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Message from Hind JALAL, Equatorial Guinea Resident Representative

I am thrilled to introduce UNFPA Equatorial Guinea second half-yearly 2023 Newsletter, which marks the last six months of implementing of the fifth and last year of our 7th Country Program 2019-2023. This newsletter highlights major achievements and focuses on our journey with our partners to accelerate the achievement of our three transformative results: zero unmet need for family planning; zero preventable maternal deaths; and zero gender-based violence.

UNFPA Equatorial Guinea 8th CPD 2024-2028 was approved by the Executive Board on August 2023. It represents an ambitious roadmap developed in line with the national priorities identified by the Government in its Agenda 2035 and in line with the new UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2024-2028 and the UNFPA Strategic Plan 2022-2025.

A notable achievement was the launch of the CO first Youth Advisory Group last December. The group is composed of girls and boys from different background including one girl and one boy with disability. They will advise the CO on different youth issues and will ensure to better address their concerns.

Equatorial Guinea CO also built strong ties with the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) who pledged support for the development of DHS-II.

In addition, our partnership was strengthened with 2 new local partners: SOS Children's Villages and Foundation of Religious for Health "FRS". Memorandums of Understanding were signed with the two organizations to establish a framework of cooperation in the field of sexual and reproductive health and the prevention and elimination of gender-based violence.

To advocate for continuous commitment to the ICPD agenda, UNFPA supported the development of the national report assessing the level of compliance with the ICPD plan of action beyond 30 and the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development in Africa (AADPD) beyond its 10th anniversary. A high-level delegation headed to the Lusaka Meeting to share lessons and assess progress and gaps for the 10 years review of the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development.



Another exciting development is that UNFPA supported the government in launching the preparation for the digitized Census 2025 and will continue to provide support throughout the process, ensuring that the census adheres to the highest international principles and standards.

As Chair of the M&E Group, UNFPA CO together with the RCO, successfully completed the 2019-2013 UNDAF evaluation. Findings informed the ongoing new UNSDCF 2024-2028 to be signed early 2024.

I wish you a happy and prosperous new 2024 year, while expressing my most sincere gratitude to all our partners. I look forward to build on 2023 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.

With gratitude, Hind_Jalal

Building new partnerships to accelerate the achievement of the 3 zeros

The Foundation of Religious for Health "FRS" and the United Nations Population Fund-UNFPA, sign a collaboration agreement in Equatorial Guinea





Signing of the MoU between UNFPA R.R. Ms. Hind Jalal and FRS Representative Ms. Paulina Djombe - Photo credit: UNFPA/ EQG- Flora Obama –

Malabo, November 10th, 2023. Dr. Paulina Dyombe, Representative of the Foundation of Religious for Health (FRS), and Dr. Hind Jalal, Resident Representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), signed on November 10th, 2023 a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a framework for cooperation in the field of sexual and reproductive health and the prevention of gender-based violence. This agreement seeks to strengthen the partnership between the two organizations and improve the quality of and access to health services for all people, with special attention to women, girls, adolescents and young people. The memorandum of understanding includes four areas of activity in which FRS and UNFPA will work together. These are 1) the generating evidence through studies and research in the areas of SRH-HIV, GBV/PSEA for the improvement of health data, 2) the advocacy for the implementation of policies, laws and plans on sexual and reproductive health and gender equality, the 3) Strengthening of the health system at institutional, human resources, planning and procurement levels and 4) the prevention of violence against women, girls, adolescents and young people to achieve gender equality.

Dr. Dyombe expressed her satisfaction for the signing of the agreement and highlighted the commitment of FRS to improve the quality of life and health of the most vulnerable people in the country. For her part, Dr. Jalal thanked FRS for their trust and support and reaffirmed UNFPA's mandate to contribute to sustainable development, human well-being and respect for sexual and reproductive rights.



