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Message from Hind JALAL, Equatorial Guinea Resident Representative

I am thrilled to introduce UNFPA Equatorial Guinea (EG) second half-yearly 2024 Newsletter, as we embark upon our 8th Country Program, which began on January 1, 2024. This new program builds on our past achievements while addressing the challenges we have encountered with the aim to accelerate the unfinished business towards the three transformative results and the SDGs. While celebrating the 30th anniversary of the ICPD agenda, together with the EG Government and our partners, we are leveraging on the accelerators to provide an effective response to the people we serve. It is my pleasure to share with you the main highlights of outstanding results achieved in 2024.

UNFPA is supporting crucial upcoming statistic operations, including DHS-II and the 2025 Census. In a significant step towards enhancing data-driven decision-making and development planning in the country, UNFPA established a coordination mechanism with the National Statistical Office (INEGE) in Malabo with the participation of the United Nations Country Team (UNCT), the Resident Coordinator (RC). Equatorial Guinea CO built strong ties with the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) who pledged support for the development of DHS-II.

To advocate for continuous commitment to the ICPD agenda, UNFPA supported the development of the Voluntary National Report that was submitted to the HLPF during the July session and supported the development of the 4th UPR presented in November 2024 in Geneva.

In a landmark initiative to strengthen media capacity and promote informed public discourse on critical population and development issues, UNFPA, in partnership with ASOPGE Asociación de Prensa de Guinea Ecuatorial, launched the first-ever Journalist Network on Population and Development.

Recognizing the vital role of community health workers in promoting health and well-being, UNFPA invests in the power of community voices. We strengthen the skills of 100 Community Workers from Ministry of Information who are vital in sharing information on Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS & GBV prevention. This initiative, part of the ongoing Information Education and Communication IEC-Advocacy program, aims to strengthen community voices and ensure that essential health information reaches even the most remote areas of the country.

GBV prevention was strengthened, focusing on a powerful combination of research, theater, and poetry to raise awareness and engage with men and boys.



UNFPA CO trained midwives on the MISP “Minimum Initial Service Package” as part of the WCARO Leadership commitment in 2024. 97 midwives benefited from the training: 90 women and 9 men.

Our partnerships were diversified and strengthened with the French Cultural Center of Equatorial Guinea, SOS and FRS. MoUs were signed and enforced to promote youth empowerment and the prevention and elimination of GBV.

Significant progress was made by the M&E Group chaired by UNFPA in 2024. Achievements include the completion of the UNDAF 19-23 evaluation, the status of the 2023 results report, the inclusion of disability components in UNCT actions and the integrating gender, human rights, and QCPR markers into Joint Work Plans.

I express my most sincere gratitude to all our partners and look forward closely working with them in 2025 to transform the lives of women and young people in Equatorial Guinea to make a lasting impact and to leave no one behind.

At UNFPA, we use population data to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe, and every young person’s potential is fulfilled.

With gratitude, Hind Jalal

UNFPA Equatorial Guinea established a Coordination Platform with National Statistic Office (INEGE) to Advance Data Collection and Analysis



Meeting photo. Photo Credit UNFPA

Malabo, July 5th, 2024 – In a significant step towards enhancing data-driven decision-making and development planning in Equatorial Guinea, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) convened the first coordination meeting with the National Statistic Office (INEGE) in Malabo. The meeting brought together representatives from the United Nations Country Team (UNCT), the Resident Coordinator (RC), and the Director of INEGE along with his team.

The primary focus of the meeting was to discuss the collaborative efforts required for the successful implementation of upcoming crucial operations, including the Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) and the Census 2025. These initiatives are instrumental in gathering accurate and comprehensive data on the population's health, well-being, and socio-economic status.

During the meeting, participants engaged in fruitful discussions on the various aspects of the upcoming operations, including data collection methodologies, logistical arrangements, data analysis, and dissemination strategies. The collaborative approach underscored the shared commitment of all stakeholders to ensure the accuracy, reliability, and timeliness of the data collected.



Meeting photo, Photo credit, UNFPA GE

Recognizing the importance of ongoing coordination and collaboration, the participants agreed to hold quarterly meetings to review progress, address challenges, and ensure the smooth execution of the planned operations. This commitment to regular engagement reflects the dedication of UNFPA, INEGE, and the UNCT to working together towards the common goal of improving the lives of the people of Equatorial Guinea.

