



# NEWSLETTER-EQUATORIAL GUINEA

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## Message from Hind JALAL, Equatorial Guinea Resident Representative

I am pleased to introduce UNFPA Equatorial Guinea second half-yearly 2022 Newsletter, which marks the last six months of implementing of the fourth year of our 7<sup>th</sup> Country Programme 2019-2023. This newsletter focuses on our journey with our partners to accelerate the three transformative results: zero unmet need for family planning; zero preventable maternal deaths; and zero gender-based violence; in line with the Government Economic and Social Development Plan-PNDES 2035.

The Methodological Document of the Second Demographic and Health Survey (**DHS-II**) was endorsed during a workshop chaired by the Vice-Minister of Health. Given that DHS 2011 data are now obsolete, there is a strong need to conduct the second DHS. Updated quality data will allow monitoring the results of the national economic and social development plan 2035, as well as a better elaboration of the UN System development Cooperation Framework UNSDCF 2024-2028 as well as the different country program Documents.

UNFPA Equatorial Guinea CO celebrated relevant International days. The July 11<sup>th</sup> celebrations of World Population Day 2022, were organized together with the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Planning, UN Sister Agencies, the Private Sector, academia and NGOs. International Youth Day, was celebrated on August 12. Activities were organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and 5 NGOs. A set of activities, including the engagement of men and boys, were organized to celebrate the 16 Days of Activism to end Violence against women and girls, together with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Gender Equality and sister UN Agencies. As part of UN Day 2022 Celebrations, UNFPA and UNAIDS CO organized jointly awareness talks at the CANIGE Multilingual School, Malabo on HIV AIDS.

The Government of Equatorial Guinea and its partners CHEVRON and UNFPA organized a side event on the margins of United Nations General Assembly 77. Under the theme *Engaging with the Private Sector to Promote Reproductive Health*; on 21 September 2022, in New York. The event aimed to provide an opportunity for key stakeholders to share lessons from a public-private partnership, and explore innovative tools to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights in Africa.



To contribute to ending GBV, the CO carried out in Bata trainings of CSOs to eliminate socio-cultural and discriminatory norms, and came out with a plan to scale up capacity building efforts. The CO supported a young women, leader of an NGO to participate to the Youth Consultation in Dakar prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> African Union Conference on Positive Masculinity to End Violence against Women & Girls

As *Chair of the M&E Group*, UNFPA CO together with the RCO, successfully launched the 2019-2013 UNDAF evaluation. A dedicated team composed of international and national consultants are on board. Findings will inform the ongoing new UNSDCF preparation process.

The CO organized learning afternoons on Environmental Sustainability at the UN System. All staff were trained on GREENING THE BLUE.

I wish you a happy and prosperous new 2023 year, while expressing my most sincere gratitude to all our partners. I look forward to build on 2022 achievements and to work closely with our partners to help transform the lives of women and young people in Equatorial Guinea to leave no one behind, and to reach the furthest behind first.

*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. UNFPA helps countries find proactive and transformative pathways to thrive in a world of rapid demographic change.*

## UNFPA Equatorial Guinea and Civil Society Celebrate World Youth Day 2022



*Photo/ UNFPA-EQG/Flora: Family photo between the UNFPA RR, the Director of Civil Society and several youth NGOs*

**Malabo, 12 August 2022.** As part of the celebration of International Youth Day, 12 August 2022, under the theme "**Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a world for all ages**", United Nations Population Fund in collaboration of the Ministry of Youth - Civil Society Department - carried out a range of activities with 5 NGOs (HIDMA, IMEGE, MUSIMCA, the Voice of Youth and Youth for Sustainable Development-JDS). The latter was in charge of coordinating the activities of the thematic Forum during the youth week held on the 12th, 17th and 18th of August 2022.

The official launching ceremony of the activities was held at the Equatoguinean Cultural Center of Malabo with opening remarks of Mr. Elias ONDO MBANA, the Director of Civil Society and Mrs. Hind JALAL, Resident Representative of the United Nations Population Fund-UNFPA. Mrs. JALAL, shared as well with the assembly the Message of Mr António GUTERRES, the UN Secretary General. The event was attended by adolescent and youth from different backgrounds, Government representatives, sister UN agencies and the Guinean Civil Society organizations.

