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UNFPA WORKS TO END...

1. UNMET NEED FOR FAMILY PLANNING
2. PREVENTABLE MATERNAL DEATHS
3. GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND ALL HARMFUL PRACTICES, INCLUDING CHILD MARRIAGE



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IN THE PICTURE:

UNFPA Representative Ms. Gift Malunga (M) during a visit to a maternity ward at Solwezi General Hospital in North-Western Province.

“I decided to become a midwife to save mothers and newborns” - says Levy [R] as he proudly introduces pre-term baby *John to Ms. Malunga and UNFPA staff.

Thanks to skilled midwives trained with support from UNFPA, baby *John is well and thriving.



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MESSAGE FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE

In 2019, the 25-year review of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD25) revealed what the world, and indeed what Zambia can achieve if it focuses on rights and choices for all, including a renewed commitment towards sexual reproductive health and rights.

Throughout the year, UNFPA sustained strategic engagements with key decision makers and partners towards accelerating the ICPD agenda.

Key strategic engagements included the participation of the Office of the First Lady, Minister of Development Planning, Minister of Health, Parliamentarians, Cooperating Partners, Donors and Traditional Leaders at the triple launch of the ICPD25, UNFPA@50 and 2019 State of World Population Report; the high-level outreach to George Clinic in Lusaka; and the 2019 World Population Day, among others.

The engagements culminated in the participation of various stakeholders at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 held in November 2019, under the leadership of the Ministry of National Development Planning. The Minister of National Development Planning presented Zambia's commitments to achieving the ICPD Programme of Action results by 2030. Further, an action plan for operationalizing the commitments has been developed and is being rolled out starting in 2020.

Two and a half decades since the 1994 commitments made in Cairo, Zambia has seen tremendous progress in the health and development of its population; with preventable maternal deaths declining by more than half - from 649/100,000 live births in 1996 to 278/100,000 live births in 2018; increase in the use of modern contraceptives - from 9% in 1992 to 47.5% in 2018 (ZDHS 2018); and heightened national attention to violence against women and girls as the Government of Zambia continues to create an enabling environment that promotes gender-equality and human rights.

The 2019 UNFPA Zambia Annual Report highlights key results recorded in 2019 under the Government of Zambia - UNFPA 8th Country Programme of Corporation; in line with the UNFPA global Transformative Results of Ending Unmet Need for Family Planning; Ending Preventable Maternal Deaths; and Ending Gender-Based Violence and Harmful Practices; and the regional target of ending sexual transmission of HIV by 2030.

Thank you to each and every national partner working with UNFPA, as well as our donors, whose contribution at national and sub-national level enabled us to deliver results for women and young people in Zambia.

In 2020, we look forward to strengthening our collective efforts as the global community embarks on the Decade of Action for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); as well as marks the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, aimed at accelerating the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, everywhere.

Our work will remain focused on fostering strategic partnerships to advance the ICPD agenda; and to contribute towards achievement of Zambia's development aspirations as articulated in the 7th National Development Plan and Zambia's Vision 2030 of becoming a prosperous middle-income country.



Ms. Gift Malunga
UNFPA Representative

ZAMBIA'S COMMITMENTS FOR THE ICPD25

1. We commit to invest in primary health care, particularly health promotion, robust and sustainable healthcare financing mechanisms.
2. We also commit to position Family Planning as a key development agenda for Zambia to Harness the Demographic Dividend.
3. We commit to eliminate all forms of discrimination, and strengthen humanitarian preparedness and response.
4. We further commit to strengthen equitable access to resources to reach the most vulnerable of our population.
5. We commit to end all forms of discrimination against women and girls by domesticating international and regional instruments such as the CEDAW and SADC protocol on gender and development.
6. We further strongly commit to end child marriage by taking all necessary measures to accelerate implementation of the National Strategy and other policy and legislative frameworks to end child marriage by 2030.
7. We commit to promoting meaningful participation of adolescents and young people in national development by including them in development planning and implementation, monitoring and evaluation.
8. Our Government further commits to promote people centered development in all sectors by integrating population dynamics into development planning at the national and sub-national levels, and enhance rural industrialization and development by advancing implementation as enshrined in our Vision 2030.
9. We commit to promote generation and use of data to achieve sustainable development and make climate change a core part of economic development.
10. We want to provide financing for the outlined commitments, and as such we pledge to create fiscal space by broadening our tax base, exploring alternative financing mechanisms, and implementation of the debt sustainability strategy.



ICPD25
International Conference on
Population and Development

Flashback! On
The Road to the
Nairobi Summit
on ICPD25



**ICPD in
Action! High-
level outreach
to George
Clinic in
Lusaka**

17 April 2019: To kick-start the ICPD25 commemorations in 2019, the Office of the First Lady, Minister of Health, European Union, DFID and the UN Zambia Country Team held a high-level outreach to George clinic in Lusaka, during which mothers and their newborn babies received mama-packs containing essential health and hygiene items donated by UNFPA and Esther Lungu Foundation Trust.



