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Foreword

The year 2013 implied substantial activity in the lead-up to the global review of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) planned to take place in 2014, twenty years after its inception in Cairo, 1994. In addition, the concurrent process of defining the post-2015 development agenda was taking place.

UNFPA also facilitated China's participation in these global processes to measure progress towards achieving ICPD PoA set 20 years ago, including through hosting of the International Meeting on Monitoring and Implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Beyond 2014 in Taicang.

On 15 November 2013, at the Third Plenary Session of the 18th Chinese Communist Party Central Committee, the Chinese Government announced its decision to allow couples to have two children if one of the parents is an only child. The policy adjustment represents a small but hopefully important step on the road towards realizing universal access to reproductive health and fully recognizing the reproductive rights of the Chinese people, as called for by the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action (PoA).

In 2013, UNFPA in China continued to support national capacity to promote linkages between changing population dynamics and development planning, thus facilitating informed and evidence-based population policies.

UNFPA provided technical support to formulate sectoral responses to challenges and opportunities posed by rapid urbanization, migration and ageing, and to consider comprehensive policy options when faced with complex and interlinked changes in population dynamics.

Globally, the issue of adolescent pregnancy was highlighted during the World Population Day and also in the State of World Population Report in 2013. Joining global advocacy efforts, UNFPA China initiated the web-based "Acting for Youth" Campaign, in collaboration with Sohu.com, a Chinese-based Internet company. The campaign served as a platform for public discussions on the challenges faced by Chinese youth, especially in sexual and reproductive health. It also provided a venue for young people to voice their views and share their stories through creative means. The Acting for Youth campaign complemented UNFPA's on-going programme to support local partners' work to improve young people's access to sexual and reproductive services in Hunan, Chongqing and Hainan provinces. The regular support also includes the collaboration of the China Youth Network, a youth-led group.

Gender equality remains an important area of collaboration for UNFPA and its partners in China. To address the issue of skewed sex ratio at birth, UNFPA continued to support pilot interventions to challenge gender norms, and to support local officials in making more gender-sensitive decisions. In the fight against gender-based violence (GBV), UNFPA continued to play a lead role in supporting GBV related research, to inform policy interventions and support services for survivors of GBV. UNFPA remained a strong supporter of civil society's role in preventing and addressing gender-based violence.

In 2013, UNFPA strengthened its support to promote China's efforts in South-South cooperation and international exchanges in the area of population and development. UNFPA's strong commitment was demonstrated by participation of Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, the UNFPA Executive Director, in the Ministerial Forum on China-Africa Health Cooperation in August, and by participation of the UNFPA Deputy Executive Director, Kate Gilmore, in the International Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South Cooperation for Population and Development in the post-ICPD and MDGs, organized by the Partners in the Population and Development (PPD) in October.



Mr. Arie Hoekmar UNFPA Representative to

Against this backdrop, towards the end of 2013, UNFPA and its national partners in China took stock of the progress in implementing the UNFPA-China Seventh Country Programme (2011-2015). The joint efforts between UNFPA and national partners in China, including policy advocacy, piloting of targeted interventions and thematic campaigns, are setting a solid basis to strategically review our collaboration and set the course for the new programming cycle in China, well fitted within the evolving national and international contexts.

The year 2014 will mark the start of UNFPA's new 4-year strategic plan (2014-2017). The new Strategic Plan will have four outcomes focusing on: A) sexual and reproductive health and rights, B) young people, C) gender equality; and D) population dynamics. This annual report has been structured according to these four outcomes set forth in the new strategic plan in presenting the key progress achieved in 2013.

I look forward to another year of successful collaboration with our partners in 2014, as we will join hands to advocate for the ICPD Beyond 2014 and post-2015 development agendas.

I wish to sincerely thank the Ministry of Commerce, our coordinating agency in China, for its strong and unrelenting support to UNFPA's work in China. My heartfelt thanks go as well to all our national implementing partners, who make it possible to bring about positive changes on a wide range of population and development challenges in China. Finally, my thanks goes to the staff, consultants and interns that are working or have worked with UNFPA during 2013 for their support to the seventh cooperation programme (2011-2015) of China and UNFPA.

Mr. Arie Hoekman UNFPA China Representative



Ensuring a sustainable future for all requires reliable population data to inform policy-making.

Comprehensive and equitable development policies must take into account population trends and dynamics.



7 Billion Day in Xi'an, By Hua Shang Newspaper From 7 Billion Action Campaign media coverage

Strengthening integration of population dynamics in policy making

Ensuring a sustainable future for all requires reliable population data to inform policy-making. Comprehensive and equitable development policies must take into account population trends and dynamics.

Partners:

- National Development Reform Commission (NDRC)
- China National Committee on Ageing (CNCA)
- National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)
- China Centre for Urban Development (CCUD)
- China Population and Development Research Centre (CPDRC)
- State Council Development Research Centre (DRC)
- Institute of Population Research at Peking University
- Institute of Gerontology at Renmin University
- UNICEF

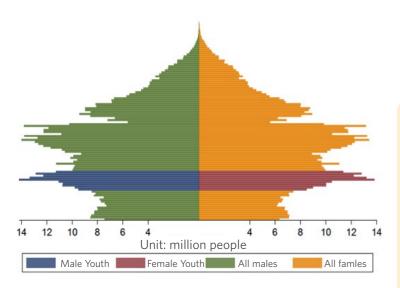
Making data available for development planning

Everyone counts and everyone should be counted. UNFPA continues to support one of its key national partners

- National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) - and its subnational branches to strengthen the capacity to generate and utilise disaggregated and reliable data to support national development planning. Improved availability of such data supports better monitoring and reporting on national attainments to the internationally agreed goals and frameworks, such as the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

With support from UNFPA and UNICEF, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) organised an International Seminar on the 2010 Round of Censuses from 19-22 June 2013 in Hangzhou. More than 120 delegates from 14 countries gathered to discuss about in-depth analysis and utilisation of the census results. Special focus was given to the assessment of data quality, ageing, migration and urbanisation, fertility changes, health and mortality, family structures and social security programmes. The initiative was supported under the framework of the joint NBS/UNFPA/UNICEF data project, which focuses on strengthening national capacity in census taking and potential assistance to other countries. .