Under the slogan "**Putting Young People First**", more than 150 young people gathered at the above-mentioned center to be informed, trained and entertained by experts from different Government Departments, Banks, Companies, UNS and Civil Society members on the importance of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals-SDGs of the 2030 Agenda, the Ten-Year Plan, as well as the African Youth Charter.

During the Youth Week the young people received information and learned about different Panels on topics such as: Reproductive Health and Gender Equality; Intergenerational Collaboration; Collaboration for the Culture of Peace and Nonviolence; Intergenerational Collaboration on Poverty and Hunger; Internet Revolution in Cultural Industries and Tourism; Intergenerational Collaboration to achieve the SDGs.

Youth and adolescents were informed about the existence of Youth Platforms such as "MIRADA JOVEN", "VOICES ON YOUT" etc.. The activities of "World Youth Day 2022" were successfully concluded with a closing speech by the Director General of Civil Society.

## **The Ministry of Health and UNFPA Equatorial Guinea presented the Methodology of Demographic Health Survey - DHS II and the Final Report of the project "Reduction of Maternal and Neonatal Mortality"**



Photo Credit / UNFPA-EQG/Flora: Family photo during the launch of the EDSGE-II and the Project Report

**Malabo, August 31<sup>st</sup>, September 1-2, 2022.** The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and UNFPA Equatorial Guinea presented the Final Report of the "Maternal and Neonatal Mortality Reduction Project", implemented with Chevron support, and the Methodological Document of the Second Demographic and Health Survey (DHS-II). The event was chaired by the Vice-Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Mr. Mitoa ONDO AYEACABA and the Resident Representative of UNFPA, Ms. Hind JALAL with the participation of Mrs Diana ESPITIA, Regional Advisor, Corporate Affairs for Chevron Middle East, Africa and South America. 72 persons attended the event representing the Government, Development Partners, Private companies, academia, media and Sister United Nations agencies.

With regard to the DHS, and taking into account that the 2011 data are now obsolete, there is a strong need to conduct the second DHS in Guinea Equatorial. Updated quality data will allow monitoring the results of the national economic and social development plan 2035, as well as a better elaboration of the next UN System development Cooperation Framework UNSDCF 2024-2028 as well as the different country program Documents. DHS-II Methodological document, was presented by the Health Information System National Director.

Within the framework of the implementation of the Maternal Mortality Reduction Roadmap, UNFPA Equatorial Guinea engaged with Nobel Energy (now Chevron) and the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to reduce Maternal and Neonatal Mortality in the country. The project "Reduce Maternal and Neonatal Mortality (RMMNN) in provinces of Bioko North and Kie Ntem" was implemented from 2015 to March 2022. The project yielded substantive outcomes for beneficiaries, outlined by the National Coordinator of Reproductive Health, and stands as good practice to be shared widely and leveraged to reap additional support and interest from other Private Sector partners to advance reproductive health in Africa.

As a follow up to this pilot phase, a workshop was organized from 01 to 02 September to develop the main pillars to scale up this project to the other provinces of the country. A total of 5 working groups of 7 members each were constituted, including: obstetric fistula, maternal health, uterine and prostate cancers, sexual and

reproductive health, as well as primary health care. During the 2 days, the workshop was facilitated by Dr. Oumar BALDE, Counsellor of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. 44 persons participated daily.

The groups worked on the main objectives, outcomes, outputs, activities as well as the key indicators of the next phase of the project. The design was backed by strong results-based planning; including planning for a situation analysis, a mid-term and final evaluation and the formulation of a "Theory of Change" for the successful achievement of the expected results.

During the plenary session, the 5 groups reported back to the audience in the presence of Ms. Diana ESPITIA, Representative of the Chevron Company, Ms. Hind JALAL, Resident Representative of UNFPA and Mr. Florentino ABAGA, Director General of Public Health, who officially closed the event, representing H.E. Mr. Mitoa ONDO AYECABA, Vice-Minister of Health and Social Welfare.

