensitizing 911 people, of which 534 (58.6%) were women and 377 (41.4%) men.

Ebibeyin City

In Ebibeyin city, awareness and information was organized in schools. With 1621 participants, of which 799 (49.3%) were female and 822 (50.7%) were male.

Specifically, the participation of students by center:

- INES with a total of 631 participants, of which which, 305 females (48.34%) and 326 males (51.66%);
- Nze Abuy Center, with 530 participants, 319 were females (60.2%) and 211 (39.8%) males;
- Instituto Cristo Rey, attended by 323 students of both sexes, 125 female (38.7%) and 198 (61.3%) male;
- Centro Nana Mangue, with 137 students, from of which 50 (36.5%) were female and 87 (63.5%) were male.



Its action plan prioritizes a series of activities, among which, it is worth highlighting: the organization of the awareness and prevention campaign on TV and Radio; Editing and reproduction of different Awareness-raising material (t-shirts, caps, banners, brochures, panels with awareness-raising messages, etc.); Workshops for the preparation of a joint plan for the prevention of HIV/AIDS in adolescents and young people; Training course for NGOs that work in support of the fight against HIV/AIDS in the communities (testing, counseling, patient follow-up, contact study, abandonment rescues, etc.).

- **The awareness campaign and TV and Radio prevention**

For this activity, a one-minute spot has been recorded, to inform and sensitize the population about the use of condoms, the places where they can be purchased for free at the National level, etc. The spot broadcasts went through the private channels SOL MEDIA and CACHU and HNOS.

- Canal SOL MEDIA has its broadcasts in Malabo with a coverage of more than 10,000 subscribers and twice the coverage in Bata, around 20,000. It was published in three time slots during the broadcast period (morning, afternoon and night) between 9 different channels, the content of the spot was seen 360 times on Sol Media.
- CACHU and HNOS, broadcast their programs in the city of Malabo with a coverage of more than 10,000 subscribers, the broadcasts was emitted in three bands (morning, afternoon and night), in 7 different channels, 360 publications issued, during a two month period.



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8.- UNIFIED BUDGET, RESULTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY



In the framework of the fight against HIV/AIDS in Equatorial Guinea, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and UNAIDS share with the government the implementation of HIV eradication policies, through the UBRAF project. This Project is aimed at improving health care and quality of life in vulnerable populations, especially adolescents and young people of both sexes between 14 and 24 years old, through a comprehensive initiative for the prevention and care of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Its implementation has generated an intervention model that can be evaluated as good practices. One of the main axis is the strengthening of the public health sector and its articulation with civil society to develop a local network aimed at the prevention of HIV and other STIs. This project is financially supported by UNAIDS, through a comprehensive initiative called the Joint Program to Fight HIV/AIDS.



- **Training NGOs**

The training course for NGOs that work in support of the fight against HIV/AIDS in the communities was developed, on testing, counseling, patient follow-up, contact study, rescue from abandonment, posters, etc. With a participation of 10 NGOs, at the rate of 22 participants, (2 per NGO).

- **Reproduction of awareness material**

This activity, at first had the purpose of producing: t-shirts, caps, banners, brochures, etc. It was replaced or replaced by the manufacture and implementation of 7 double-sided 3x4 advertising panels in seven districts of the National level.

- **Data collection for the GAM report, 2021**

UNFPA supports the collection of data each year for the preparation of the GAM report, in order to improve the coordination of intersectoral activities to combat STDs, HIV/AIDS, TB and HEPATITIS. This activity is carried out jointly by MINSABS, UNFPA, WHO, UNAIDS and UNICEF, respectively, and in three phases:

Phase I: preparation

The preparation phase is known as phase 1, funded entirely by UNFPA, which corresponds to the process of elaboration of technical data collection, training and distribution techniques of the technical groups in charge of data collection in the field.