In addition to promoting utilisation of existing census data, in 2013, UNFPA supported enhancement of NBS capacity in conducting on-line census. UNFPA China supported a study tour to Australia and New Zealand to learn about Online Census. The NBS officials and census technical experts learnt about the rationale, history, practices and experiences of the online census taking in both countries. The NBS will integrate the learning from this study visit in future census design and implementation, starting from piloting a small-scale online census in the near future.



Population Pyramid of China, 2010

Key data publications produced by NBS with support from UNFPA and UNICEF

- Population Ageing in China: Facts and Figures 2013
- What Census Data Can Tell Us About Children in China: Facts and Figures 2013
- Women and Men in China (2012)
- · Collection of statistics on women and children in China (2013)



Urbanisation and Migration: towards equitable access to By Chen Jianzhong essential social services

While over half of the Chinese people live in urban areas now, not everyone in cities has access to essential social services. Access to those services depends on the person's hukou, or household registry that would entitle the person to the rights to certain services that come with the place of registry, generally the place where the person is born. Many migrants have flocked to the cities but most still hold a rural hukou, leaving them without access to many of the social services that the urban hukou holders would be entitled to.

UNFPA's partnership with the National Reform and Development Commission (NDRC) on urbanisation commenced in 2009, aiming to extend the coverage of social services to people affected by urbanisation, in

particular incoming migrants and local farmers who were counted as urban population but do not possess local urban household registration. Starting in 2013, the pilots and research work supported under this initiative began to yield concrete results. Five-year experiences from the urbanisation projects from cities of various sizes and development levels in China were included in the national urbanisation strategy paper prepared by NDRC. These cities were Zhengzhou City in Henan Province, Jinnan District of Tianjin City, Yanta District of Xi'an City in Shaanxi Province and Changshu City of Jiangsu Province, were included In 2014, the paper will be presented to the key decision makers and stakeholders at national level.

Using improved information on the registration of migrants as a basis for social services provisions

In the context of massive domestic migration, accurate data on migrants forms the basis for social services provision. In 2012, UNFPA supported a study in Zhengzhou City and the findings indicated that a well-developed registration system would help local government to improve urban planning and enable migrants to access social services on equal basis with local residents. In 2013, the Government of Zhengzhou established migrants information management system that links the centralised registration information of individual migrants with the provision of social services by different sectors. The registration information will enable migrants to access social security, family planning, education, health, housing, among other services. With the comprehensive information system in place, the Zhengzhou Government began to issue new "residence cards" to registered migrants, which entitles them to access social services that were previously available only to the local residents with household registration in Zhengzhou. In addition to improved social services provision, the information system also serves as a tool for urban development planning.

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Building stronger capacity to respond to ageing

China is ageing fast. Year 2013 witnessed an increase of 8.53 million of population aged over 60 years, raising the proportion of older persons in the total population to 14.9%.

UNFPA continues to support national capacity building in responding to ageing, and promote healthy and active ageing in China.



Old Couple By Guo Tieliu

Monitoring the national 12th 5-year plan on ageing through a mid-term review

With support from UNFPA, a mid-term review was conducted to monitor the implementation of the national 12th five-year plan on ageing, using both quantitative and qualitative indicators. Heilongjiang, Tianjin, Fujian, Yunnan and Shaanxi provinces have also produced review

reports at the provincial level. The report findings, which will be officially released in 2014, will guide the follow-up implementation of the national ageing plan and the formulation of the next Five-year plan on ageing.

Learning from other countries' experiences on ageing

To foster mutual learning and experience sharing, in 2013, UNFPA supported a study tour of Chinese partners to Thailand to learn about its national response to rapid ageing. Through the meetings with Thai counterparts and field visits, the delegation, consisting of government officials and academia from the China National Committee on Ageing and the National Development and Reform Commission, learnt about Thailand's experience in policy making on ageing, monitoring and evaluation system, community centers for the elderly as well as the database management. Following the study tour, the delegation identified a number of key areas that can be adopted and included into China's response to ageing:

- Setting up a multi-pillar old-aged pension system;
- Optimizing medical resources at the grassroots level;
- Establishing a comprehensive database on aged population;
- Boosting grassroots organisations working for the elderly;
- Involving the third party in M&E of the implementation of the 12th 5-year plan on ageing

Advocating for comprehensive population policy responsive to population dynamics

UNFPA has been supporting the China Population and Development Research Center (CPDRC) to promote the application of a population projection software - Population Administration Decision Information System (PADIS-INT) - in development planning. Training on PADIS was conducted among local NHFPC (National Health and Family Planning Commission) officials,

Technical support on applying population projections in local development planning and policy-making

statisticians and researchers in Chongqing, Henan,
Heilongjiang and Zhejiang. Population projections
covering trends in total population size, fertility, mortality,
migration and urbanisation will be published in 2014 and
will be utilised widely in local planning. UNFPA also
supported the technical review and deployment of PADISInt. at the international level.



Exercising at sunset

By Guo Tieliu

Supporting academic research on China's population and family planning policy

In 2013, UNFPA continued to support the academia to conduct research and further strengthen evidence for national population policy improvements, in response to the complex population dynamics such as rapid ageing and fertility decline below the replacement level. With UNFPA support, a research team from the Development Research Center (DRC) of the State Council undertook a study visit to learn about the evolving fertility policy in Thailand, which is seen as a successful demographic

transition model of family planning. Based on the experiences learnt from Thailand and extensive literature review of both national and international studies, the research team submitted a policy paper to the State Council calling for a universal "two-child" policy for all Chinese couples. This was done prior to the Government's announcement in November of further relaxation of the current fertility policy allowing eligible couples, with one parent being a single child, to have a second birth.



China has made tremendous progress in sexual and reproductive health, especially in reducing maternal and neonatal deaths. Further policy improvements are needed in order to achieve universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, especially among more vulnerable and at risk groups, including migrants, ethnic minorities and young people. UNFPA works with national partners to make policy improvements to respond to persisting challenges and complex population dynamics. UNFPA programme supports specific interventions to increase the availability and use of integrated sexual and reproductive health services.



Young doctor and her clients in a township hospital in Gyamda in Tibet

By Chen Jianzhong

Expanding the availability and use of integrated sexual and reproductive health services

The gains in maternal health and other dimensions of sexual and reproductive health and rights during the past 20 years are among the great successes to celebrate since the ICPD.