SOS Children's Villages and the UNFPA sign collaboration agreement in Equatorial Guinea



Signing of the MoU agreement between UNFPA R.R. Ms. Hind Jalal and SOS Children's Villages National Director Mr. José Galey. Photo credit: UNFPA/EQG-Flora Obama

Malabo, 6 December 2023. The National Director of SOS Children's Villages in Equatorial Guinea Mr Jose Galey Chica and Dr. Hind Jalal, Resident Representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), signed on 6 December in Malabo a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a framework of cooperation in the field of sexual and reproductive health and the prevention and elimination of gender-based violence. The MoU aims to strengthen the partnership between the two organizations and improve the quality and access to sexual and reproductive health services for all people, with special attention to women, girls, adolescents, and young people.

The MoU includes three areas in which SOS and UNFPA will work together to carry out activities in 2024:1) the development, promotion and prevention activities in Sexual and Reproductive Health, including preventing HIV/AIDS and STIs transmission, 2) the prevention of violence against women, girls, adolescents and young people to achieve gender equality, and 3) the joint development of projects in favor of Youth, in Sexual and Reproductive Health, Gender based Violence and the prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse -PSEA.



Engaging in advocacy activities for continuous commitment for ICPD+ 30

A high-level delegation from Equatorial Guinea participates in the Lusaka meeting to review AADPD+ 10 Achievements



The Honorable Minister Delegate for Health and Social Welfare delivering his address

Lusaka, 7-10 November 2023. In the framework of the Extraordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Health, Population and Drug Control and with the support of the United Nations Population Fund-UNFPA Equatorial Guinea, a high-level delegation from Equatorial Guinea led by the Minister Delegate of Health and Social Welfare H.E. Mr. Justino Obama Nvé participated from 7 to 10 November, in Lusaka to the Ten-Year Review of the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development in Africa beyond 2014 (AADPD +10). The main objective was to Celebrate Africa's ICPD achievements, and provide a vision for the future, identifying emerging challenges and opportunities for acceleration.

The Equatorial Guinean technical team assisting the Minister Delegate composed of Dr. Hilario and Dr. Balde contributed substantially to the validation of the consolidated report of the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development (DAAPD +10) and the Delegation under the leadership of the Minister Delegate committed to the full implementation of ICPD Programme of Action in Equatorial Guinea.



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Capacity Building GBV/Essential Sexual and Reproductive Health Services

UNFPA conducts a Training of Trainers for 60 beneficiaries on gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health services Essential Services Package



Photo credit/ UNFPA-EQG Flori

Family photo during the workshop at the headquarters of the Ministry of Gender Equality.

Malabo and Bata, 4-15 September 2023. UNFPA aims to enhance country and sector capacities to deliver integrated Gender based Violence (GBV) and Sexual Reproductive Health services in Equatorial Guinea. The provision of the Essential Services Package (ESP) for Women and Girls Subject to Violence aims to ensure the provision of quality and coordinated essential health, police, justice, police and social services; to respond to the consequences that violence has on the well-being, health and safety of women and girls and to support women's and girls' protection and empowerment.

In this regard and under the leadership of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Gender Equality, UNFPA successfully carried out this Trainings of Trainers (ToT) to strengthen the capacities of 60 beneficiaries to implement a quality multi-sectoral approach to gender-based violence and apply it in the national context. The ToT was delivered by Mr Pedro Javier GUERRA, GBV Specialist from UNFPA Regional Office in Dakar with the support of Equatorial Guinea Country Office staff members and officials from the Ministry of Health.

These Trainings of Trainers took place in Malabo from 4 to 8 September and in Bata from 11 to 15 September. The opening ceremony was co-chaired by Mrs Consuelo NGUEMA OYANA, the State Secretary of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Gender Equality and Mrs Hind JALAL the UNFPA Equatorial Guinea Resident Representative.