The partnership between UNFPA and INEGE is a testament to the vital role of data in informing evidence-based policies and programs that address the specific needs of the population. The data generated through initiatives like DHS and Census 2025 will be invaluable in identifying trends, disparities, and priorities, enabling the government and development partners to make informed decisions and allocate resources effectively.

UNFPA's commitment to strengthening national statistical systems and supporting data collection efforts is a critical component of its mandate to promote sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender equality, and overall development. By working hand in hand with national institutions like INEGE, UNFPA is contributing to the creation of a more prosperous and equitable future for all in Equatorial Guinea.

Equatorial Guinea Reaffirms Human Rights Commitments UPR Training



Photo credit, Flora Isabel Obama - Family photo

Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, July 29 2024 – The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Representative in Equatorial Guinea delivered the opening statement on behalf of the Resident Coordinator at a critical training session organized by the RC Office focused on finalizing the country's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) report. The UPR is a UN mechanism that assesses the human rights records of all member states. Equatorial Guinea's report is set to be presented in Geneva in November 2024.

The seminar, chaired by the Third Vice Prime Minister in charge of Human Rights, underscored the government's dedication to human rights advancements. In his opening remarks, the Vice Prime Minister reiterated Equatorial Guinea's commitment to upholding human rights principles and collaborating with international mechanisms.

Mrs Hind Jalal, UNFPA Representative, delivered the opening statement on behalf of the Resident Coordinator. She highlighted the constructive partnership between the UN and the government, emphasizing the recently signed cooperation framework that prioritizes human rights. "We commend the government's ongoing efforts to implement recommendations from the 2019 UPR cycle and its progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals," stated Mrs Jalal.

The seminar provided a platform for in-depth discussions on the UPR process, its significance for Equatorial Guinea, and the establishment of a National Mechanism for Implementation, Reporting, and Follow-up (NMIRF). The NMIRF, a governmental structure, will streamline the coordination and reporting processes for international human rights mechanisms, ensuring effective implementation of recommendations.

Facilitators from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Cameroon shared valuable insights and best practices, guiding participants on strategic planning for future reports and follow-up actions. More than 60 participants joined the training representing sector ministries, civil society organizations, the private sector and donors.



Photo credit, Flora Isabel Obama- Opening statements, by Mrs. Hind Jalal on behalf of Resident Coordinator and H.E. Mr. Alfonso Nsue Mokuy, Third Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Human Rights

The UPR report, slated for presentation in Geneva in November 2024, is expected to receive over 200 recommendations for Equatorial Guinea. The UNFPA, along with the UN system, reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the government through advisory services, capacity building, and information sharing to ensure the successful implementation of these recommendations.

The seminar concluded with a renewed sense of collaboration and dedication to advancing human rights in Equatorial Guinea.



UNFPA Equatorial Guinea successfully celebrates International Youth Day in Malabo and Bata



Family photo Malabo, Photo credit, UNFPA-GE

Bata, August 12, Malabo, August 13, 2024. UNFPA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and SOS Children's Villages, commemorated International Youth Day with two vibrant events in Bata and Malabo on August 12th and 13th, respectively. Under the theme "Youth Skills for Peace and Development," the celebrations focused on empowering young people with essential knowledge and tools for their future and were led by the UNFPA Youth Advisory Group.

Malabo: A Call to Invest in Youth

In Malabo, the event saw the participation of 35 young people, who attended presentations on sexual and reproductive health, GVB prevention, STI/HIV prevention, and family planning. In addition, videos on new contraceptive methods were presented.

The UNFPA Representative in Equatorial Guinea, in her opening speech, highlighted the crucial role of young people as "architects of the future" and emphasized the need to invest in their education, employment, and participation. "The future of humanity and our planet depends on young people," she said, urging them to be provided with the necessary tools to develop their potential and become agents of change.

Bata: Empowerment through Collaboration

In Bata, UNFPA partnered with SOS Children's Villages to organize an equally impactful event, with the participation of 50 young people. The discussions focused on similar topics as in Malabo, providing young people with crucial information about their health and well-being.