-Fact sheet on Health, ICPD Beyond 2014 Global Review Report

Partners:

- National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC)
- National Centre for Women and Children's Health (NCWCH)
- Red Cross Society of China (RCS)
- China Maternal and Child Health Association (CMCHA)
- China Population Development and Research Centre (CPDRC)
- China Railways Cooperation (CRC)
- China Family Planning Association (CFPA)

- National Centre for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention (NCAIDS)
- China Youth Network (CYN)
- China Red Cross Training Centre
- Center for Disease Control of Er'lian City
- Red Cross Society of Qinghe County
- Zamiin-Uud Red Cross
- Yunnan Reproductive Health Research and Development Centre (YRHRDC)
- UNFPA Mongolia Office

Evidence-based advocacy on population and family planning policy improvement

Building on the consensus reached at the high level policy seminar in May 2012, UNFPA has been working with the local governments and national partners in project provinces of Zhejiang, Shanghai, Chongqing, Guangdong, Heilongjiang and Jilin, to produce evidence and undertake advocacy for the current fertility policy improvement. Supported by UNFPA, the population situation analysis in Heihe prefecture of Heilongjiang province conducted in June 2013 shows that out of 27,000 households surveyed, 97% expressed their wish to have maximum two children, hence indicating that the policy relaxation option, then under government's discussion, will not lead to excessive population growth, as feared by national authorities. The survey methodology was adopted by

and applied to the entire Heilongjiang province, the results of which arrived to a similar conclusion.

UNFPA and the national experts engaged in policy discussions with the local officials on other related topics such as protection of human rights and expansion of services beyond family planning to other aspects of sexual and reproductive health. As a result of the advocacy with provincial officials, for instance, the informed choice of contraceptives is now fully adopted in the project-supported Yunfu prefecture and Jiangmen Prefecture of Guangdong province

Health Education Workshop on Natural Delivery in Changsha By Zhou Ying



Strengthening the implementation of the national programme to prevent cervical and breast cancer and common gynecological diseases

Since 2009, the Ministry of Health started a screening programme among rural women for prevention of cervical and breast cancer. The programme was designed in such a way that women screened for cancer, were also examined for other common gynecological disorders. An international consultant was invited from the UK to review

the effectiveness of the programme. Based on the discussions with national experts and recommendations provided by the consultant, the government agreed to review the current design of the programme in order to maximize its public health benefit, while efficiently using available resources.

In 2013, UNFPA also supported the following activities to strengthen the implementation of the programme for prevention of cervical and breast cancer:

- Completing the M&E tool of the national programme on screening of cervical and breast cancer;
- Developing a guide book on publicity, communication and community mobilisation to promote utilisation of preventive services;
- Introducing multi-sectoral cooperation approach in the project areas to enhance the utilisation of screening services for cervical and breast cancer;
- Conducting research on financing the screening services for cervical and breast cancer, including the
 possibility of increasing support from the New Rural Cooperative Medical System.

Moreover, UNFPA China supported a study visit by senior health policy makers to Sweden to learn about cervical cancer screening services management. The visit exposed the policy makers to the streamlined management of screening services. Their recommendations formed the proposal to set up a comprehensive national system for prevention and treatment of cervical cancer.

Advocating for recognition of midwifery in national health and education systems

In 2013, with support of UNFPA, the China Maternal and Child Healthcare Association conducted a review of the midwifery profession in China and followed the evolving status of midwives in the health system at different historical periods. In fact, as early as 1928, China had a law on midwifery and a formal midwifery education. The review also compares the international situation of midwife profession and midwifery education, presenting the international definition of midwives and their roles and

functions. It points to the need for midwives in promoting natural delivery and enhancing women's reproductive health in China. The review findings were disseminated at a policy roundtable meeting in November 2013, with the participation of relevant departments of the National Health and Family Planning Commission, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security and the National Development and Reform Commission. The meeting agreed on key actions to be followed up to address this situation.

In 2013, the curriculum developed in 2012 was piloted in two medical colleges in Hunan province and in-service midwifery

training was provided to junior service providers to enhance their skills.

Improving maternal health among ethnic minorities in remote areas

No Women Should Die Giving Life.

According to 2010 National MCH Surveillance data, maternal mortality ratio (MMR) in western region was 2.5 times higher than that in eastern region. To reduce regional disparity in maternal health, UNFPA works with national partners to strengthen maternal health service networks at the grassroots level in remote ethnic minority areas.

Through pilot interventions in six counties in Yunnan, Guangxi and Tibet, the government implementing partners and UNFPA hope to develop a model that leads to improved access of ethnic women to maternal health care. At national level advocacy is also supported to explore alternative policy options in addition to promoting hospital delivery, which is still not a viable choice for many women living in extreme poverty in hard-to-reach remote ethnic regions.

In 2013, UNFPA also supported the following interventions and advocacy:

- Conducting mapping of maternal health needs and community resources: in project townships, 28 "maps" detailing names, locations and needs of every pregnant woman in every village;
- Organizing community support groups and regular meetings to mobilize support needed to assist hospital visits for ante-natal care (ANC) and delivery, such as vehicles or domestic help with farming or house work;
- Providing township and county maternal health hospitals with technical training on quality ANC and basic emergency obstetric care;
- Conducting training on assisted home delivery in places that face extreme difficulties to accessing hospital services due to poor road conditions and poverty;
- Advocating for considering assisted home delivery as an alternative measure, in addition to promoting hospital delivery.

Integrating reproductive health in national emergency response plans

In order to integrate reproductive health services and prevention of gender-based violence into emergency response during humanitarian situations in China, in 2013, together with National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) and the Red Cross Society of China, UNFPA continued to advocate for and support the implementation of the Minimum Initial Service Package for SRH in Crisis Situations (MISP) in emergency response settings.

UNFPA supported the National Center for Women & Children's Health (NCWCH) and Health Emergency Response Office (HERO) of NHFPC to participate in a 5-day regional MISP training in Bangkok. Afterwards, NCWCH organized a national MISP ToT workshop in Beijing, with technical support from UNFPA. Following these two workshops, national partners organised cascade trainings with the national health and Red Cross sectors. Officials and service providers were sensitised on why

and how to implement MISP in humanitarian situations.