### **UNFPA Equatorial Guinea conducts training for CSOs on the elimination of sociocultural and discriminatory gender norms that affect women and girls**



*Photo credit: UNFPA-EQG/Flora: Discussions and group work among NGOs during the workshop in the city of Bata.*

**Bata, September 15-17, 2022.** Within the framework of the implementation of the 7<sup>th</sup> Program of Assistance of the United Nations Population Fund to the Government of Equatorial Guinea covering the period 2019-2023, this activity contributes to achieve the UNFPA Transformative Goal: Zero gender violence, including harmful practices that mainly affect women and girls in the world in general and in Equatorial Guinea in particular. In this regard, from 15 to 17, the United Nations Population Fund with the support of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Gender Equality, carried out in Bata in the Conference Room of Ngolo; the Training of CSOs for the elimination of socio-cultural and discriminatory norms, with the aim of identifying NGOs that developed advocacy platforms, with the support of UNFPA to eliminate discriminatory gender and socio-cultural norms that affect women and girls, discuss the issue and propose a training plan for capacity building.

The opening ceremony was attended by H.E. Ms. M<sup>a</sup> Consuelo NGUEMA OYANA, Provincial Delegate on behalf of the Minister of Social Affairs and Gender Equality, and Ms. Flora Isabel M. Obama Mokuy, Program Officer on Communication/Gender on behalf of Ms. UNFPA Resident Representative.

The workshop was attended by 13 civil society organizations representatives working on Gender and Violence against women and girls, youth/adolescents and sexual and reproductive health. Namely: Equality and Women's Rights in Africa-IDHMA, S.O.S Children's Villages, African Women's Support Association-ASAMA, Lasting Action for the Environment-ADMAD, Positive Health-S+, De Gracias Recibisteis,

ADALBE Motiva, ADICOR, Equatorial Guinea Women's Association-AMGE, ASOJADE, GRAIFEM, CINGUER, CEMAC Youth and the MINASIGE.

A total of 26 people participated in the activity, including 10 men and 16 women, there were no disabled people, the participants ranged in age from 18 to 60 years and during the 3 days; they were trained on:

- Basic concepts of gender and gender-based violence types of violence and causes of GBV Discussions and exercise: the gender-based violence tree presented by Gender Program Officer, Flora Isabel M. Obama Mokuy.
- Elimination of Sociocultural Gender Norms Group work: discussion on the concepts, role and responsibilities of humanitarian actors and communities, improve understanding of the possible negative consequences for a survivor, by Ms. Eloísa Sales Ipúwa of NGO- ADMAD.
- Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation: considerations on the responsibility of all humanitarian actors in PSEA; adaptation to the context of Equatorial Guinea, by Ms. Anita Ichaicoto Topapori, NGO-IDHMA.

The training activities were successfully concluded with a draft Training Plan, workshop recommendations and a closing speech by the Provincial Delegate of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Gender Equality in Bata.

### **On the margin of United Nations General Assembly 77, the Government of Equatorial Guinea, Chevron and UNFPA-EG organized a side event to advance Reproductive Health - Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, New York**



*Photo credit: UNFPA- Family photo of the event*

**New-York 21 September 2022-** The international community is at a turning point in its efforts to achieve its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to drive and accelerate the implementation of Agenda 2030 during the Decade of Action. Indeed, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda adopted at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (July 2015) lays a solid foundation to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda as it provides a new global framework for financing sustainable development by aligning all financing flows and policies with economic, social and environmental priorities.

In this context, UNFPA Equatorial Guinea engaged with Nobel Energy (now Chevron) and the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to reduce Maternal and Neonatal Mortality in the country. A seven-year program (2015-2022) was implemented to **"Reduce Maternal and Neonatal Mortality (RMMNN) in the provinces of Bioko Norte and Kie Ntem"**.

The program achieved key transformative results and contributed to social and health system change that has led to a reduction in maternal and neonatal mortality. Sexual and reproductive rights have been promoted and women, adolescents and girls have been empowered to exercise their rights.