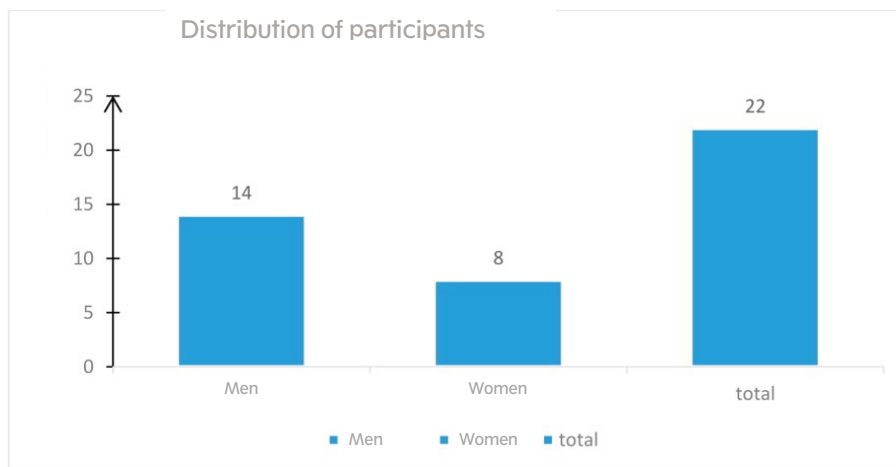


Phase II: data collection

This phase began on November 11 in the island region, in charge of the PTMH group (prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV). The other groups began their activities in the second half of November and were assigned to work in the fourteen districts of the continental region. This activity was carried out easily, due to the support of the health personnel who work in the different maternity wards and UREI centers in the provincial capitals.

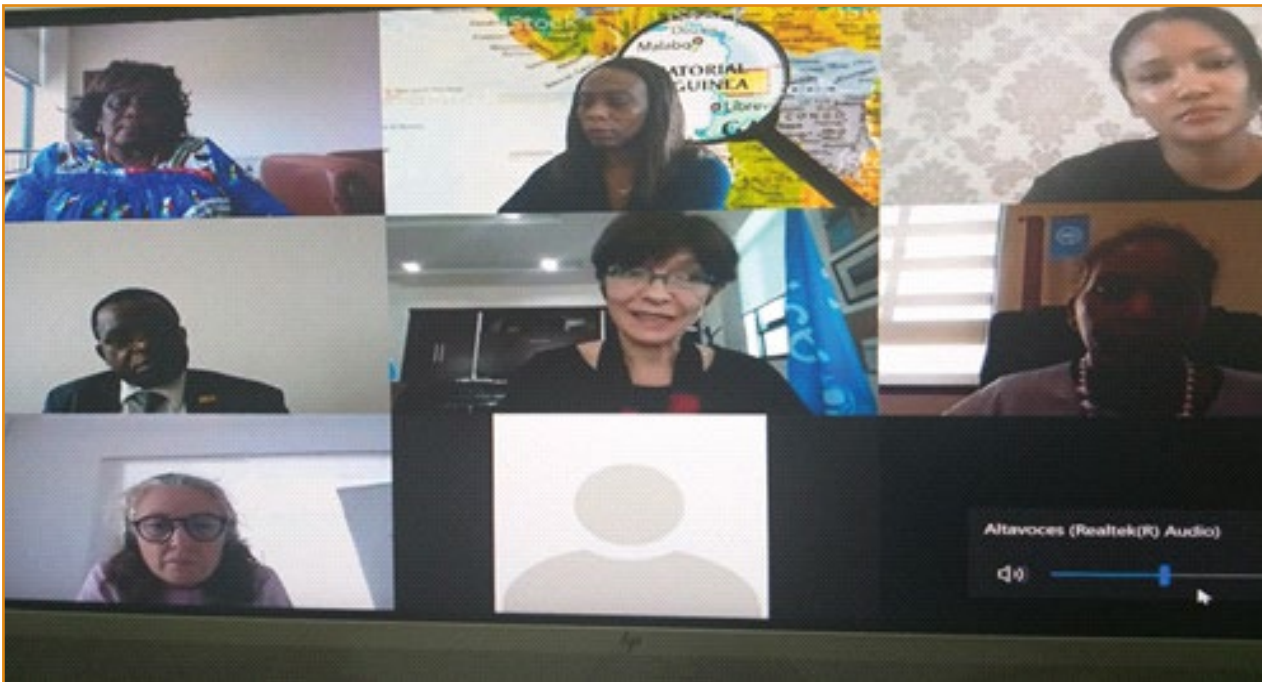
Phase III: processing, preparation and validation of the report.