To respond better to the needs of affected communities, including pregnant women, the elders, and young people, a community-based training and simulation exercises are regarded as future priorities in implementing MISP.

In the meantime, both health and Red Cross sectors in China have been improving their respective contingency plans for Sexual and Reproductive Health Services in emergency settings. NCWCH is committed to including SRH contingency plans in national and provincial public health emergency preparedness systems. Red Cross Society in Guangxi and Hainan provinces have planned to include SRH services in provincial emergency preparedness plans.

As a result of national advocacy efforts, a few non-project Red Cross branches, such as Liaoning and Jilin provinces, have shown great interest in the MISP concept. Both provinces have considered, by learning from international and national experiences, integrating RH services provision into the respective provincial Red Cross emergency response plans to enhance the preparedness to respond to future disasters.



Zhuang Woman and Her Baby in Longlin Guangxi By Chen Jianzhong

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HIV prevention among key affected population groups

In recent years, China's response to HIV has been significantly strengthened at all levels, from top-level leadership to grassroots interventions. However, despite impressive commitment and progress, major challenges remain. UNFPA focuses on reducing sexual transmission of HIV among vulnerable groups, including low income

female sex workers, migrant workers and young people. With funding support from the Government of Luxembourg, UNFPA also supports cross-border HIV prevention among sex workers along with Sino-Mongolian border

Reaching the hardest to reach: HIV prevention among low income sex workers

According to official data, sexual transmission of HIV has been on the rise in recent years. Together with NCAIDS, UNFPA has focused its HIV prevention efforts in project sites on low income sex workers, the group that is very hard to reach with HIV and STI information and services. Most of them engage in sex work due to poverty, therefore are less willing to pay for condoms, and are in a weaker

position to negotiate with clients on condom use.

Due to illegality of sex work in China, and low educational level of low income sex workers, there are very few community-based organizations that are engaged in HIV/STI prevention.

Intervention strategies employed in 2013:

- Peer education by trained sex workers to promote condom use and to disseminate HIV/STI prevention messages among low-income sex workers;
- Interventions targeting male clients by recruiting male peer educators to do outreach with condoms and HIV/STIs/RH prevention messages;
- Providing counseling and clinical reproductive health services to low income sex workers by health
 professionals in a non-discriminatory way, and including contraception and pregnancy related issues,
 STIs' symptoms treatment in services offered;
- Community Neighborhood Committee (CNC) also plays a role in addressing HIV prevention services targeting low income sex workers, including condom promotion, information provision on the access of health and referral services when low income sex workers come to CNC for dealing with housing rental and temporary residential permit issues.
- Involving sex workers' communities as a means to strengthen programmes and increase sex workers' participation in programme design, implementation and evaluation, and uptake of services.

Cross-border HIV prevention in China-Mongolia border areas

With funding from the Luxemburg Government, UNFPA continues to support the cross-border HIV prevention project among Mongolian and Chinese female sex workers, long-distance truck drivers, traders and migrant

workers. The project aims to establish an effective model of HIV prevention among key affected population in Sino-Mongolian border areas.

Intervention strategies employed in 2013:

- Peer education among target groups.
- Peer education sessions through trained Mongolian and Chinese sex workers on HIV prevention and condom use have proven to be effective. The project also supported peer education targeting truck drivers, miners and traders on HVI/STI prevention messages.
- Heath education on HIV/STI prevention through public awareness campaigns and outreach by local CDC and Red Cross staff to sex workers and mobile populations.
- Provision of clinical services on HIV/STIs and RTIs, including mobile VCT services.

HIV prevention among migrant workers

As China urbanises rapidly, hundreds of millions of Chinese people are leaving the countryside to seek opportunities elsewhere. Some of them are recruited as construction workers along newly built and expanded railways. As other mobile population groups, migrant workers face certain health risks, including HIV and other STIs. The UNFPA-supported intervention is led by the China Railways Cooperation (former Ministry of Railways) to help protect the migrant workers from HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, while working and living along the railway construction sites.

In a small scale survey among migrant workers along railway construction sites, conducted by Shanghai Railway Bureau, only 18.5% of the interviewees reported that they would use condoms when having casual sex. Nearly half of them reported that they never used condom with casual sex partners. Only 49% have been found to have correct knowledge about HIV. These workers, mostly sexually active men below the age of 40, face significant sexual and reproductive health risks by practicing unsafe sex.

The project supported Zhengzhou, Chengdu, Wuhan and Kunming railway bureaus to pilot HIV prevention among migrant workers along railway construction sites, through tailored health education using peer education, outreach and promotion of condom use and VCT. If proven effective, the model will be scaled up across the railway systems in China.



HIV prevention among migrant workers in Zheng Zhou

By Zhengzhou Railway Bureau



To protect young people from increasing sexual and reproductive health risks that they face, UNFPA China promotes provision of tailored information and services, including through community-based youth centers, and hospital-based youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services. In all its endeavors, UNFPA supports youth participation to enable young people to take charge of the issues affecting their lives.



Participants at the Second National Peer Educators Training Camp By Guo Tieliu

Acting with and for youth towards full realization of young people's potential

Partners:

- China Family Planning Association(CFPA)
- National Health and Family Planning Commission of China(NHFPC)
- China Population and Development Research Center(CPDRC)
- The National Center for Women's and Children's Health(NCWCH)
- China Youth Network(CYN)
- Sohu.com(Sohu)

Forum held on adolescent pregnancy to launch the 2013 State of World Population (SWOP) Report in China

Following the global launch of the 2013 State of World Population Report "Motherhood in Childhood: Facing the Challenge of Adolescent Pregnancy" UNFPA China organised a national Forum on Adolescent Pregnancy to present the global report in China, discuss similar challenges faced by the Chinese young people and explore solutions. Experts, advocates and young people participated in the Forum.

Motherhood in childhood is a salient global problem, especially in developing countries, where every year, 7.3 million girls under the age of 18 give birth, according to the 2013 SWOP. The report offers a new perspective on adolescent pregnancy, looking not only at the girls' behaviour as a cause of early pregnancy, but also at the actions, or lack of, of their families, communities and governments.

"Even though the majority of unmarried Chinese youth are open to having sex before marriage, only a very small portion of them—less than 5 per cent, are well informed about reproductive health. Less than 15 per cent had correct knowledge about preventing HIV infection..."