The Government of Equatorial Guinea and its partners Chevron and UNFPA in Equatorial Guinea organized a side event on the margins of United Nations General Assembly 77. Under the theme "**Engaging with the Private Sector to Promote Reproductive Health**" on 21 September 2022, in New York, the event aimed to provide an opportunity for key stakeholders to share lessons from a public-private partnership, and explore innovative tools to accelerate progress towards advancing sexual and reproductive health in Africa.



Chaired jointly by HE Mr. Simeón Oyono Esono Angue, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Equatorial Guinea and Mrs Diene Keita, UNFPA Deputy Executive Director with the participation of Mr Anatolio Ndong Mba, Chief Permanent Mission of Equatorial Guinea, HE Mitoa Ondo Ayecaba, Vice-Minister of Health and Social Welfare of Equatorial Guinea, Mr Gene Kornegay, President & Country Manager Chevron Equatorial Guinea, Mrs Argentina Matavel, UNFPA Regional Director for West and Central Africa and Mrs Hind Jalal, UNFPA Representative in Equatorial Guinea, this event was attended by decision-makers and key stakeholders, including government representatives, the private sector, heads of UN agencies, civil society organizations and academia.

The panel interventions and discussions clearly demonstrated how the private sector, Government and the UN System can work together to promote Reproductive Health and contribute with commitment and political will, innovation and a clear sense of purpose to move the needle to achieve the three transformative results at Country Level. That is ending Maternal Mortality; ending unmet needs of Family Planning and ending Gender based violence and harmful practices including child marriages. The panel concluded with a call for action to accelerate progress during the Decade of Action with a deliberate and systematic shift from funding to financing.



**UNFPA and UNAIDS Equatorial Guinea raise awareness among adolescents and young people at the CANIGE Multilingual Educational Center in celebration of United Nations Day 2022**



*Photo credit: Donaciano Eyegue Mangué - talks to secondary school teenagers at the CANIGE school in Malabo*

**Malabo, 20 October 2022.** UNFPA and UNAIDS address the fight against HIV from three fundamental strategies, namely the promotion of human rights and the reduction of inequalities; the integration of the response to HIV in sexual and reproductive health services; and the prevention of sexual transmission of HIV.

In this context, in Equatorial Guinea, the United Nations Population Fund - UNFPA and UNAIDS implement programs targeting young people, adolescents and women throughout the country, ensuring that they have access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services.

As part of United Nations Day 2022 Celebrations, UNFPA and UNAIDS offices in Equatorial Guinea organized jointly a session of talks at the CANIGE Multilingual School in Malabo, in the presence of Ms. Hind Jalal, UNFPA Resident Representative and Ms. Jeanne Seck Ndeng UNAIDS Resident Representative. The talks consisted of:

- Information and background on United Nations Day;
- UNFPA and UNAIDS: their missions and mandates;



- Sexual and reproductive rights of adolescents and youth: prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections; prevention of teenage pregnancies, pointing out the double need for women and girls to prevent HIV and unwanted pregnancies and to be free from violence, coercion, stigma and discrimination.

The talks concluded by the commitment from UNFPA and UNAIDS to adolescents and young people that both agencies will ensure a world in which all people can exercise their basic human rights, including those that relate to the most intimate and fundamental aspects of life to leave no one behind and reach the furthest behind first.

## UNFPA Equatorial Guinea raise awareness on Environmental Sustainability at the UN System: GREENING THE BLUE



*Photo credit: Flora Obama – Learning Afternoon Green the Blue- Malabo*

**Malabo, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.** The world is in a climate emergency – “a code red for humanity” **according** to the UN Secretary-General. The concentration of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the atmosphere is wreaking havoc across the world and threatening lives, economies, health and food. The world is far from securing a global temperature rise to below 2°C as promised in the Paris Agreement. With a baseline in 1990, some countries are emitting more, some the same and others are emitting less. As we are caught up in the triple planetary crisis: the climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss, each of these issues has its own causes and effects and each issue needs to be resolved if we are to have a viable future on this planet.