The processing, preparation and validation phase of the GAM report will begin after the conclusion of phase II (data collection), the completion date of which is expected to be in January 2022.



This graph shows that women represent 36,4% and men 63,6%

9.- GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT



Within this Program, UNFPA collaborates with the Government of Equatorial Guinea in matters of Promotion of Women and Gender. This collaboration began mainly, among others, with the development of the National Policy for the Advancement of Women in 2000, and the subsequent development of its Action Plan 2005-2015. Support to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Gender Equality is based on the project component “Strengthening the Global Framework for the Promotion of Women and Gender Equality”, in support of the implementation of the Multisectoral Plan for the Promotion of Women to the horizon 2015. Among the efforts made by the Government in collaboration with UNFPA, in the area of gender equality, the following stand out:

- The preparation of a preliminary draft of the Organic Law on Comprehensive Protection to prevent, eradicate and punish violence against Women, September 2015;
- The draft Law regulating traditional marriage in the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, September 2015;
- People and the Family codes in the Republic of Equatorial Guinea;
- Support for the organization of the Regional Conference on Violence

against Women between Cameroon, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea, from 25-27 November 2020, in Djibloho, etc.

Considering the relative weakness of the representation of women in the upper spheres of decision-making: In 2019 (Government: 13.3%; Senate: 17.1%; Parliament: 21.0% percent). Equatorial Guinea is still struggling to fulfill the commitments contained in the national development plan. Regarding the incidence of gender-based violence (GBV), according to the report (EDHS 2011), 62.8 percent of women between the ages of 15 and 49 have suffered violence since the age of 15, by their partner sentimental. More than half (55.7 percent) of young women between the ages of 15 and 24 believe that it is justified for a man to hit his wife. The majority of women between the ages of 15 and 49 who have been married or in a relationship (65.1 percent) have suffered emotional, physical and/or sexual violence by their husband/partner. In addition, physical violence during pregnancy (16.6 percent) puts women at greater risk, not only of their own health, but also for the survival of the fetus.

10.- HUMANITARIAN PROJECT: “IMPROVE ACCESS TO PROTECTION SERVICES SO THAT THE AFFECTED POPULATION RECOVER FROM EXPLOSIONS IN BATA” - CERF



Following the events of the explosions at the Nkoantoma special forces military barracks at Bata on March 7, 2021, the Government declared a state of humanitarian emergency and requested support from different organizations and friendly countries to deal with this situation. UNFPA was not left out when dealing with human lives, in this sense it urgently developed a humanitarian project that was submitted to the Common Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and after its analysis it was approved with an amount of \$394,000; and \$40,000 from the specific fund for services to vulnerable people on the prevention of Gender Violence, Abuse and Sexual exploitation (GBV/SEA); HIV-AIDS and Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH); in a period of 6 months.



- **Celebration of the 8th of March, 2021**

Within the framework of the celebration of the International Day of Women's Rights, with the theme "Women leaders: For an equal future in the world of Covid-19", the following activities were carried out: Delivery of a certificate of recognition of the "Nana mangué" Social Promotion Center from the Ministry of Gender Equality for its great work in promoting Women's Rights in Equatorial Guinea. The holding of a virtual round table between the United Nations System: UNFPA, UNICEF, UNDP, FAO, and COORDINATION, in connection with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Gender Equality, and an NGO to lecture about: "The support provided to the country in matters of Gender Equality"; "The recommendations of the Conference of Djibloho on GBV, held last year (on November 25, 2020)", as well as the theme chosen this year: "Women leaders: For an equal future in the world of Covid-19".