Family photo Malabo, Photo credit, UNFPA-GE

Expected Results Achieved: Both celebrations met the expected results, managing to inform and raise awareness among young people about the importance of acquiring skills for employment, decent work, and entrepreneurship. In addition, the understanding of the role of young people in building peace and sustainable development was promoted.

UNFPA reaffirms its commitment to continue supporting young people in Equatorial Guinea, guaranteeing their access to education, sexual and reproductive health, and opportunities for participation. Through these initiatives, UNFPA seeks to empower youth so that they can exercise their rights, achieve their goals, and actively contribute to the development of their country.

Happy International Youth Day! The future is in your hands.



UNFPA Empowers Youth in Equatorial Guinea with Sexual and Reproductive Health Information



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Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, September 20th, 2024. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in collaboration with its Youth Advisory Group (YAG) and the National Reproductive Health Program (PNSR), organized an informative session on sexual and reproductive health for adolescents and young people at the Malabo Youth Center.

Recognizing the vulnerability of adolescent and youth and the need for accurate and quality information regarding sexual and reproductive health, UNFPA tailored this session to address key topics such as Sexuality Education, STI/HIV prevention, Adolescent Pregnancy, and Family Planning.

The four-hour session brought together 31 participants (22 boys and 9 girls), mostly regular users of the Malabo Youth Center. Through interactive discussions and informative presentations, UNFPA team fostered a safe space for young people to engage with these critical issues. This participatory approach facilitated open dialogue and encouraged the adoption of responsible sexual behaviors.

The session emphasized the right to sexual and reproductive health, empowering young people to make informed choices about their bodies and their futures. Participants also received informational materials to reinforce the messages shared during the session.

This initiative aligns with UNFPA's mandate to uphold the reproductive rights of young people and ensure that their needs are prioritized within development frameworks. By providing comprehensive sexual and

reproductive health education, UNFPA is equipping Equatorial Guinea's youth with the knowledge and tools they need to lead healthy and fulfilling lives.



Sensitization session, Malabo Youth Center, Photo credit, UNFPA-GE

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UNFPA Equatorial Guinea participates in the Central and West Africa Regional Workshop on Mainstreaming Gender-Based Violence, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Cash Transfers in the Humanitarian Context



Photo credit: UNFPA WCARO– family photo of workshop facilitators and participants.

Saly-Senegal 16-21 September 2024. Within the framework of capacity building of UNFPA staff, the UNFPA Equatorial Guinea office represented by the Gender Program Officer /IEC participated in Senegal from September 16-21 in the workshop on Gender Based Violence (GBV), Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and Cash Transfers (MT) in emergency situations.

The training focused on strengthening the skills of SRH and GBV program coordinators, managers and specialists to ensure robust and quality SRH and GBV responses in humanitarian contexts. By disaggregating SRH and GBV services, UNFPA can improve the effectiveness of its interventions and create a more sustainable, cost-effective and empowering environment for the beneficiaries of these services. The 24 participants gained in-depth knowledge, skills and practices to effectively respond to complex humanitarian challenges in the West and Central Arica Region (WCARO), ensuring the protection and well-being of affected populations, particularly women, girls and other vulnerable groups.

This activity was attended by the Regional Director of UNFPA WCARO, Mr. Senen Hunton, who in his opening remarks encouraged everyone to commit to work in humanitarian situations in order to achieve the change we want for the population and therefore our transforming results:

End preventable maternal deaths;

End unmet need for family planning;

And End Gender-Based Violence and harmful practices against women and girls.

The final objective of the workshop was to conceive and elaborate action plans for some of the 24 countries in the region to integrate SRH, GBV and CVA in humanitarian situations, which will then be implemented by the country offices. Equatorial Guinea presented its action plan, which was highly appreciated, applauded and positively received by the organizers.



UNFPA Equatorial Guinea Contributes to Global AIDS Monitoring Report, GAM 2024



Working session in Malabo, Photo credit, UNFPA-GE

Equatorial Guinea, October 1-20, 2024. UNFPA Equatorial Guinea office played a key role in the recent Global AIDS Monitoring (GAM) data collection exercise, contributing to the 2024 Global AIDS Report. This annual activity, conducted between October 1st and 20th, 2024, involved the Ministry of Health and United Nations agencies working together in joint program to gather crucial data on the HIV epidemic in the country.