**Triple Launch of ICPD25, UNFPA@50 and
2019 State of World Population Report**

6 June 2019: The Government of Zambia in collaboration UNFPA held a high-level event to commemorate the ICPD@25 and UNFPA's 50th anniversary, and to launch the 2019 State of World Population Report.



Inclusion in Sport: Young People with Disabilities Participate in the 2019 UN All Africa Games

11 October 2019: More than 100 children and young people with disabilities put on their running shoes and ran alongside United Nations staff from over 14 African Countries, during the official opening of the 12th UN All Africa Games hosted by Zambia from 11-12 October 2019. With a special 50 meters marathon route set up for the children and young people, the marathon aimed to encourage a more inclusive society through sport, as well as advocate for enhanced actions to ensure no one is left behind as Zambia moves towards fulfilling the promise of ICPD.



Zambia's Participation at The Nairobi Summit on ICPD25

12-14 November 2019: The Minister of National Development Planning led the Zambian delegation to the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25, where he read Zambia's commitments on behalf of H.E President Edgar Lungu. The voices and representation of Zambian stakeholders, women, young people and persons with disabilities affirmed progress towards Zambia's commitments to the ICPD Programme of Action; as well as the critical need to invest in key actions that will ensure no one is left behind in the quest to achieve Zambia's Vision 2030

A grayscale collage of medical and pharmaceutical items. In the foreground, there are several blister packs containing white and dark pills. Behind them are two glass vials, one with a silver cap and one with a black cap. To the left, a syringe is partially visible. On the right, a condom is shown inside its packaging. A yellow sticky note is pinned to the bottom left of the image.

Towards Ending
Unmet Need for
Family Planning

CONTEXT

In 2019, UNFPA continued to support the Government of the Republic of Zambia in the implementation of the National Family Planning Scale-up Plan (2013 to 2020), which aims to contribute towards increasing the national contraceptive prevalence from 33% to 58% and reduce unmet need for Family Planning from 22% to 14% by the year 2020.

Trends in Use of Family Planning

Results from the 2018 Zambia Demographic and Health Survey revealed significant improvements in family planning indicators. Unmet need for family planning reduced from 21% to 20%, while the use of modern methods of contraception increased from 45% to 48%. However, teenage pregnancy increased from 28.5% to 29.2%, and therefore a high priority area for UNFPA in 2020.

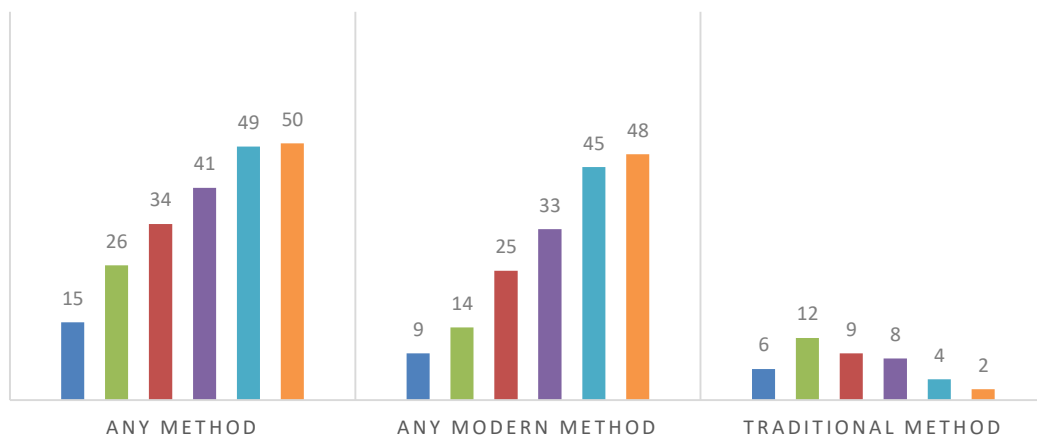
ACTION

Specific actions by UNFPA and the Government of Zambia included the following:

- UNFPA's procurement of an estimated 50% of targeted commodities for the public sector, among others.
- Capacity building of supply chain managers, healthcare providers and community based distributors to improve demand, supply and access to family planning commodities.
- National rollout of the Subcutaneous Depot Medroxyprogesterone Acetate (DMPA-SC), through Community Based Distributors (CBDs) and the propagation of self-injection, which are expected to significantly contribute to meeting the national commitments.
- Strategic engagements towards the development of a short to medium term plan for sustainable financing of family planning commodities.

■ 1992 ■ 1996 ■ 2001-02 ■ 2007 ■ 2013-14 ■ 2018

Figure 1:
Percent of currently married women aged 15-49 by method of contraception (1992-2018)





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In 2019, central level stock outs of family planning commodities were averted, due to effective resource mobilization of an additional \$1.9 million from UNFPA Supplies towards the 2019 commodities needs.