- **Celebration of African Women's Day (31st July)**

A commemoration that had the technical support of UNFPA to MINASIGE for the development of awareness messages on women's rights in Africa.

- **Celebration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25th November)**

This year, the UNFPA country office has reinforced MINASIGE's General Directorate for Gender, with an audio spot to raise awareness about gender non-violence, banners and various T-shirts, with the slogan, "Paint the world orange: let's turn to violence against women Now"!! In order to give continuity to the elimination of violence against women in Equatorial Guinea.



- Prepared and delivered 600 copies of Reference circuits to the Provincial Delegation of MINASIGE for the referral of cases of violence.
- A telephone line was enabled through the MUNI company with the numbers: 555911221; 555911228; 555911213 and 555911215 delivered to the NGOs ADMAD; POSITIVE HEALTH; ASAMA and the Provincial Delegation of MINASIGE in Bata to assist users on psychosocial support. From where 210 families benefited from this support.
- A total 450 vouchers were delivered to 450 beneficiary families of the 7M crisis to purchase food products, with an amount of 65,000 Cfas per voucher; 150 of them were from the Martinez-Hermanos Supermarket, another 150 from Comercial Santy and 150 from EGTC-Group.
- 3 computers delivered, 3 telephones and 3 megaphones to the NGOs (ASAMA, SALUD POSITIVA and ADMAD) that supported the execution of the project activities, and 1 telephone to the MINASIGE Delegation to provide psychosocial support to the victims.
- 450 packs of masks and 450 hydroalcoholic gels, 3 boxes of condoms (IARH KIT 4); ceded to 450 beneficiary families through NGOs, ADMAD, SALUD POSITIVA, and ASAMA.
- 27,500Cfas received each family of the 450 families to cover some health services (VBG/SR).
- 5 public and private health establishments in the city of Bata, that is, “Maternity Service of the Bata Regional Hospital”, “PF Health Centers”, “La Libertad”, “María Gay” and “María Ráfols” received 20 kits for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Misoprostol, which includes: 5 kits of male condoms (IARH KIT 1A); 2 Rape Clinical Management Kit (IARH KIT 3); 4 oral and injectable contraceptive kits (IARH KIT4); 3kits of transmission infections sexual (IARH KIT 5); 2 kits for individual safe



delivery for pregnant women (IARH KIT 6A); 2 kits for safe delivery for midwives and health personnel (IARH KIT 6B); 2 kits for obstetric surgery and serious obstetric complications: medications and disposable equipment (IARH KIT 11B); and 749 boxes (2 tablets per box) of Misoprostol 200mcg, as part of the Minimum Initial Services Package for Reproductive Health (MISP) in emergency situations. Each kit responds to the potential needs of between 10,000 and 30,000 inhabitants.



Main activities:

- Recruitment of project staff
- Risk assessment and audits on security;
- Distribute dignity/hygiene kits for women and girls;
- VG cell update courses for the Delegation of MINASIGE, NGOs, the police, the gendarmerie and judges to provide psychosocial, legal and judicial support;
- Orientation workshop on the minimum emergency device for SRH in humanitarian crisis situations and the clinical management of victims of violence.
- Disseminate a GBV referral route (develop or have a referral circuit for cases of gender-based violence);
- Give support in (food stamps) to 450 surviving families of the 7M explosions, in Bata.
- Face-to-face psychosocial support for women, girls and boys, including survivors of GBV/Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and people living with HIV/AIDS;
- Delivery of information and awareness material to NGOs;
- Delivery of computer equipment and material to NGOs;
- Set up a helpline for users to receive information and psychosocial support on GBV/EAE and HIV/AIDS;
- Provide access to post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and distribute condoms;
- Delivery of cash to beneficiaries in order to ensure their Financial access to SSR, VBG/EAE services.
- Delivery of Sexual and Reproductive Health Kits to health centers identified by the project.