Against this backdrop, UNFPA Equatorial Guinea organized a learning afternoon on the UN initiative GREENING THE BLUE. Greening the Blue is a UNEP initiative to engage and support the UN System in the transition towards greater environmental sustainability in the management of its facilities and operations.

All staff took, jointly, the mandatory course “Greening the Blue” and reflected on the different modules of the course while calculating an estimation of each one’s footprint.

The session concluded with bold personal commitment ranging from reducing the use of plastic, reduce the speed when driving, eliminate unnecessary printing, recycle waste, review our way to prepare for meetings and trainings by minimizing folders content...

Hind Jalal, the UNFPA Representative, nominated the Office **Focal point Ms Flora Isabel M. Obama who will ensure the coordination and reporting on Greening the blue issues.** Under the leadership of the Representative, the Office will explore ways to mainstream the energy efficiency in program and operations. This will be implement through the following:

- Create a common shared vision for internal sustainability of programs and operations
- Align the UNFPA Equatorial Guinea CO's internal operations and programs with the environmental elements of the Sustainable Development Agenda
- Create space for innovation and promote individual accountability
- Propose indicators to track and prove progress within its Annual Work Plans.

Let us all GREEN THE BLUE NOW!

## UNFPA Equatorial Guinea supports the Youth Consultation in Dakar prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> African Union Conference on Positive Masculinity to End Violence against Women and Girls



Photo credit: Anita Hichaicoto – The Equatorial Guinea delegation at the Youth Consultation - Dakar

**Dakar, 10 November 2022.** The African Union (AU), the Government of Senegal and the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN), with the support of UNFPA, organized the Youth Consultation in preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference on Positive Masculinity to be organized in Dakar on November 10 under the theme: "Advancing Actions and Promotion of Positive Masculinity to End Violence against Women and Girls". In this context, a delegation of young people from the NGO ADALBE-MOTIVA, led by its Director, Mrs. Anita Hichaicoto Topapori, participated in the event from November 8 to 10 to represent Equatorial Guinea with the support of the UNFPA Equatorial Guinea Country Office.

The Youth Consultation took place on November 8 at the esplanade of the Museum of Black Civilizations in Dakar with the participation of young people from the African Union. The Youth Consultation came up with key recommendations to address the challenges of implementation and leverage success stories that will be presented to the Heads of State and Government during the Conference of Heads of State of November 10, 2022.

The objectives of the Heads of State Conference on November 10 are to review the progress made since 2021, identify gaps in the implementation of the Kinshasa Declaration, reflect on new ideas emerging on current trends, discuss possible ways to address these challenges and how young people can play a key role in this regard.

This Conference is a continuation of the 1<sup>st</sup> which was organized on November 25, 2021 in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls. The Kinshasa Declaration and Call to Action on Positive Masculinity was subsequently adopted as a decision of the AU Assembly at the AU Heads of State Summit in February 2022. The Declaration and Call to Action, among other things, urges AU Heads of State to report annually on measures taken and progress made to end violence against women and girls in Africa.

The Youth Consultation hosted youth from the 55 countries of the African Union and took the form of thematic brainstorming sessions chaired by the Senegalese Ministry of Women, Family, Gender and Child Protection, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Youth, the Ministry of Employment and Entrepreneurship, and the agencies of the United Nations system in Senegal.

### **Working meeting between the National Institute of Statistics and UNFPA on the 2nd Demographic and Health Survey - DHS-II 2023.**



*Photo credit: Flora Obama – RR meeting with INEGE officials- Malabo*

**Malabo, 11 November 2022.** The UNFPA Resident Representative, Ms. Hind Jalal, held a technical coordination meeting this morning around 11:00 am with the Deputy Director General of the National Institute of Statistics (INEGE), to discuss the implementation of the second Demographic and Health Survey 2023 in the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

The meeting was attended by the Assistant Representative of UNFPA, the Head of the Demographic and Social Statistics Section and the Head of the Census and Surveys Section of INEGE. The meeting took place in an atmosphere of mutual understanding between the parties and they agreed, among other things, to hold monthly technical meetings in preparation for the second DHS and other statistical activities of mutual collaboration.