At the end of the trainings, that lasted 0 days, 5 days in Malabo and 5 days in Bata, the 60 participants (judges, policemen, social workers, delegates, gendarmes, NGOs, health workers, etc...) have been capacitated with the necessary skills to implement GBV ESP in Equatorial Guinea. Participants also acquired knowledge and skills on the GBV clinical case management. All beneficiaries received their certificates as well as the workshop modules in hard copies and electronic formats to enable them to replicate the content of the training in their respective sectors.







UNFPA, UNICEF and FRS strengthen the capacities of more than 80 participants-delegates, social workers and mental health focal points on equality and the elimination of gender-based violence.



Participants interacting and discussing during the working groups in the workshop

Malabo and Bata, October and November 2023. With the aim of deepening concepts, principles, and measures to be taken by delegates, social workers and mental health focal points in cases of gender-based violence, including sexual exploitation and abuse against adolescents and young people. Technicians from UNFPA, UNICEF and FRS, Flora Isabel M. Obama, Mª Andrea Lopresti and Lucía Yarza, conducted a series of workshops in Malabo and Bata to strengthen the capacities of more than 80 participants from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Gender Equality and the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.

In the continental region, workshops were held in Bata on 3, 4, 5 October for the provinces of Littoral, Centre-South, Wele-Nzás, Kie-Ntem and Djibloho; with a total of 46 participants: 1 provincial delegate, 27 social workers, 9 mental health focal points and 9 secretaries/administrative staff.

In the island region, the workshop took place in Malabo, where participants from Bioko-North and Bioko-South met on 9 November, with a total of 36 participants.

The sessions were developed in an interactive environment with a high degree of participation through the following topics:

- 1. Basic concepts and guiding principles of Gender-Based Violence (GBV).
- 2. The cycle of gender-based violence and care for the victim of gender-based violence.
- 3. Sexual abuse and exploitation as a type of gender-based violence and the United Nations' Zero Tolerance Policy against sexual abuse and exploitation.

At the end of the trainings, the participants were trained on the causes, types, consequences and factors that contribute to violence (the gender-based violence tree); as social workers they were also informed about the attitude they should adopt and the role they have to play towards a survivor of violence, with regard to the personcentered approach; putting into practice the 4 principles: Safety, Confidentiality, Respect and Non-discrimination to victims. They also received information on the draft protocol for the care of victims of GBV that is pending approval by the government.

Regarding PSEA, it was noted that most participants are not familiar with these types of crimes, their characteristics, and consequences for the victims. It is worth mentioning that in this session a case study was presented in which an adult aid worker committed a crime of sexual exploitation against an adolescent refugee girl.









Training of Trainers organized at the Provincial level in prenatal control, family planning and Comprehensive Sexual Education for health professionals and teachers.





Different scenes of the CPN, PF and ES trainings to health workers and teachers of the Ministry of Education

Isla Bioko Norte and Continent, October and November 2023. UNFPA and the National Program of Reproductive Health (PNSR) of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare jointly organized nationwide, Training of Trainers targeting health professionals in prenatal care (PCN), Family Planning (FP); and for teachers and health workers in Sexual Education, prevention, and fight against gender-based violence.

The national counterpart has taken on this intervention strategy aimed at capacity building and expected results, with a short-term perspective.

Photo credit: UNFPA/EQG- Donaciano

The trainings were developed as follows: 1) 50 health professionals were trained in CPN (33F/17M); training of 50 health professionals in FP (33F/17M); and training of 50 professionals between teachers and Primary Health Care health professionals in Sexual Education and GBV (27M/23F).

Between first October and end November, a total of 150 professionals were trained as trainers in prenatal control, family planning and sex education at the national level in Equatorial Guinea.