Achievements

- Recruitment of:

1. 1 National Coordinator to implement the activities of the Project in Bata
 2. 1 Administrative and Financial assistant
 3. 1 International Consultant in SSR for the Training of Minimum Initial Services for Reproductive Health in Emergencies “
- Security audit conducted on the ground, in homes with difficult access and communication. It made it possible to know in a direct way the difficulties of access to basic resources (water, electricity, food, health services, etc.) to a total of 4 families, using the UNFPA Risk Assessment guide in urban contexts; during which 13 people were interviewed through direct-in-person surveys.
 - 1000 Dignity/Hygiene Kits distributed to 1000 beneficiaries (500 women and 500 girls) during the months of August and September 2021;
 - Strengthening the capacities of those responsible for the GBV cells of MINASIGE, MINSABS, justice, Defense, security and NGOs, on Intervention in Gender Violence in emergency situations; which had a total of 23 participants of which 13 women and 10 were men.
 - Orientation workshop on the minimum emergency device for SRH in humanitarian crisis situations and the clinical management of victims of violence. It had a total of 31 participants (doctors, midwives, officials from the departments of Social Affairs and Gender Equality, Police, Gendarmerie and Justice). Of which 21 women and 10 were men.





Other achievements at the level of communication and institutional visibility stand out:

- 7 Roll-Up made with information and awareness messages on GBV/ASD/SRH/HIV/AIDS;
- Preparation of 4 banners with messages about Project activities;
- Designed and printed a UNFPA photocoll;
- 3 radio and 2 television spots with awareness-raising messages on Gender-based violence, HIV-AIDS and SRH on RTVGE have been prepared and disseminated, RTASONGA and SOL MEDIA;
- Produced 1 documentary on the CERF Project activities;
- Drafting, design and printing of 200 copies with the content of the project CERF
- Preparation of 1000 threefold leaflets with information on the project: Improve access to protection services so that the affected population recovers from the explosions in Bata ”; CERF, delivered to the 3 NGOs.
- Made 200 posters/stickers on CERF activities;
- 80 vests made for NGO community agents for face-to-face psychosocial support for women, girls and boys, including survivors of GBV/Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and people living with HIV/AIDS;
- 80 Caps made for community agents;
- 82 Bags purchased for community agents;
- 10 Posters on the themes of the project;
- Purchase of 1000 bags for the Dignity Kits;
- Purchase of 5 megaphones for community-

- level activities;
- 30 band news (scroll) broadcast in ASONGATV
- Publication of more than 10 news in TVGE on the project activities - Broadcast of more than 16 news in ASONGATV
- Broadcast of more than 8 news in Guineapress.com (Official Page of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea);
- Publication of 4 news items in the Newspaper Photo-Photo;
- Publication of 4 news in INFO-REPUGE-AIDS;
- 3 radio spots prepared and disseminated
- Malabo and 2 television with messages on



- gender violence, HIV-AIDS and SRH on TVGE, ASONGATV and SOL MEDIA; According to the statistics received through the Radio and Television on the diffusion of the Spots, they reflect the following about the audience:
- Radio Malabo, 10,000 people nationwide
 - Terrestrial television of local cable satellite, 550 people;
 - Africa and Diaspora 25,000 people;
 - Sol Media 50,000 people between Malabo and Bata;
- Regarding the dissemination of news:
- TVGE 10,879 people
 - ASONGATV, 11,765 people
 - PHOTO PHOTO Newspaper, 1,235 people
 - REPUGESIDA newspaper 2,258 people
 - Guineapress.com, 90,524 people.