### **"A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all - Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all"**

**Malabo, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022-** The global population is projected to reach 8 billion on 15 November this year. The "Day of 8bn" presents a vital opportunity to draw the world's attention to the infinite possibilities of humanity to build the world we want, with sexual and reproductive health and rights for all at its core.

As eight billion, we have the power to shape our common futures. And by protecting individual rights, we can unlock the unlimited potential of people around the world to address the challenges facing their societies and the global problems imperiling us all.

***Rapid growth is both cause and symptom of slow progress in development***

For low-income and lower-middle-income countries, the continuing high levels of fertility that drive rapid population growth are both a symptom and a cause of slow progress in development. Rapid growth poses various challenges to the achievement of SDGs related to schooling, public health, housing, water and sanitation, employment and poverty. Rapidly growing numbers of children and youth in low-income countries can hamper progress towards ensuring inclusive and equitable education and healthy lives and well-being for all. Yet returns from investing in the human capital of children and young people are manifold, generating virtuous cycles that can lift individuals, families and societies out of poverty and reduce inequality. A significant increase in public expenditures will be required to meet the needs of the growing population of children and youth in low-income countries.

### ***Planning for the next billion can benefit from demographic foresight***

Changes in population size and composition are largely foreseeable, having been shaped by demographic processes that unfold over decades. Understanding these changes requires the systematic collection and analysis of data from population censuses and civil registration systems. Informed planning for population changes can help to accelerate progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular those related to poverty, health, education, gender equality and the environment. Policymakers should incorporate present and future population trends in all aspects of development planning, identifying areas where programmes can be scaled up to reach growing numbers of people in need, as well as areas where the shifting demographic profile offers opportunities to accelerate progress towards sustainable development while ensuring that no one is left behind.

*People are the solution, not the problem. Experience shows that investing in people, in their rights and choices, is the path to peaceful, prosperous and sustainable societies.* – Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director



## UNFPA Equatorial Guinea and the Ministry of Gender Equality-MINASIGE celebrate jointly the 16 Days of Activism to end Violence against women and girls – 2022



Photo credit: Miguel Ángel Suakin: Family photo of the official ceremony - Hotel Colinas-Malabo.

**Malabo, 09 December 2022.** On the occasion of the celebration of the "16 Days of Activism to end Violence against women and girls" that started from November 25 to December 10; the United Nations Population Fund, UNFPA Equatorial Guinea, together with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Gender Equality and sister UN Agencies in Equatorial Guinea organized a series of activities, under the 2022 theme **UNiTE! Activism to end violence against women and girls**. This campaign contributes each year to fight violence against women and girls through multiform interventions including the engagement of men and boys as actors of change.

The objective of the campaign is to mobilize all the networks All UNiTED to (i) Increase awareness among women, men, girls and boys on the importance of protecting women and girls and the consequences of violence against women/girls; (ii) Advocate for inclusive strategies, programs and resources to prevent and eliminate violence against women at all levels; (iii) Promote the leadership of women and girls (iv) mobilize state actors, civil society organizations, international organizations, the private sector and all other entities to support actions to combat violence against women technically, materially and financially.

The launching ceremony was held at the Colinas Hotel in the city of Malabo, and was chaired by Her Excellency the Minister of Social Affairs and Gender Equality, Ms. M<sup>a</sup> Consuelo Nguema Oyana; Her Excellency the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Secretary of State in charge of Economic Affairs, Ms. M<sup>a</sup> Ángeles Miaga Bibang; the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System, Ms. Anna Marttinen Pont and the Resident Representative of UNFPA, Ms. Hind Jalal. The event was attended by government officials; UN sister agencies Resident Representatives; embassies and other diplomatic representations; UNFPA partners and donors; survivors of gender-based violence and civil society organizations, with the presence of the 2nd Deputy Secretary of the P.D.G.E, in charge of Women empowerment, militant Sister Judit Nfono Ngomo.

The meeting began with the address of the United Nations Resident Coordinator, Anna Marttinen Pont, who highlighted that "the United Nations in Equatorial Guinea is determined to work hand in glove with the government, and all other partners to coordinate events and activities at national and local levels and advocate for inclusive, comprehensive, and long-term strategies, programs and resources to prevent and respond to Violence Against Women and Girls, to change the prevailing narratives and promote an environment free from all kinds of violence".