What is the GAM Report? The GAM report is an essential tool for tracking and evaluating the progress of the HIV epidemic globally. It provides countries with up-to-date information to inform their responses to HIV/AIDS. The data collected through GAM helps to estimate key indicators such as HIV prevalence, incidence, and mortality, as well as assess the coverage and effectiveness of HIV prevention, treatment, and care programs.

UNFPA's Role in Equatorial Guinea

UNFPA supports initiatives that integrate HIV responses into sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services, focusing on preventing sexual transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs). For the 2024 GAM report, UNFPA Equatorial Guinea provided both technical and financial support for the data collection mission.

Data Collection Process

Before data collection began, a meeting was held to address areas for improvement identified in previous GAM exercises. This led to an update of the GAM/Spectrum data collection forms. Teams were then formed and trained, focusing on the collection of laboratory data, prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) data, and antiretroviral medication data.

Data was collected from 54 health facilities across the country, including:

- **Insular Region:** 5 hospitals and 21 health centers/clinics
- **Continental Region:** 13 hospitals and 16 health centers/clinics

The data collection process was completed successfully within the allocated timeframe. The information gathered will contribute to the 2024 Global AIDS Report, providing valuable insights into the HIV epidemic in Equatorial Guinea and informing future interventions to combat the disease.



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UNFPA joins the global community in launching the 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women & Girls in Equatorial Guinea



Group photo, Malabo, Photo credit, UNFPA-GE

Malabo, November 26th, 2024. – UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, joined the global community in launching the 16 Days of Activism campaign against gender-based violence (GBV) in Equatorial Guinea. The official launch event, held in Malabo, was chaired by the Minister of Gender Equality, Social Affairs and Crafts, underscoring the government's commitment to addressing this critical issue.

UNFPA's recent studies have highlighted the urgent need to address GBV in the country. The last Demographic and Health Survey reveals that 63% of women have experienced physical violence since the age of 15, and 32% have been victims of sexual violence. These findings emphasize the critical need for comprehensive action to prevent and address violence against women and girls.

This year's global theme, "Renewed commitment, accountability, resourcing. Towards Beijing +30: Unite to End Violence Against Women and Girls," calls for intensified efforts to combat GBV and strengthen accountability mechanisms to achieve gender equality.

In her address, the Minister of Gender Equality, Social Affairs and Crafts reinforced the government's commitment to ending GBV, stating, "The elimination of gender-based violence is a top priority for our government. We are dedicated to working with all partners to strengthen our legal framework, expand support services for survivors, and promote social and behavioral change to create a society where all women and girls are safe and empowered." This powerful statement highlights the government's dedication to addressing this critical human rights issue.

In her opening statement, the UNFPA Representative highlighted the urgency of the situation and called for collective action: "This annual event, taking place from November 25th to December 10th, provides a crucial opportunity to unite our efforts and take action against gender-based violence targeting women and girls." She emphasized the alarming prevalence of GBV in the country and reaffirmed UNFPA's commitment to supporting the government in its efforts to prevent and address violence, provide essential services to survivors, and promote social change.



Theater Group Bocamanja, Photo credit, UNFPA-GE

To mark the campaign launch, UNFPA presented the findings of two recent studies:

- **Mapping of GBV Support Services:** This study provides a comprehensive overview of available services for GBV survivors in Equatorial Guinea, including their location and accessibility.
- **Social and Gender Norms Preventing Reporting of GBV:** This research explores the social and cultural factors that hinder women from reporting violence, providing valuable insights for prevention and response efforts.

UNFPA Equatorial Guinea utilized a powerful combination of research, theater, and poetry to raise awareness and call for an end to GBV. By engaging youth in artistic activities, the campaign fostered a sense of collective responsibility and encouraged creative expression to address this critical issue.

Throughout the 16 Days of Activism, UNFPA will continue to mobilize stakeholders, advocate for inclusive strategies and programs, and promote women's leadership in policymaking and decision-making processes. By leveraging research, engaging communities, and empowering women and girls, UNFPA is dedicated to creating a world where all individuals are free from violence and can reach their full potential.