Results:

Of the protection services, 100% of the selected health establishments, as well as the affected and vulnerable communities have had access to quality services in GBV and SRH; financial support has been offered to the most vulnerable population affected by the explosion, giving priority to women, youth and female households, through vouchers and financial cash support provided by partner NGOs; support for psychosocial services for women, girls and boys, for the prevention of GBV/SAD/SRH/HIV/AIDS.

**Others:**

- **World Population Day**

On World Population Day (WPD), July 11, 2021. UNFPA commemorated this day with the theme: **“Rights and options are the answer: be it Family Planning or Fertility Promotion, the solution is to prioritize reproductive health and rights for all”**. The official launch date of activities was on July 12, at the HANDA-CHINA Hotel, with the participation of the Itma. Ms. Leticia Nseng Ondo, General Director and Coordination of STDs, HIV/AIDS, TB and HEPATITIS on behalf of His Excellency Mr. Minister of State for Health, Dr. Diosdado Vicente Nsue Milang; the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System in Equatorial Guinea, Ms. Lila Pieters; Mr. Resident Representative a.i of UNFPA, Dr. Aboubakar Cissé and the Representatives of UNICEF, UNDP, UNAIDS, FAO, UNDSS, among others.



This event had several activities, among them: The Delivery of Medicines to the General Hospital of Malabo; Presentation of two papers: “Access to Reproductive Health Services in Equatorial Guinea. Achievements in SR, especially FP, Obstetric Fistulas, Neck Cancer, etc.” In charge of the General Director of Public Health of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. And “Rights of women and girls of access to reproductive health services in Equatorial Guinea” in charge of an Official of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Gender Equality. Presentation of 2 prizes to the youth/ adolescents who won the photography contest organized by UNFPA.

- **Youth Day**

UNFPA, celebrated the International Youth Day 2021, with the theme: “Transforming food systems: Youth Innovation for the Health of Human Beings and the Planet”, with a series of Conferences, at the Hotel Colinas de Malabo, with the following topics: “Affirm the Main Conclusions and Recommendations of 25Hours of Dakar”; “Transforming Food Systems”; “Young people’s innovations for human health and that of our planet”; “Youth and HIV/

AIDS; and Youth and COVID-19 ”. In addition, 3 interviews were granted by RTVASONGA and RTVGE to those responsible for the Malabo youth center about the activities that they implement daily at that center.

- **The day of the United Nations**

The main activity of UNFPA was the interview of its Representative a. i Dr. Aboubakar Cissé to the newspaper “REPUGE”, about the agency’s objectives in 2021, projects and results, the level of collaboration with the government and other institutions, etc.



11.- ECONOMIC SECTOR AND IMPLEMENTATION RATE

PROJECTS	BUDGETS	USED	EXECUTION RATE
1.- Support innovation for RMMN	41.217,89	41.203,57	99,97%
2.- Humanitarian project: "Improve access to protection services so that the affected population recovers from the explosions in Bata" - CERF	368.672,90	350.238,39	95%
3.- START FREE, STAY FREE, AIDS FREE	117.916	116.727	98,99%
4.- UBRAF (HIV/AIDS)	69.444,00	67.597,03	97,34%
5.- Project RMN/ Noble Energy	638.828,56	469.369,58	73,47%
6.- Support for INEGE	59.372	55.252,36	69,38%

12.- CONCLUSIONS

Many of the activities programmed in different projects of the seventh cooperation program between UNFPA and the Government of Equatorial Guinea, for the year 2021, have suffered implementation delays and others have been reported for the year 2022, due to the onset of the pandemic. Covid 19, which has prevented the implementation of many activities on the ground caused by mobility restrictions between the two regions of the country and the observance of not organizing tumultuous meetings. However, despite these difficulties mentioned above, at the project level, the following activities have been carried out:

- **Level of sexual and reproductive health:**

The project Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Bioko Norte and Kie Ntem:

- 23 health facilities have been trained by the project during the mixed mission
- MINIABS/UNFPA formative monitoring and supervision.