During the event the consultant Mr Salvador José Eló, presented the main findings of the "**Study on the situation of Violence against Women in Equatorial Guinea-2022**" and UNFPA disseminated hard copies of this research, to more than 65 participants present at the event. The participants were also informed about the chain of services provided to survivors of gender based violence by the Delegations of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Gender Equality. A music

entertainment was performed by a young artist Mr Julian Evita, who entertained the event with 2 songs: "**LA ESPERANZA HO MUJER**" and "**ÚNETE HO MUJER**".

The ceremony continued with Hind JALAL, UNFPA Representative in Equatorial Guinea, through the reading of the United Nations Secretary General message, who called to “proudly declare: We are all feminists. Let’s consign violence against women and girls to the history books”.

In her address, M<sup>a</sup> Consuelo Nguema Oyana, Minister of Social Affairs and Gender Equality, calls on all of us: men, women, families, communities, leaders at all levels, government officials, to develop an inclusive approach to fight gender based violence.

At the national level, more than 500,000 people, women, men, young people and adolescents were sensitized through communication and awareness talks on gender violence in the different provincial and district delegations and through television, radio, posters, social networks, etc....

## **The United Nations Population Fund-UNFPA Guinea Equatorial celebrates the International HIV/AIDS Day 2022**



*Photo credit: Flora Isabel M. Obama: talks to the adolescents of the 3rd ESBA, Doña Teresa Center, Potao-Malabo.*

**Malabo, 28-29-30 November 2022.** As part of the celebration of World HIV/AIDS Day on December 1st, under the slogan **EQUALITY NOW!** UNFPA Guinea Equatorial together with the NGO SOS Children's Villages, carried out several activities targeting schools and youth centers in Malabo, namely: Santa Rufina, Divino Pastor, Virgin Mary of Africa, y Dña. Teresa.

More than 500 young people and adolescents from the 3rd, 4th ESBA and 1st BACH levels received information and were sensitized on HIV/AIDS/STIs/Adolescent Pregnancy. IEC materials (brochures, banners and T-shirts) were distributed to all participants.

HIV-AIDS is a challenge that Equatoguineans have been facing for more than three decades. The Government of Equatorial Guinea, through the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, has allocated human and financial resources to implement, expand and optimize the fight against this epidemic. However, it is very difficult to implement a national

response to prevent and control HIV/AIDS if it is analyzed in isolation at the health level without addressing the social norms and other underlying factors that prevent adolescent and youth, especially women and girls to protect themselves from HIV/AIDS.

The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, as the governing body of health in the country, through the National Program to Combat HIV/AIDS/STI, together with UN agencies, such as the United Nations Population Fund- UNFPA, are joining action to achieve a greater impact, and to target young people aged 14 to 24 years. They are also engaging with NGOs to promote preventive actions through innovative, artistic and tailored approaches in the country.

### **UNFPA and the NGO SOS Children's Villages raise awareness of HIV/AIDS/STI prevention among adolescents and young people in the city of Bata, as part of the celebration of World AIDS Day**



Photo credit: Donaciano Eyegue-Information and awareness talks to teenagers and teachers at the "INES Padre Luis Monti" school in Bata City.

**Bata from November 28 to December 1, 2022.** The UNFPA Country Office in Equatorial Guinea and the NGO SOS Children's Villages, in the framework of the celebration of World AIDS Day, December 1st, whose theme this year has been "EQUALITY NOW", have organized several information and awareness sessions on HIV/AIDS/STIs aimed at adolescents and young people in four schools (INES Ndjong Melen, INES Carlos Lwanga, INES Padre Sialo and INES Padre Sialo), organized several information and awareness-raising sessions on HIV/AIDS/STI aimed at adolescents and young people in four schools (INES Ndjong Melen, INES Carlos Lwanga, INES Padre Sialo and INES Padre Luis Monti), the SOS Children's Villages orphan boarding school, and at the SOS health center that serves most of the young people in the city of Bata.