Ms. Zhang Lei Population Research Institute of Beijing University

"We must know that informed choices of the right contraceptives do not harm young people, and there is no 'harmless' abortion as advertised by public and private health providers..."

Ms. Wu Shangcun, leading expert in reproductive health and contraceptives

"I see it is actually a process of empowerment when my friends and I get involved in volunteering as peer educators to disseminate sexual and reproductive health messages among our peers..."

Mr. Yu Yang,
Student from Renmin University and a member of
the China Youth Network,
Youth-led group supported by CFPA and
UNFPA China

"Comprehensive sexuality education will equip young people with necessary knowledge to protect them from unsafe sex. The lack of school-based comprehensive sexuality education attributes to the increasing risks of untended pregnancies among young people..."

Dr. Liu Wenli Beijing Normal University, Researcher and practitioner of sexuality education

"I have seen girls coping with consequences of unwanted pregnancies around me when I was in middle school and university. Still there is a lack of sexuality education, and the taboo to talk about sex prevails in the society..."

> Ms. Jiang Fangzhou, a celebrity young writer, Acting for Youth Advocate invited by UNFPA China

"Adolescents and young people stand at the center of the solutions. They can be active actors and drivers for change."

Mr. Arie Hoekman, Representative, UNFPA China



Acting for Youth Campaign jointly launched with Sohu.com

Mr. Arie Hoekman invited Ms. Jiang Fangzhou as the Acting for Youth Advocate By Chen Jianzhong

As adolescent pregnancy issue was highlighted by the World Population Day and State of World Population Report in 2013, UNFPA China and Sohu.com, one of the largest Chinese portal website, initiated a joint web-based campaign – "Acting for Youth". The campaign encouraged young people to voice their views, concerns and stories on sexual and reproductive health issues, including through

a web-based mini-movie contest and other interactive elements. The campaign attracted a well-known writer, a young woman with 8 million followers on Weibo, who was invited to become its Youth Advocate. The campaign website (http://gongyi.sohu.com/s2013/foryouth/) attracted nearly 3 million viewers as of end December 2013.



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Reaching out to young people through community-based health clubs

Through a joint collaboration with the China Family Planning Association, 12 community-based youth health clubs in three project counties were supported in 2013 to provide sexual and reproductive health information and education to young people, including young migrant workers.

In Changsha County of Hunan province, an integrated sexual and reproductive health support system was formed, covering 30,000 young people through various networks involving schools, households, communities, as well as service providers. Ten youth clubs were established in vocational schools, universities and

communities, in order to provide sexual and reproductive health information to young people. At the community level, youth health clubs function as "youth-friendly spaces" for young people. Similar youth clubs were set up together with few private companies to provide reproductive health information to the young migrant workers.

Local young people, teachers and other stakeholders provided positive feedback to the establishment of youth clubs in improving SRH knowledge among young people. The local governments have become more supportive in expanding coverage of youth clubs in communities.

Supporting youth-friendly services in the health sector

In 2013, more than 100 service providers of maternal and child health hospitals and general hospitals in three pilot provinces received training on youth-friendly services (YFS), through a 3-day adolescent sexual and reproductive health training. In addition, 25 delegates participated in on-the-spot training at the MSI-supported ASRH clinic located in Qingdao of Shandong province, learning from an international experience on YFS provision.

Following these training activities, the service providers in project sites have developed YFS protocols and adjusted ASRH counselling and testing services accordingly. In addition, the outreach to young people in schools, communities and hotels also contributed to the increase in uptake of youth-friendly services.

Posters for Youthfriendly Services By UNFPA China





Enhancing youth participation

In 2013, nearly 100 young people were trained as peer educators and approximately 9,000 young people received SRH information in project sites.

Young people's participation remains an important strategy for UNFPA's work in China. In July 2013, the second national peer education training camp in Guiyang City was supported by UNFPA, together with CFPA and CYN. More than 50 young volunteers from colleges, communities and private companies participated in the workshop. During the five-day training programme, trainers from CYN and Y-PEER educators discussed about knowledge sharing on sexual and reproductive health, as well as skills required for effective peer education. The workshop also focused on the capacity building of volunteers in order to mobilise more young people to join the network of peer educators

throughout China.

China Youth Network, a youth-led volunteer organisation, continues to play a significant role in engaging peers through social media, peer education sessions, and creative youth campaigns on health. In 2013, CYN further strengthened and expanded its partnership with different grassroots youth organisations and carried out a significant number of peer education and advocacy activities throughout the country. China Youth Network also actively participated in different international events and meetings and established close collaboration with international Y-PEER networks and YouthLead, exchanging experiences in advocacy on youth sexual and reproductive health.

Representative from Y-peer in Asia-Pacific region participating in the Second National Peer Education Training Camp in China

By Guo Tieliu





Women's empowerment and gender equality are pivotal to creating the enabling conditions, in which half the global population can take advantage of life opportunities, expand their capabilities, and fully contribute to society.

In China, UNFPA works with the government partners, academia, civil society, media and other UN agencies to promote gender equality. In particular, UNFPA supports national partners to address two priority gender issues: sex ratio at birth (SRB) and gender-based violence (GBV).

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Wall painting on gender equality in a Miao village in Guizhou,

By Guo Tieliu

Promoting gender equality

The empowerment of women and gender equality remain unfulfilled, requiring further actions to ensure women's leadership in public spheres, equality before the law and in practice for economic transactions, elimination of all forms of violence, and empowerment of women in exercising their sexual and reproductive health and rights.

--from ICPD Beyond 2014 Global Review Report

Partners:

- All China Women's Federation (ACWF)
- National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC)
- National Centre for Women and Children's Health, China CDC (NCWCH)
- China Population and Development Research Center (CPDRC)
- China White Ribbon Network (WRN)
- Anti-Domestic Violence Network of China (Beijing Fan Bao)
- UN Theme Group on Gender
- Partners for Prevention (P4P)

Skewed Sex Ratio at Birth

China's distorted sex ratio at birth remains high (117.94 according to 2010 census) and while it is slightly improving in some provinces, it is spreading to more

provinces, reflecting a persistently serious and complicated situation.

Sex Ratio in China



In 2013, UNFPA's joint work with National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) continued to establish SRB intervention models in Changfeng of Anhui province, Jingan of Jiangxi province and Wugong of Shaanxi province. The interventions apply a mix of

approaches, including gender mainstreaming within the government system and revision of gender-biased village and community rules and regulations, aiming to empower women at the grassroots level.