The main recommendations from the trainings were as follows:

- Need to establish core groups of facilitators or trainers in prenatal control (CPN), family planning (FP) and Sexual Education and prevention and fight against gender-based violence (ES/GBV), with a strategic intersectoral and intergovernmental approach;
- UNFPA will accompany and support the establishment and launching of these technical teams;
- Need to develop training modules with professionals from different sectors (Health and Education);
- Share and duplicate the experience of the training of Trainers in CPN, FP and GVB jointly by the Ministry of Health (MINSABS) and UNFPA;
- Need to contextualize and incorporate cultural sensitivities in Sexual Education (SE) modules;
- Need to mainstream gender, in a cross-cutting manner, in NFP, FP and GBV training;
- Trainings are more effective when the methodology is experiential, participatory and interactive;
- The contents of training programs need to focus on evidence;
- Promote continuous and/or peer-to-peer training as an effective learning method.

All participants expressed gratitude to UNFPA and committed to duplicate the training to their peers when back to work.

Training on "Scaling up best practices in family planning (FP), using human rights-based and gender-transformative approaches



Family photo with the UNFPA Regional Director for West and Central Africa on the forecourt of the Mandela Conference Room of the ROYAL BAOBAB Hotel, Somone - Senegal.

Somone (Mbour), Senegal, from 31 October to 03 November 2023.

UNFPA Regional Office for West and Central Africa organized a capacity building training on "Scaling up best practices in family planning (FP), using human rights-based and gender equality transformative approaches". The training adopted an integrated vision that aims to accelerate the achievement of UNFPA's three transformative outcomes, using improved coverage of unmet need for family planning (FP) and leaving no one behind, including in Nexus (humanitarian, development and peace) contexts in Africa. The main objectives were to Identifying strategies to improve coverage of unmet need for family planning through scaling up best practices using human rights-based approaches and gender equality transformative approaches, especially in humanitarian contexts. Among the 18 countries convened for this workshop, Dr Donaciano Eyegue Mangue, the Sexual and Reproductive Health Program Officer took part to the training on behalf of UNFPA Equatorial Guinea CO.

Participants were provided with the knowledge and skills needed to implement best practices in family planning (FP), using human rights-based and gender-transformative approaches. Following the training, the next steps were identified as follows:

- Country Offices shall identify priority Family Planning activities for 2024 and communicate them to the Regional Office (by December 31, 2023).
- The Regional Office will review the technical assistance needs and integrate them into its work plan for 2024 (by 31 January 2024).
- The Regional Office will continue to share tools and updates for the application of the BDH and ETIG approaches to FP (ongoing activity).
- The Regional Office and Country Offices will include BDH and ETIG approaches in their resource mobilization efforts (ongoing activity).
- The Regional Office will work with HQ to provide guidance and training to Country Offices on the Acceleration Plan and Strategic Plan (after revision).

Dr Donaciano Eyegue Mangue, Sexual and Reproductive Health Program Officer is taking action in this regard, and planning accordingly with the Health Sector stakeholders to address PF issues in Equatorial Guinea and accelerate the pace in reaching zero unmet needs in FP in Equatorial Guinea.

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Commemorative days and events

United Nations Population Fund-UNFPA and the Ministry of Gender Equality celebrate 16 Days of Activism in Equatorial Guinea



Family photo with the young people and participants of the 16 Days of Activism launch event.

Malabo, 27 November 2023. The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence is an international campaign that starts every year on 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and ends on 10 December, Human Rights Day. The aim is to highlight the fact that violence against women is the most widespread violation of human rights worldwide.

The 2023 theme of the UNiTE campaign is "Investing to prevent violence against women and girls" and will focus on the importance of funding prevention strategies to prevent violence from happening in the first place. In this regard, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Equality and UNFPA held the official launch of the activities at the Colinas Hotel in Malabo, chaired by HE the State Secretary of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Gender Equality MINASIGE, HE the State Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Hind Jalal UNFPA Representative in Equatorial Guinea with the participation of representatives from the government, the Diplomatic Corps, Academia, Civil Society, Donors, Partners and UN sister Agencies.

Among the main activities to be carried out are awareness-raising talks in different schools, awareness-raising activities in neighborhood communities, digital campaign on social networks, exhibition of drawings and poems by children on the theme of the year, communication and awareness-raising activities among 500,000 to 7000 people (men and women, young people, teenagers) on gender-based violence, nationwide.