A total of **262 adolescents and young people of both sexes and secondary school level (ESBA)** participated in these activities and were sensitized and informed on the issue of HIV/AIDS/STIs/unwanted pregnancies, of which **120 boys**, representing 45.80%, and **142 girls**, representing 54.20%, where different IEC material, consisting of T-shirts and information brochures on the subject of HIV/AIDS/STIs were distributed to the participants.

The information and awareness sessions on HIV/AIDS/STIs/END were mainly based on: prevention, transmission, stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV, prevention of early teenage pregnancies, responsible sexuality, sexual rights, and the reduction of inequalities.

To stop the spread of HIV infection among adolescents and young people in the country, the government, through the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in its National Program to Combat HIV/AIDS/STIs,

Non-Governmental Organizations, and Development Partners, are joining efforts in the fight against HIV, in order to prevent new infections among young people aged 14 to 24 years.

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I was pleased to visit the Baney Pilot District Health Center (Equatorial Guinea) with the presence of the Vice-Minister of Health. This is a pilot district to be scaled to other provinces in the country. Reinvesting District health care is a priority for the Gov. [@UNFPA\\_EQGuinea](#)



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On the margin of UNGA 77, the Gov of Equatorial Guinea and its partners Chevron and UNFPA-EG organized a successful Side Event "Engaging with the Private Sector to advance Reproductive Health" attended by more than 60 persons. A great opportunity to highlight the good work in EG



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On the margin of UNGA 77 in New York, I was privileged and honored to meet with our @UNFPA Executive Director Dr Natalia Kanem. Such an inspiring and captivating Leader



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Ms Diene Keita, UNFPA Deputy Executive Director, called for a reinvigorated partnership that transforms the status quo, facilitates the acceleration towards SDGs and includes the Private Sector during the Side Event organized in NY by Gov-Chevron-UNFPA-Equatorial Guinea. UNGA 77



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Our Dakar WCA Reps Retreat just ended with bold commitments on how to move the needle towards the 3 Transformative Results. It was an energizing get together to learn, interact and share.



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As we commemorate the 10th anniversary of International Day of the Girl 2022, let us make sure that in the countries we serve, a girl's life begin the way every life should: as an open book in which she writes her own story. Let us act with urgency to end child marriage



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On Oct 24, we had a joyful celebration of UN Day 22 in the UN premises in Malabo with the presence of several members of the Gov, the diplomatic community, CSOs and all staff. An artistic show & an Exhibition of pictures of key achievements of UN agencies was appreciated by all.



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The NGO ADALBE-MOTIVA participates from 8-10 to the 2nd AU Conference on #masculinitepositive in Senegal with the support of @UNFPA\_EQGuinea , in order to contribute in mechanisms to prevent Gender violence and achieve Gender Equality in Africa and @guineaecuat1968



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The global population is projected to reach 8 billion on Nov, 15th, 22. As 8 billion, we have the power to shape our common futures. Let us ACT to unlock the unlimited potential of people around the world to address the challenges we face and the global problems imperiling us all



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On Nov 25, the Inter Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, UNFPA Equatorial Guinea stands with its UN partners and the UN Secretary General's UNiTE Campaign in calling upon governments & allies to ACT now to end violence against women and girls in all their diversity



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Program team @UNFPA\_EQGuinea participates for 5 days, to the @UNFPA\_WCARO Regional Workshop on the #CPD for the programming of the Strategic Plan Roadmap 2022-2025, in order to achieve our 3 transformative outcomes: end to preventable GM, end to FP need and end to GBV.



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UNFPA- EG, together with the Ministry of Social Affairs and UN sister Agencies celebrated the 16 days of activism under the theme "UNiTE Activism to end violence against women & girls". "We are all feminists. Let's consign violence against women & girls to the history books" UNSG



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The UNFPA EQG country office, today on retreat at the Sofitel Sipopo-Malabo Hotel, to evaluate the activities of the year 2022 and plan the remaining 2023 of the Seventh Program. Objective, to improve our work to achieve the 3 Zeros, our transformative ICPD and Ag. 2030 results.



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