Changes underway at the grassroots level

According to previous UNFPA-supported research, village and community rules in rural China often encourage and bolster socio-cultural norms and customary practices that infringe on women's rights, leading to negative impact on their lives. To address the root causes of gender inequality, including son preference, UNFPA continues to support the revision of gender-biased village rules and regulations

in project counties. In 2013, 92 villages and communities revised discriminatory village regulations to change long-standing practices reinforcing son preference. This has benefited approximately 230,000 villagers directly and has far-reaching impact among the communities.

Wall paintings of the revised village regulations in Zhoushan By Gao Cuiling



Common features of the revised village rules:

- Inclusion of provisions promoting diversified old-age care, supporting reform of the traditional partrilocal marriage and settlement pattern;
- Introducing changes to conventions for naming children—allowing children to be named after either mothers or fathers:
- Encouraging men to share household chores;
- Promoting equal economic entitlements for divorced or widowed women, who were previously deprived of such entitlements by traditional village rules;
- Promoting women's participation in village affairs by agreeing a minimum proportion of women in village committee.

For more details of the village rules revisions, please refer to the feature article on "Changing Village Regulations to

In order to reach long-term impact and curb sex selection,

UNFPA continues to support gender sensitisation among

officials, known as "Party Schools", have become a venue

policy makers. Training institutions for government

to provide gender training through adopting gender-

Fight Son Preference in China" (http://www.unfpa.cn/en/story/241)

Enabling gender-sensitive policy making

sensitive curricula based on a guidebook developed for the Central Party School in 2013. A total of 289 policy makers at provincial and county levels received gender training, and became strong advocates on gender equality in their capacity as decision makers.

Changfeng's pathway to advance gender equality

To pilot SRB interventions, UNFPA selected one county in each of the 3 project-supported provinces with the highest imbalanced SRB. (Note: in China, there are a total of 10 provinces with the highest skewed SRB). Changefeng is one of them. A total of 118 officials

at provincial, prefectural and county levels attended several gender sensitisation workshops organised by the Central Party School since the launch of the project.

Changes led by the Changfeng County Government:

- Establishment of a project leading group, comprising of members from 21 sectoral departments, and headed by the Country Mayor.
- Issuance of Guidelines for the Project Implementation by all involved sectors, including detailed monitoring plan.
- Commitments to provide matching fund to support the project intervention, with RMB 500,000 allocated in 2013.
- Revised rules and regulations in 45 villages and communities.
- Issuance of a new policy on the mandatory appointment of a full-time designated chairperson of all township women's federations at the level of a Deputy Section Chief.
- Adoption of a number of gender-sensitive measures to address traditional gender norms, such
 as increasing numbers of stalls or seats in public toilets for women, indicating more gender
 equitable decisions related to resources distribution, etc.

Changfeng's progress made it stand out as a "good practice" county and a learning site for others, with its experiences documented and reported extensively by national and local media, including CCTV and China

Women's Daily. At a national SRB training for counties with highly skewed SRB, organized by NHFPC, Changfeng's experiences were introduced, indicating a potential of scaling up.

Gender-based Violence

An estimated one in three women worldwide report they have experienced physical and/or sexual abuse, mostly at the hands of an intimated partner, making this form of violence against women and girls one of the most prevalent forms of human rights violations worldwide.

---From Factsheet on Dignity and Human Rights on ICPD Beyond 2014 Global Review Report

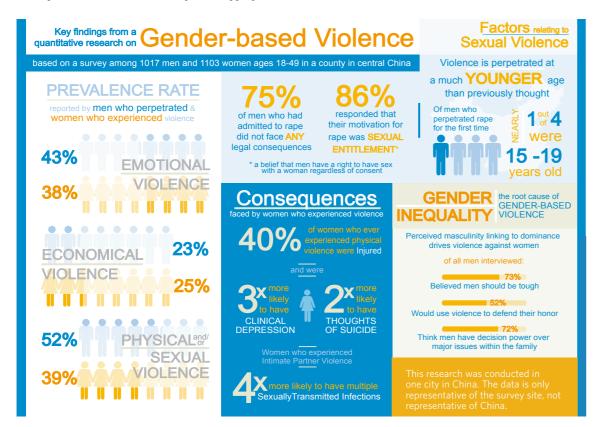
To address GBV issues in China (focusing on violence against women and girls), UNFPA supports intervention programmes, data collection and research, and awareness

campaigns, through partnership with national and local governments, civil society, media and other UN agencies in China

Promoting multi-sectoral response model to violence against women and girls

With support from UNFPA, ACWF and NHFPC worked together to strengthen multi-sectoral responses in Liuyang of Hunan Province and Chengde of Hebei Province to address violence against women and girls (VAWG). A series of trainings were arranged to enhance various service providers' capacity to respond to violence, including hotline operators, policemen and health providers, to enable them to provide appropriate

interventions and support to women who have experienced violence. The partners also prepared a plan to develop a database that will serve the needs of different sectors in the referral system in 2013. Once pre-tested and finalised in 2014, the database will greatly improve the system of data sharing and case management in poject sites.



Building evidence to understand the root causes of GBV

To fight against GBV, UNFPA seeks reliable data in order to gain deeper understanding of underlying causes and drivers of violence.

In 2013, UNFPA and partners in China launched the results of the first quantitative and qualitative studies in China, which looked at GBV from the perspective of masculinity and its association with violence. The research studies are part of a regional study—the UN Multi county Study on Men and Violence - conducted in seven countries in Asia Pacific, with support by the Partners for Prevention (P4P), a joint UN regional programme on

preventing GBV. The rich and in-depth data and evidence will inform subsequent policy dialogue and programming to prevent and respond to GBV in China. The executive summaries and full reports of the two GBV studies, i.e. Research on Gender-based Violence and Masculinities: Quantitative Findings and Hard Struggles in Times of Changes, a Qualitative Study on Masculinities and Gender-based Violence in Contemporary China can be downloaded from the website of UNFPA China: http://www.unfpa.cn/en/publication/

Partnering with civil society to promote male involvement to end GBV

In 2013, UNFPA China focused more on engaging civil society to promote male involvement in the efforts to address GBV. UNFPA supported Dr. Fang Gang, a member of the Secretary-General's Network of Men Leaders, to establish the China White Ribbon Volunteers Network in early 2013 with the aims to engage more Chinese men and boys to fight against GBV.