His Excellency The Minister of Gender Equality & Social Affairs, UNFPA Representative in Equatorial Guinea, and participants Photo credit, UNFPA-GE

UNFPA Launches First-Ever Journalist Network on Population and Development in Equatorial Guinea



Group photo of Journalists, Malabo, Photo credit, UNFPA-GE

Malabo, November 27-28, 2024. In a landmark initiative to strengthen media capacity and promote informed public discourse on critical population and development issues, UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, in partnership with ASOPGE *Asociación de Prensa de Guinea Ecuatorial*, launched the first-ever Journalist Network on Population and Development in Equatorial Guinea.

This milestone marked the culmination of a two-day capacity-building workshop held on November 27-28, 2024, which brought together 55 journalists (35 men and 20 women) from across the country. The opening ceremony was chaired by the Vice Minister of Communication, with the participation of the General Directors from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Interior, signifying the government's commitment to this initiative.

During the workshop, journalists received comprehensive training on key population and development concepts, including: **Demographic data analysis and interpretation** to understand the impact of population trends on society; **Identifying key demographic trends** to analyze their implications for national development; **Analyzing public policies to evaluate policies** related to population and development and **Developing informative stories** to promoting public debate and informed decision-making.

In her opening remarks, Hind Jalal, UNFPA Representative emphasized the importance of equipping journalists with the necessary tools to report accurately and objectively on population and development challenges and opportunities. Expressing gratitude to UNFPA for their initiative, the Vice Minister of Communication stated, "We are deeply grateful to UNFPA for their dedication to empowering our media professionals. The government is fully committed to supporting this network and ensuring its success in raising awareness and promoting informed dialogue on these vital issues". This commitment underscores the government's recognition of the crucial role media plays in national development.



Group photo of officials after the opening Ceremony, Malabo, Photo credit, UNFPA-GE

The workshop was met with great enthusiasm from participants. Salvador Mesie, a journalist from Bata, shared, "The seminar has been very interesting for me. As a journalist, I have been retrained through this workshop, and I have learned many things about how we, as communicators, can contribute to development on the different topics addressed."

José Antonio Ndong Obama Okomo, the President of ASOPGE expressed his hope that the network would "shed light and achieve the goals for which it was created," urging his fellow journalists to actively participate and contribute.

The establishment of this network signifies a crucial step towards fostering informed public discourse and evidence-based policymaking in Equatorial Guinea. By empowering journalists with knowledge and skills, UNFPA is investing in a future where population and development issues are understood and addressed effectively, contributing to the country's overall progress and the well-being of its people.



His Excellency Vice Minister of Communication, UNFPA Representative in Equatorial Guinea, and a journalist from TVGE Photo credit, UNFPA-GE

UNFPA Provides LT Contraceptive Access and Training to Healthcare Professionals in Equatorial Guinea



photo credit, UNFPA-GE- Training session at the Ebibeyin Provincial Hospital

In the Insular Region of Bioko and in the Continent, Equatorial Guinea, November, 2024,– The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Equatorial Guinea, in collaboration with the National Reproductive Health Program (PNSR) of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, recently concluded a successful training and distribution initiative focused on the self-injectable contraceptive, SAYANA PRESS. This initiative addressed the shortage of family planning methods experienced in the country.

UNFPA secured a significant supply of SAYANA PRESS (Medroxyprogesterone acetate injectable suspension 104 mg/0.65 mL, single-dose container), a single-dose prefilled syringe indicated for long-term female contraception. In November 2024, a joint UNFPA and PNSR team conducted in-service training sessions at 70 public health facilities across Bioko Island and the Continent, including 17 hospitals and 53 health centers. 306 healthcare professionals (248 females and 58 males) were trained on the administration and management of SAYANA PRESS. These professionals will now serve as trainers within their respective health facilities, ensuring widespread knowledge and availability of this contraceptive option to beneficiaries.

This effort reflects UNFPA's commitment to preventing unintended pregnancies and reducing maternal mortality in Equatorial Guinea. By providing access to a reliable contraceptive method and empowering healthcare providers with the necessary skills, UNFPA is advancing its mission to ensure reproductive rights and choices for all.