- 75 cadres, of which 28 men and 47 women have been trained during the CPN, PF and COVID-19 Advanced Strategy Mission
- In the framework of the Advanced Strategy that takes into account the covid-19 module, a total of 85 men and 110 women benefited from food and basic necessities funded by UNFPA.
- Technical capacities of 55 national cadres, among which 19 men and 36 women from the National Directorate of Health Education, Communication and Mass Mobilization (ESCMOV) have been reinforced in the course of training on SRH, FP, CPN issues including the health of adolescents and young people.

Regarding START FREE, STAY FREE, AIDS FREE OF THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS and UBRAF:

- 22 cadres, 12 men and 8 women (NGOs and ministry personnel) have been trained in communication techniques to harmonize their interventions at the community level in the fight against STDs, HIV/AIDS, TB and HEPATITIS at the national level.
- 1,905 young people (1,438 women and 467 men) have been informed and sensitized about the prevention methods of HIV/AIDS, TB and HEPATITIS during the awareness forums organized in the school environment in the continental region in the provincial capitals, for the behavioral change.
- 315 young people (99 men and 216 women) have been informed and sensitized about the prevention of HIV/AIDS, STDs, TB AND HEPATITIS, complying with preventive measures, both in school and after school, in the island region, for the change of behaviour.
- 7 double-sided panels with information and awareness messages on HIV/AIDS have been manufactured and implanted in seven districts of the national geography.

Regarding Gender:

UNFPA, within the framework of the celebration of the International Women's Rights Day, with the theme, "Women leaders: For an equal future in the world of Covid-19", the following activities were carried out:

- Delivery of a certificate of recognition to the "Nana Mangué" Social Promotion Center by the Ministry of Gender Equality for its great work in promoting Women's Rights in Equatorial Guinea.
- A virtual round table between the United Nations System: UNFPA, UNICEF, UNDP, FAO, and COORDINATION; in connection with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Gender Equality, and an NGO was organized to speak about: "The support that SNU provides to the country in matters of Gender Equality."

- Celebration of African Women's Day (31st July)

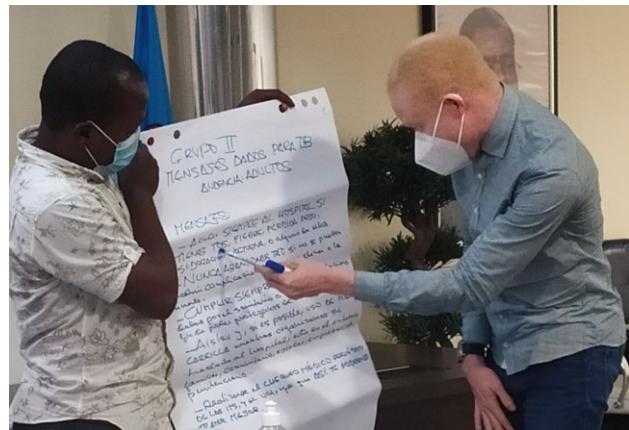
A commemoration that had the technical support of UNFPA to MINASIGE for the preparation of awareness messages on women's rights in Africa.

- Celebration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25th November).

This year, the UNFPA country office has reinforced MINASIGE's General Directorate for Gender, with an audio spot to raise awareness about gender non-violence, banners and various T-shirts, with the slogan, "Paint the world orange: let's turn to violence against women Now!!" In order to give continuity to the elimination of violence against women in Equatorial Guinea.