It is worth highlighting the presentation of three papers during the launching ceremony, outlining the main achievements on the protection mechanism on Gender based violence in Equatorial Guinea; the package of services to victims of violence and justice services with the topic "Knowing the family judicial processes", which were presented by the Ministry of Gender Equality and the Ministry of Justice to more than 120 people present at the event.







UNFPA Equatorial Guinea participated in the West and Central Africa Regional Communications Retreat





Training sessions and discussions during the Retreat

Dakar, 26-30 November 2023. In the framework of the organization of the West and Central Africa Regional Communication Retreat, UNFPA Equatorial Guinea's Communication/Gender Officer participated last November in the annual communication retreat aimed at developing the capacities of communication colleagues to better position UNFPA as the leading UN agency for sexual and reproductive health, in line with the new strategic plan, in order to accelerate progress towards the 3 Transformative Results in the region.

This event was attended by the 23 communication focal points from the different countries in the region, the SWEDD program communication focal points, Program and M&E focal points, and donor/association staff from both regional and country offices, as well as a selected officers from UNFPA headquarters in New York and other Regional offices.

This retreat, coordinated by colleagues from the West and Central Africa Regional Office in Dakar, Senegal. focused on providing tools and guidance on how to effectively communicate UNFPA's mission and impact, focusing on key priorities. These priorities revolve around content creation and management, with a particular focus on three key areas: story gathering and writing, asset development, social media and digital tools management.

Of particular note was the presence of UNFPA WCARO Regional Director, Mr. Sennen Hunton, who presented an overview of the communication situation in the WCARO region, gave wise guidance and encouraged all present to work as a team and to improve our communication strategy more and more, communicating the results to show the impact of our work.



Engaging with Adolescents and Youth

UNFPA Equatorial Guinea participates in capacity building workshop on leadership and youth participation to end Child Marriage



Family photo of youth delegations from WCARO countries with the Minister of Youth of Ghana and the R.R of UNFPA Ghana

Accra, 29 October to 02 November 2023. A UNFPA Delegation led by the Communication/Gender Programme Officer, Flora Isabel M. Obama Mokuy and a young member of the UNFPA Equatorial Guinea Youth Advisory Group, Victoria Oyono Ñegue, participated in the Regional Workshop organized in Accra-Ghana by the WCARO Regional Office on Youth Leadership and Participation to End Child Marriage in Central and West Africa

This important event was attended by a total of 46 participants, including UNFPA Child Marriage Coordinators from the GPECM Country Offices, young people representing the Networks, young leaders, young Parliamentarians and UNICEF representatives.

The work was coordinated by Ms. Bernadette Sofia Ssebadduka, Regional Programme Specialist- Adolescents and Youth-UNFPA WCARO and focused on the SWOOT Analysis-weaknesses, threats, opportunities and strengths of the youth of the WCARO countries for their effective leadership and participation in issues related to this group, with the active participation of Equatorial Guinea. Also noteworthy was the session of exchanges of experiences and good practices, presentations given by a young parliamentarian and a leader of an NGO, both from Mauritania, as well as another from Benin and another from Sierra Leone.

This activity was concluded by the Minister of Youth of the Republic of Ghana and the Resident Representative of UNFPA Ghana where both personalities gave speeches of support and motivation to the youth.