Training session in Sampaka, photo credit UNFPA E.G



Training session in Bariobe, Photo credit, UNFPA-E.G

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UNFPA Empowers Youth to Stand Against Gender-Based Violence in Equatorial Guinea



Photo credit: Flora Obama – family photo of the president of the NGO with the young people and adolescents

Malabo, December 5th, 2024 – On the heels of the 16 Days of Activism Global Campaign to end violence against women and girls, UNFPA Equatorial Guinea is taking proactive steps to engage and empower young people to become agents of change. On December 5th, 2024, UNFPA partnered with its Youth Advisory Group and the Foundation of Religious for Health (FRS) to conduct an impactful awareness-raising session at the Social Inclusion Center's Arts and Crafts program run by the NGO "De Gracias Recibisteis."

This initiative, aligned with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' UNiTE campaign to end violence against women by 2030, focused on educating and inspiring adolescent and young students about gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and human rights.

Three dynamic young leaders from the UNFPA Youth Advisory Group led a compelling discussion on the concepts of GBV, exploring its causes, consequences, and devastating impact on society. They emphasized the crucial role of men and boys in fostering relationships built on mutual respect, trust, and commitment. A Project Technician from the Foundation of Religious for Health (FRS) provided insights into the fundamental principles of human rights, highlighting their connection to GBV prevention.

The session was graced by the presence of Mrs. Maria Verena Alene Esono, President of the NGO "De Gracias Recibisteis" who delivered an inspiring message on the importance of GBV prevention and values education for both young men and women. Her presence underscored the civil society commitment to addressing this critical issue.

The interactive session fostered a high degree of participation from the 161 attendees (106 women and 55 men). The participants engaged actively, seeking clarifications and demonstrating a genuine interest in understanding GBV and its prevention. In addition to the informative discussions, participants received

awareness materials, including brochures, T-shirts, agendas, and pens, to further reinforce the messages and encourage continued engagement.

UNFPA Equatorial Guinea's commitment to youth empowerment shines through this initiative. By equipping young people with knowledge and inspiring them to become advocates for change, UNFPA is fostering a generation that will actively contribute to a future free from gender-based violence.



UNFPA Empowers IEC-Advocacy community workers in Equatorial Guinea



Photo credit: Flora Obama -Group photo, Malabo.

Malabo & Bata, Equatorial Guinea, December 2024 – Recognizing the vital role of community health workers in promoting health and well-being, UNFPA Equatorial Guinea recently conducted a capacity-building workshop for 100 community workers from the Ministry of Information (50 in Malabo y 50 in Bata). This initiative, part of the ongoing Information Education and Communication IEC-Advocacy program, aims to strengthen community voices and ensure that essential health information reaches even the most remote areas of the country.

These dedicated individuals are at the forefront of disseminating information and services related to:

- **Reproductive health:** Family planning, maternal health, safe motherhood.
- **Disease prevention:** HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis.
- **Gender-based violence prevention:** Raising awareness, providing support, and promoting community-led initiatives.

By enhancing their knowledge and skills, UNFPA is empowering these community health workers to effectively communicate critical information and promote positive behavior change within their communities. This workshop underscored UNFPA's commitment to:

- **Community health:** Recognizing the power of community-led initiatives in driving positive change and fostering ownership of health programs.
- **Capacity building:** Equipping individuals with the necessary tools, knowledge, and resources to make a tangible difference in their communities.
- **Leaving no one behind:** Ensuring that all communities, regardless of their location or socioeconomic status, have access to essential health information and services.

The workshop, held in both Malabo and Bata, provided a platform for interactive learning and knowledge sharing. Participants engaged in discussions on key health topics, learned new communication strategies, and received updated information and resources.

In his address, his Excellency the State Minister of Communication, Press and Culture, expressed deep gratitude for the continued partnership with UNFPA, highlighting the instrumental role the organization has played in supporting the IEC-Advocacy program since its inception in 1994. He emphasized that this collaboration has been vital in ensuring the program's sustainability and reach, enabling it to effectively disseminate crucial messages on a range of critical health issues. The Minister also recalled the origins of the IEC project, born from a shared vision with UNFPA to inform, educate, and communicate with the population on key population issues. This, he noted, has been instrumental in promoting positive behavioral change and advocating for policies and legislation that promote the well-being of the Equatoguinean people.

In her opening remarks, Mrs Hind Jalal, the UNFPA Representative expressed her gratitude to the Ministry of Information, Press and Culture for their longstanding partnership and commitment to the IEC-Advocacy program. She highlighted the program's evolution since its inception in 1994, noting key milestones such as the development of the "National Communication for Development Program" in 2011 and the training of district agents in 2012. This renewed commitment to the IEC-Advocacy program, reflected in the 2024-2028 country program, emphasizes UNFPA's dedication to strengthening community health systems and ensuring that no one is left behind in accessing essential health information and services.