CERF:

- Strengthened capacities of those responsible for the GBV cells of MINASIGE, MINSABS, justice, Defense, security and NGOs, on Intervention in Gender Violence in emergency situations; which had a total of 23 participants of which 13 women and 10 men.
- Technical capacities of health personnel on the minimum package of SRH/EAS/HIV/COVID-19 services, clinical management of sexual violence and sexual abuse. It had a total of 31 participants, 21 women and 10 men (doctors, midwives, officials from the departments of Social Affairs and Gender Equality, Police, Gendarmerie and Justice), reinforced.
- 202,211 people were informed and sensitized through NGOs and the official media about Gender Violence/Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.
- 1,000 Dignity Kits have been acquired and distributed to 500 women and 500 girls through NGOs in favor of the population affected by the explosions at the 7M special forces military barracks in Bata; and the most vulnerable.
- 450 families affected by the explosions at the military barracks of the special forces in Nkoantoma, Bata, have been beneficiaries of Food Bonuses.
- 450 families have benefited from cash to facilitate their access to health services after the explosions at the military barracks of the special forces amounting to 27,500 CFAF. per family.
- 210 families have benefited from psychosocial support after the explosions at the Bata special forces military barracks.



Others:

- 2 INEGE cadres have benefited from UNFPA funding for a Master in Economics training in Spain and 1 Master in Demography at IFORD Yaoundé.
- Various information and awareness-raising activities for the population on the benefits of family planning and sexual and reproductive rights in line with the theme of the year.
- The Malabo general hospital benefited from a batch of FP supplies and essential RH drugs.
- Organization of the International Youth day

Different information and awareness-raising activities were organized by the government through the Ministry of Education, University Teaching and Sports, in collaboration with the system of nations units under the leadership of UNFPA and the active participation of various youth groups on the subject: “ Transforming food systems: Youth Innovation for the Health of Human Beings and the Planet ”.



13.- Lessons learned

There are several lessons learned in each of the project activities this year:

- The harmonization of instruments of national laws to be applied in the territory of Equatorial Guinea, constitute the main challenges for the Government.
- The involvement of UNFPA as a governmental partner in the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Equatorial Guinea.
- The application of development goal number 5 in UNFPA strategies for the achievement of Gender equality.
- From the training workshop on GBV, the participants learned that the referral circuit is an important tool when referring cases of violence, bearing in mind that the first thing is to save the victim's health.
- The willingness and involvement of NGOs and health structures to support UNFPA assistance to victims has been valued.
- The Justice, Defense, Health, Security and NGO departments have an important role in the prevention and "Clinical Management of Victims of Violence".
- The diversification of all kinds of support given to the 7M victims, in Bata, avoiding leaving no one behind.
- The solidarity of the Bata population in the support provided to the victims of 7M was appreciated and highly valued.
- The collaboration of the health structures and especially the SR program was relevant in recovering the health of the victims.

- In sexual and reproductive health: “Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Bioko Norte and Kie Ntem”
 1. 23 health facilities were trained
 2. 75 national cadres trained in CPN, PF and COVID-19
 3. 195 women and men se benefited from a food kit in to Covid -19
 4. 55 national cadres trained in SRH, FP, CPN and adolescent and youth health
- START FREE, STAY FREE, AIDS FREE OF THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS and UBRAF
 1. 22 members of NGOs and officials of the technical ministries trained in communication techniques, to sensitize the population about the fight against STDs, HIV/AIDS, TB and HEPATITIS.
 2. 1,905 Young people sensitized about the prevention methods of HIV/AIDS, TB and HEPATITIS, in the continental region.
 3. 315 young people sensitized about the prevention of HIV/AIDS, STDs, TB AND HEPATITIS, in the insular region.
 4. 7 double-sided panels with information and awareness messages on HIV manufactured and implanted in different districts for behavior change.



Regarding Gender, CERF:

1. 54 national cadres from the Ministries of Security, Justice, MINASIGE, MINISABS and NGOs, trained in the derivation of the reference systems established in the matter of GBV.
2. 202,211 people sensitized about Gender Violence/Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.
3. 1,000 Dignity Kits distributed to the population affected by the 7M explosions in Bata.
4. 450 affected families benefited from food vouchers.
5. 450 families benefited from cash money to facilitate their access to health services.
6. 450 families benefited from protection material against Covid -19 and HIV/STIs.
7. 210 Families have benefited from psychosocial support.



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