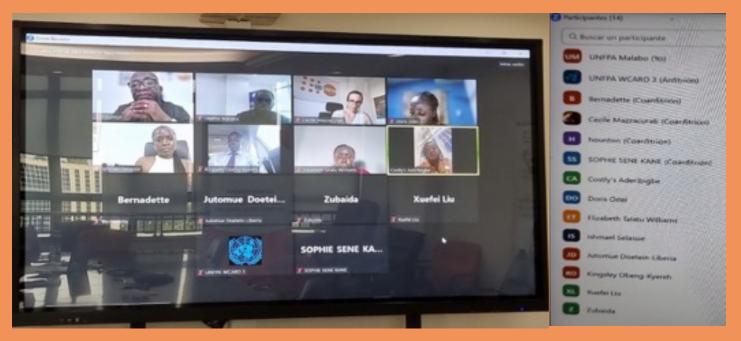






Meeting between Youths from West and Central Africa and UNFPA West and Central Africa Regional Director

Malabo last November 29th, the Regional Director had an important meeting with the Youth of the region, with the objective of the meeting was to give youth leaders the opportunity to connect with the Regional Director and express their vision and priorities for the region. This aligns with UNFPA's commitment to include youth perspectives in population and development related decision-making processes and frameworks at the regional level. In turn, this was an opportunity for the Regional Director to express his expectations towards youth organizations and the support they can expect from UNFPA.



Regional Director's virtual meeting with Young Leaders of the WCA Region

Mr. Fortunato Esono, a member of UNFPA Equatorial Guinea Youth Advisory Group took part of this meeting. He introduced himself to the Regional Director and expressed his main vision and priorities as a youth in Equatorial Guinea. After the meeting, Fortunato expressed his gratitude to UNFPA. He said, he was honored and privileged that his voice could be heard, and his concerns listened to by the UNFPA Regional Director of West and Central Africa.

Official Launch of the UNFPA Youth Advisory Group in Equatorial Guinea



Family photo of the UNFPA Equatorial Guinea youth advisory group.

Malabo, December 12, 2023. The United Nations Population Fund in Equatorial Guinea officially launched its first Youth Advisory Group (YAG) in the country spotlighting the importance to involve and promote youth leadership and innovation in its programs. This group includes youths from different backgrounds including one girl and one boy with disability. The Youth Advisory Group will play a key role by providing new perspectives, information, ideas, critiques, and lessons learned to UNFPA. The objective of UNFPA Guinea Equatorial CO is to ensure, by working with and for youth, that its programs can better address youth issues and concerns. Members will also have an opportunity to learn more about UNFPA programs in Equatorial Guinea and be exposed to the functioning of the United Nations in general.

YAG members received trainings on UNFPA mandate namely on the three transformative results: Ending unmet needs of Family planning, Ending preventable maternal deaths and Ending Gender based violence. A session was organized on the importance of data for evidence based programming.

During the 12 December meeting, Maria Nela Bindang, was elected Chair of the UNFPA Youth Advisory Group (YAG), Quisito Antonio Mba, Vice-President; Juan Antonio Ovono Obama Oyana, Secretary. Dr Donaciano Fransisco Eyegue Mangue UNFPA Adolescent and Youth Program Officer will provide the necessary support to the group.

UNFPA Equatorial Guinea committed to support technically and financially the implementation of 2024 Annual Work Plan to harness the potential of all the young people of the Youth Advisory Group of UNFPA. YAG members committed to carry out activities to promote greater access to sexual and reproductive health information and services, support youth-led innovations, and to end gender-based violence.

In 2023, Youth Advisory Group members participated to several activities. On November 29th, Mr. Fortunato Esono participated to a dialogue with UNFPA the Regional Director for West and Central Africa to share vision and discuss priorities for the region. The CO sponsored the participation of Mrs Victoria Oyono Ñegue, member of the Youth Advisory Group to the Regional Capacity Strengthening Workshop on Youth Leadership in Ending Child Marriage organized in Ghana 30 Oct-01 Nov 2023 by UNFPA Regional Office. Two members of the YAG participated to two online Youth consultations on ICPD+30 organized by UNFPA Regional Office respectively on October 26, and Positive Masculinity on November 14th.