Join UNFPA in celebrating the dedication and impact of community health workers in Equatorial Guinea! By investing in their capacity, we are investing in the health and well-being of communities nationwide.



Photo credit: Flora Obama-His Excellency the Minister of Communication and UNFPA Representative in Equatorial Guinea.

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Today marks a major milestone as we officially sign our Cooperation Framework with the Equatorial Guinea Minister of Foreign Affairs here in Malabo! 🇬🇵 This partnership paves the way for exciting progress. Now, let's channel that same energy into turning these plans into reality!



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UNFPA Equatorial Guinea & Ministry of Health achieved a major milestone by training 97 midwives on the MISP (Minimum Initial Service Package). The RC joined the closing ceremony, highlighting the importance of this training for emergency response preparedness. #SRHR #Midwives



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Today, #UNFPAEquatorialGuinea celebrates #WorldPopulationDay & launches the State of World Population Report 2024. We embrace the power of inclusive data to build a resilient future for all. #SWOP2024 highlights progress made & the work ahead to end inequalities in SRHR!



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Equatorial Guinea strengthens its commitment to human rights! A UNFPA-RCO supported training focused on finalizing the country's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) report and establishing a national mechanism for implementation. The Gov reaffirms its dedication to H. Rights progress

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UNFPA Guinea Ecuatorial @UNFPA_EQGuinea · Aug 12, 2024

Today, August 12, UNFPA and AISOS joined together to celebrate World Youth Day in the city of Bata, where more than 60 teenagers and young people gathered to discuss and reflect on the day dedicated to them and the theme of the year: Youth has agents of change for global goals.

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Hind Jalal @Hindjalal7 · Aug 12, 2024

Happy #InternationalYouthDay! 🎉 In #EquatorialGuinea, we're celebrating with exciting activities in Malabo & Bata led by our Youth Advisory Group & partners. #YouthLead the way to a more just, peaceful digital world. Let's empower them with the skills & opportunities they deserve

UNFPA Guinea Ecuatorial @UNFPA_EQGuinea · Aug 12, 2024

El día Mundial de la Juventud, esta dedicado a reconocer y resaltar la importancia de los jóvenes en la sociedad. Busca promover el papel de los mismos como socios esenciales en los procesos de cambio y crear conciencia sobre los desafíos y problemas que enfrentan a nivel global.

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Continuing with the Youth Day activities the UNFPA Youth Advisory Group has held a talk at the Malabo Youth Center on the theme of this 2024, "From clicks to progress: Youth digital pathways for sustainable development" emphasizing their role as actors for a sustainable future.

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UNFPA Guinea Ecuatorial @UNFPA_EQGuinea · Sep 4, 2024

Se concluye en Bata las jornadas de reflexión juvenil, organizadas entre la DG de Juventud y el UNFPA, con la colaboración de Aldeas Infantiles SOS, con un total de 73 jóvenes que abordaron diferentes temas, entre los que se destacan "El liderazgo juvenil" y mas.

Hind Jalal and 3 others

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UNFPA Guinea Ecuatorial @UNFPA_EQGuinea · Oct 9, 2024

🚫! Octubre es el mes de la concienciación sobre el cáncer de mama! 🚫
 La detección precoz salva vidas. Unámonos para concienciar, fomentar las revisiones periódicas y apoyar a las afectadas. 💪❤️
 #PinkOctober #HealthMatters

Pink October

Regular screenings, including mammograms, can detect breast cancer early, improving treatment success. Empower yourself and your loved ones by staying informed and proactive.

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💜 La sanidad de calidad es un derecho, no un privilegio. 💜
 Todas las mujeres merecen tener acceso a servicios sanitarios integrales, asequibles y respetuosos! Trabajemos juntos por un mundo en el que se priorice y proteja la salud de las mujeres! 🌍
 #HealthForAll #ReproductiveRights

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Every woman has the right to access quality health services including cancer screenings and treatments. No woman should be left behind due to barriers in

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Hind Jalal @Hindjalal7 · Oct 11, 2024

Adolescent girls dream of a brighter future. On this #DayOfTheGirl, celebrated each year on Oct 11, let's dismantle the barriers of child marriage, poverty & violence that stand in their way. It's time to empower girls, amplify their voices & support their journey to adulthood !!