Since its establishment, China White Ribbon Volunteers Network has mobilised support from different sectors to work as volunteers and provide hotline counselling services (Hotline number: 4000 110 391) to those who experienced violence, who perpetrated violence and those who are inclined to commit acts of violence. Through working with media, China White Ribbon Volunteers Network campaigned to raise awareness on gender-based violence and what men can do to prevent and respond to it.

At its first annual meeting held before the International EVAW Day, China White Ribbon Volunteers Network announced that a well-known movie stars couple, Mr. Feng Yuanzheng and Ms. Liang Danni, have accepted its invitation to act as spokespersons for the China White Ribbon Network.



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The first annual meeting of the China White Ribbon Volunteers Network in Beijing By Zhou Ying

South - South cooperation and international exchanges

UNFPA China attaches great importance to promoting China's stronger role in South-south cooperation and international exchanges, in particular in the areas of reproductive health, population and development and gender equality. During his mission to China in August 2013, UNFPA Executive Director, Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin met with His Excellency Gao Hucheng, Minister of the Ministry of Commerce and discussed how to deepen South-South cooperation with China.



By Li Baojun

Continued high level support to China- Africa Health Collaboration

On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the China Medical Teams sent to Africa, the first Ministerial Forum on China-Africa Health Development was launched in Beijing on 16 August. UNFPA Executive Director, Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, was invited by the Government of China to attend this milestone event in the China-Africa health cooperation. Participants from 48 African countries and eight international organisations, including WHO, UNAIDS and UNFPA, attended the Forum. The Forum identified priority areas in the China-Africa Health Cooperation and agreed on immediate actions to ensure universal access to health services, including reproductive health services, in Africa.

Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin emphasised that the right to health is the foundation for human wellbeing and social and economic development. Sexual and reproductive health, including access to voluntary family planning, is part of these essential human rights. He confirmed that UNFPA stands ready to ensure that China's investments support the priorities in sexual and reproductive health identified in the African Health Strategy, the Maputo Plan of Action on Sexual and Reproductive Health and the Campaign on Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa (CARMMA).

The Executive Director highlighted the need to help African countries to benefit from the demographic dividend that can be reaped through greater investments in young people who represent a vast majority of Africa's total population. Greater investment is needed in their education, employment, entrepreneurship and health, particularly their sexual and reproductive health, through voluntary family planning services, to protect them from teenage pregnancy and HIV infection.

In his remarks, the Executive Director called for the

Chinese government to ensure that more Chinese suppliers, especially suppliers of contraceptives and life-saving medicines, meet international technical requirements so that high quality and affordable life-saving commodities can be made available to more people in need. He pledged UNFPA's support in helping Chinese manufacturers to comply with international standards.

The Beijing Declaration, the outcome document of the Ministerial Forum of the China-Africa Health Development, refers to international agreements related to reproductive health among its guiding strategies and interventions. UNFPA has been supporting the China-Africa health cooperation since 2012, when the Government of China requested relevant UN agencies to play an advisory role in the respective health areas. As the leading agency for the reproductive health task force, UNFPA China has proactively supported the Government of China to identify priority areas for potential collaboration, including through close consultation with UNFPA offices in Africa. UNFPA's key recommendations on reproductive health, including reproductive health commodities, were reflected in the Fourth International Roundtable on China-Africa Health Cooperation held in Botswana in May 2013.

Supporting South- South and Triangular cooperation in promoting ICPD PoA and MDGs

The Partners in Population and Development (PPD) and the National Health and Family Planning Commission of China (NHFPC) jointly organised an International Inter-Ministerial Conference on "South-South Cooperation for Population and development in the post ICPD and MDGs" in Beijing from 22-23 October 2013. The conference was held to emphasise the criticality of the population and development issues and challenges in the context of the Post-2015 development agenda setting. In her opening statement, Ms. Kate Gilmore, Deputy Executive Director of UNFPA, reiterated UNFPA's commitments to advance South-South cooperation with emphasis on the sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights of women, youth and adolescents in pursuit of sustainable development.



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Kate Gilmore, Deputy Executive Director of UNFPA China delivered a speech on South-South in China By Chen Jianzhong

Advocacy support on ICPD Beyond 2014

UNFPA has been leading a global review of the progress towards achieving the Programme of Action of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). UNFPA China supported and facilitated China's participation in this global review process. A technical consultation was organized by the NHFPC to coordinate government responses to the ICPD global review process.

UNFPA supported the participation of the national

delegates from the government and academia to key events, including the Human Rights Conference held in the Netherlands, and the 6th Asia Pacific Population Conference held in Thailand. In November 2013, NHFPC hosted on behalf of the Government of China, the International Meeting on Monitoring and Implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Beyond 2014 in China.

Management highlights

Ensuring financial accountability and results-based programme delivery

UNFPA attaches great importance to accountability.

Annual training on the financial and programme
management as well as operational issues was provided
to the Implementing Partners (IPs). In addition, UNFPA
applies a vigorous mechanism to ensure financial
accountability, including bi-annual National Coordination
Committee meetings, bilateral meetings with partners on a
quarterly basis, regular spot checks and monthly financial
accountability checklists.

As a result of committed efforts to ensure sound programme and financial management, all national Implementing Partners (IPs) received "unqualified" audit opinions during the audit of projects executed by them. The audit was conducted by an international audit firm in March 2013. This annual audit confirmed once again that UNFPA resources have been managed in accordance with relevant financial regulations and rules and in line with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

Enhancing communication capability

At the end of 2013, UNFPA China launched its official bilingual website (www.unfpa.cn). It is a comprehensive platform to learn about UNFPA and its national partners in China, and on-going programme efforts to jointly respond to the complex population dynamics. The website contains updates of key events and messages on priority issues at national, regional and global levels. Numerous resources

can be accessed in various formats to support policy analysis and strategy development.

To strengthen programme reporting and external communications, UNFPA China staff received basic training to better document field missions and events.