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Strengthening the Data System in Equatorial Guinea

Presentation of the draft PRODOC of Equatorial Guinea Fifth General Population and Housing Census 2025



EQG/- Speech by H.E. Minister of State for Planning and Economic Diversification

Malabo, 24 November 2023. Following a consultancy hosted by INEGE, the National Statistical Institution and supported by UNFPA in Equatorial Guinea, a meeting was organized to present the draft project document of the of Equatorial Guinea fifth General Population and Housing Census planned for 2025 to all stakeholders.

This important restitution meeting was chaired by His Excellency the Minister of Planning and Economic Diversification. During the opening ceremony, both the General Director of the National Institute of Statistics and his Excellency the Minister, highlighted the importance of data for planning, monitoring and following-up development policies, plans, programmes and projects. Therefore, they asked all participants to contribute to the improvement of the document being presented. The meeting was attended by technical experts from different ministerial departments, civil society organizations, United Nations sister agencies and representatives of bilateral cooperation. The presentation of the draft Project document was delivered by the main consultant, Dr. Eduardo Luiz Gonçalves Rios-Neto, PhD in Demography.

Following the request of INEGE and to prepare for the Fifth General Population and Housing Census, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Equatorial Guinea, recruited a team of three international consultants. One consultant Specialist in Geographic Information Systems, Geospatial Databases and Remote Sensing, one Consultant Expert in Information Systems and a team lead consultant expert in Demography. The team was hosted by INEGE to carry out an assessment of institutional capacities of INEGE in terms of Information Technology, Geospatial capacities, demography and statistics and to establish a road map to ensure the success of the census.

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Humanitarian Preparedness

UNFPA organizes a training to assess the preparedness to provide the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Sexual and Reproductive Health in emergencies in Equatorial Guinea





Multisectoral personnel during the information and validation sessions of the MRA questionnaire.

Malabo, 18-25 September 2023. UNFPA Equatorial Guinea Country Office organized a training on the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) to provide information and guidance on the completion of the MPA (Minimum Preparedness Actions) questionnaire and another on data validation. The training was attended by representatives from the government, UN sister agencies, Civil Society Organizations and the Private Sector.

UNFPA recognizes that most countries in the WCA region face multiple hazards including conflict and climate change that manifest in acute and protracted contexts. Covid-19 has also shown that every country is vulnerable to some form of crisis. These hazards and risks have a detrimental impact on our daily lives and expose the underlying inequalities in the countries of our region.

MISP Readiness Assessments are crucial for strengthening countries' preparedness efforts. The exercise provides insight into the extent to which the country is ready to develop and implement an adequate response to Sexual and Reproductive Health needs in emergency situations.

UNFPA Equatorial Guinea supported national actors to assess the readiness of their health systems to deliver life-saving sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services in emergency situations, as described in the MISP/RHS. The assessment exercise served as the basis for developing a national MISP Action Plan based on the results of the assessment. MISP/SRH areas that need improvement.

As a result, the country now has a Plan of Action in case of SRH emergencies, which allows it to react appropriately and quickly in the event of a humanitarian crisis.

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More than 40 including technical experts from the Government, Civil Society, SNU and others such as AECID, participated inthe UNFPA workshop on the evaluation of the country's readiness to implement the Minimum Initial Service Package on SR Health from the 25th to the 29th of







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Great meeting with the Equatorial Guinea French Embassy' Premier Conseiller and Attaché de Coopération. We discussed avenues of collaboration with UNFPA to strengthen youth and Civil Society capacities and to promote data production







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A high level delegation from Equatorial Guinea led by Minister Delegate/MoH participated in Lusaka 7-10 Nov, to the #ICPD at 10 year review of Addis Ababa Declaration on Pop & Dev, to reafirm committments on sexual & reproductive health & rights, #G derEquality & Youth empowt



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Hind Jalal @Hindjalal7 - Nov 29 UNFPA & the Ministry of Gender Equality in Equatorial Guinea launched the "16 Days of activism to end Gender based Violence", under the 2023 theme UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls". We involved children to raise early awareness through drawings and poetry































UNFPA ensuring rights and choice for all