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

UNFPA Guinea Ecuatorial @UNFPA_EQGuinea · Oct 25, 2024

Guinea Ecuatorial celebra el 24 de octubre, Día de las Naciones Unidas; las agencias del SNU y la RCO con varias actividades. Artistas de la talla de Angel Glamour, Grupo Delmaty, entre otros; amenizaron el acto de nuestras 79 bodas de oro 🏆

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Inmaculada Esperanza ANGUE ENEME ... @AngueEspe... · Nov 6, 2024

Ha sido un placer para mí tener que representar a GE, a mi grupo en este especial FORO PANAFRICANO de la juventud, celebrado en Argelia, Orán (1-4 noviembre) 2024. Por las iniciativas de todo el equipo de jóvenes que han estado con y por la juventud, por todo lo aprendido. Gracs

AFRICA YOUTH DAY

UNFPA Guinea Ecuatorial @UNFPA_EQGuinea · Oct 29, 2024

🚫 Este #octubreRosa, unámonos en la lucha contra el cáncer de mama. Las revisiones periódicas, los autoexámenes y la detección precoz son claves para salvar vidas. Corre la voz y empodera a las mujeres para que tomen el control de su salud. 💜
 #LaSaludImporta #OctubreRosa

Pink October

Women's health extends beyond breast cancer. A holistic approach to health care includes sexual and reproductive health, mental well-being and empowerment through education and support

UNFPA Guinea Ecuatorial @UNFPA_EQGuinea · Nov 22, 2024

30 técnicos de los diferentes ministerios, el INEGE y SNU; validaron el día 19, dos (2) informes: Mapeo de servicios VBG y Estudio de las razones por las mujeres no denuncian la VBG; que servirán al min...de Igualdad de Género en la actualización de sus datos y la planificación.

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New study alert! 📄 UNFPA Equatorial Guinea has released a comprehensive report mapping gender-based violence services in Equatorial Guinea. Discover key findings on prevalence, services, and gaps. Find the full study here: equatorialguinea.unfpa.org/es/publication...

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In the margins of the #16DaysOfActivism against gender-based violence, UNFPA Equatorial Guinea releases a new study! 📄 This report dives deep into the social & gender norms that prevent women from reporting violence. Find the full study here:

ESTUDIO SOBRE LAS NORMAS SOCIALES Y DE GENERO Y RAZONES POR LA...

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Hind Jalal @Hindjalal7 · Nov 26, 2024

UNFPA joined the global community in launching the 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women & Girls in #EquatorialGuinea. UNFPA's recent studies have highlighted the urgent need to address #GBV in EG. Research, Theater & Poetry: Let's use all means to SAY NO to GBV !!

UNFPA Guinea Ecuatorial and ONU Guinea Ecuatorial

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UNFPA Guinea Ecuatorial @UNFPA_EQGuinea · Nov 27, 2024

En el marco del lanzamiento de los 16 Días de Activismo ayer día 26, 2 Estudios fueron divulgados entre el MINASIG y el UNFPA; se trata del " Mapeo de servicios" y " Razones por las mujeres no denuncian la VBG" . Estuvo presente el Gobierno, Parlamento, Diplomáticos, SNU y OSC.

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UNFPA is thrilled to announce the launch of the first-ever Network of Journalists in #EquatorialGuinea on #Population& Dev. They will be empowered to report accurately on ICPD issues (Reproductive H, gender equality, youth empow). Together, we'll shape a brighter future for EG !

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Hind Jalal @Hindjalal7 · Nov 29, 2024

🎉 Big news from Equatorial Guinea! 🎉
 UNFPA and ASOPGE (Journalist Association) launched the first-ever Network of Journalists on Pop & Dev. 55 journalists trained to report accurately on these critical issues & to boost informed public discourse and evidence-based policymaking.

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Hind Jalal @Hindjalal7 · Dec 11, 2024

UNFPA is investing in the power of community voices in Equatorial Guinea!
 We strengthen the skills of 100 Community Workers from Ministry of Information who are vital in sharing information on Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS prevention & GBV with even the most remote communities.

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