UNFPA China staff participated in a photography training By Zhou Ying

Financial Overview

CP7 Financial Overview

CP7 provides assistance in two major function areas: Reproductive Health/Family Planning (RH) including HIV/AIDs and Population and Development strategies (PD) including Ageing, Urbanization and Gender. A total programme budget of \$22 million will be made available over 5 years (2011-2015), among which \$2 million is expected to come from co-financing resources. The financial resources projected are almost equally split between the RH and PD components. However, the actual expenses go to the RH more than to the PD component. Programme Coordination and Assistance (PCA) is managed as planned to facilitate the whole CP7 implementation. Table 1 shows details.

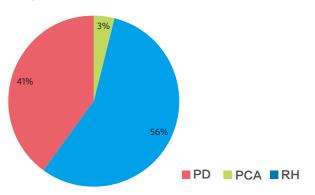
Table 1 CP7 Projected Programme Resources 2011-2015 and Accumulated Expense 2011-2013 by Component

Currency:US\$ million

	Regular		Co-Financing		Total	
	Planned Budget in CPD (2011-2015)	Accumulated Expense (2011-2013)	Planned Budget in CPD (2011-2015)	Accumulated Expense (2011-2013)	Planned Budget in CPD (2011-2015)	Accumulated Expense (2011-2013)
RH	9.60	5.79	0.50	0.92	10.10	6.71
PD	9.60	4.71	1.50	0.23	11.10	4.94
PCA	0.80	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.42
Total	20.00	10.91	2.00	1.16	22.00	12.07

Data source: Cognos Project Monitoring Report

CP7 Accumulated Expense by Component 2011-2013



Apart from the total programme budget, the Institutional Budget (IB) is another resource factor which comprises of development effectiveness, UN development coordination and management costs including security, human resources and other operations costs.

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Table 2 and Table 3 below show the total yearly programme budgets and expenses under regular funding and co-financing respectively. The allocations in 2011 were

lower than average given that the Country Programme was approved late in that year. High implementation rates over the period 2011-2013 have been achieved.

Table 2 CP7 Annual Regular Budget and Expense Report for 2011-2015

Currency:US\$

Project Year	Ceiling (A)	Project Budget (B)	Budget Utilization (C)	Project Budget Remaining (D)	Implementation Rate (C/A)
2011	2,500,000	2,500,049	2,383,109	116,940	95%
2012	4,795,921	4,615,442	4,541,120	74,322	95%
2013	4,260,981	4,061,723	3,987,006	74,717	94%
2014 (Projected)	4,300,000	-	-	-	-
2015 (Projected)	4,300,000	-	-	-	_
Total	20,156,902	11,177,214	10,911,235	265,979	-

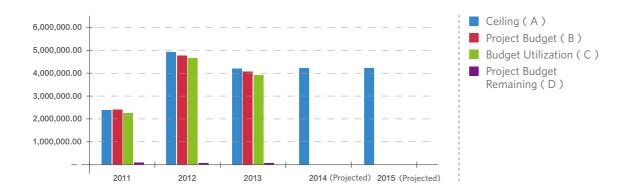
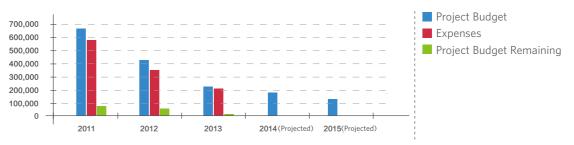


Table 3 CP7 Annual Co- Financing Budget and Expense Report for 2011- 2015

Currency:US\$

Project Year	Project Budget	Expense	Project Budget Remaining	Implementation Rate
2011	662,347	583,461	78,886	88%
2012	420,078	351,152	68,926	84%
2013	222,135	220,466	1,669	99%
2014 (Projected)	184,480	_	_	-
2015 (Projected)	140,000	_	_	-
Total	1,629,039	1,155,079	149,481	-



Data source: Cognos Project Monitoring Report

2013 Financial Overview

Management monitors budget and expense positions as key indicators to assess the country office's ability to conduct its operations. In 2013, the total fund allocation was US\$5.52 million and the total expense was US\$5.24million. The implementation rate was kept high

across the different funding sources.

Unqualified audit opinion given by independent auditors for prior three consecutive years proves sound financial management under national execution.

Table 4 Summary of Resources Allocations and Expenses 2013

Currency:US\$

	Ceiling	Expense	Balance	Spent
Regular Resources	4,260,981	3,987,006	273,976	94%
Co-Financing	222,135	220,466	1,669	99%
Institutional Budget	1,038,721	1,034,531	4,190	100%
Total	5,521,837	5,242,003	279,834	95%

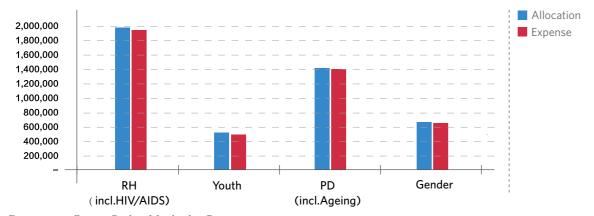
Data source: Cognos Project Monitoring Report

Financial Assistance under Regular Resources by Program Area

Under the new Global Strategic Plan of UNFPA 2014-2017, four outcome areas have been identified: RH, PD, Gender and Youth. Analysing the financial resources flow according to these areas, excluding programme

coordination costs, the RH component has by far the highest level of budget and expenses. The PD makes up one fourth of the total programme resources, while Gender and Youth take 12% and 8% respectively.





Data source: Cognos Project Monitoring Report

Co-Financing Resources

For CP7, US\$ 2 million was planned to come through co-financing modalities. By 2013, with the support of a cross border programme with Mongolia, financed by the Luxembourg and regional support funds from UNAIDS, the Country Office has thus far been able to mobilise

approximately US\$1.44 million, 72% of the total target. In 2013, a total of US\$ 222,135 were allocated from co-financing resources, most of which were spent mainly on HIV/STI prevention among key affected populations.

The Government Voluntary Contribution

The Chinese Government's annual contribution in 2013 to UNFPA was US\$1.27 million which went to the UNFPA Global Resources. This includes two portions: core contribution to UNFPA Global and support to the operations of the UNFPA China Office. In addition to the

annual contribution, the Government hosted and covered all local costs of the International Meeting on Monitoring and Implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Beyond 2014, which was held in November 2013 in Taicang, Jiangsu Province.



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