With investment in capacity development for electronic logistics management information system (eLMIS), there was a notable increase in eLMIS reporting rates in 2019, averaging 98%. This is a progressive step towards reducing commodity stock-outs at service delivery points.

OUR IMPACT

2019



577,000

Unintended pregnancies were averted due to use of modern methods of contraception



127,000

Unsafe abortions were averted due to use of modern methods of contraception



1,631,781

Couple Years of Protection (i.e. 1 year of protection against unintended pregnancy) were generated through UNFPA's procurement of 50% of family planning commodity needs for the public sector, worth \$4.9million



82,000

Additional users of modern contraceptives were reached in 2019, bringing the total number of women using modern methods of contraception to 1,530,000



Field Focus

Community-Based Distributors: Bringing Vital Family Planning Services to Zambia's Rural Women

To expand access to family planning services in under-served areas, the Government of Zambia, with support from UNFPA and other partners, has invested in “task shifting”, a strategy where high-level medical skills are delegated to lower level cadres (community-based distributors), to widen access and overcome barriers to access and use. In 2018, the Government of Zambia approved a national plan to support provision of injectable contraceptives by community-based distributors (2018 to 2021).

Community-based distributors (CBDs) are ordinary community members, trained to provide family planning services as well as sexual and reproductive health information in their communities. To ensure confidentiality, they either work at their homes or travel to clients' homes. Each CBD is affiliated with a health facility that provides them with commodities and technical support for adherence to safety and high quality service standards.

Enelesi's Story

Enelesi is one of six CBDs providing family planning services in Chisangwa village of Kalulushi district, Copperbelt Province.




Enelesi underscores: *"My motivation comes from seeing women happy and accessing services close to their homes. They call me 'mama CBD' or 'ba nurse'—which also motivates me! Our village is very far from the health center and so many women used to have a lot of children - not because they wanted to, but because they couldn't manage to walk the long distance to the health facility to access family planning. But now they just come to my home within the village any time they want" - she with a big smile.*

Akufuna's Story

Akufuna has spent the last 8 years of his life as a CBD in the rural part of Senanga District, Western Province. He is among few male CBDs in his area; and also serves as a role model for other male CBDs.

"I have observed that due to the work we do as CBDs, there has been an increase in the level of knowledge within the community resulting in improved uptake of family planning services. Additionally, teenage pregnancies and early marriages have greatly reduced." says Akufuna.

In the Picture: Enelesi using a family planning counseling pack to explain different contraceptive methods to women in her village

A black and white photograph of a young woman with short, dark, curly hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is holding a sleeping baby in a woven basket with a black and white patterned fabric. The basket is lined with a white, textured material. The woman is wearing a dark, sleeveless top. The background is slightly out of focus, showing an outdoor setting with a bench and some trees. A yellow sticky note is pinned to the left side of the image with two red pushpins.

Towards Ending
Preventable
Maternal Deaths

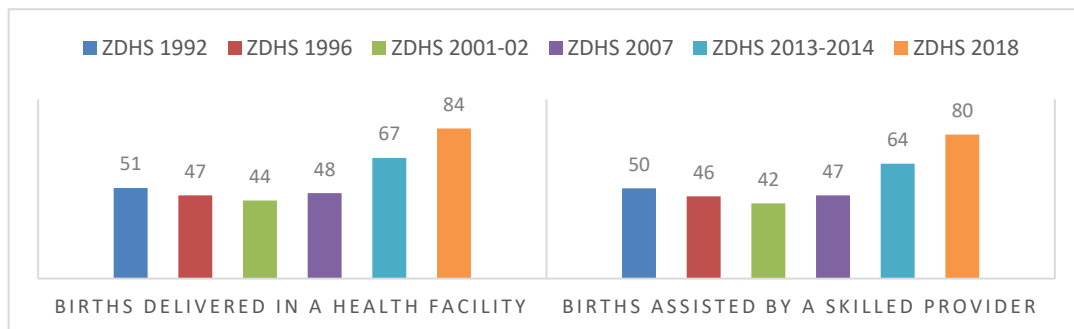
CONTEXT

UNFPA supports the Government of Zambia's goal to reduce maternal mortality to 100 per 100,000 live births by 2021, as outlined in the National Health Strategic Plan (2017 – 2021). Specific strategic interventions supported by UNFPA include midwifery training and mentorship; prevention and treatment of obstetric fistula; maternal and perinatal death surveillance and response (MPDSR); as well as improving Emergency Obstetric And Newborn Care (EmONC), among other crucial needs, to ensure “no woman dies giving life”.

Trends in health facility delivery

Results from the 2018 Zambia Demographic and Health Survey revealed significant improvements in skilled delivery at birth, from 64% in 2014 to 80% in 2018. However, data from the most recent EmONC assessments highlights that 84% of maternal deaths occur in health facilities; and that maternal deaths among women admitted to a hospital were three times higher than the internationally accepted standard of less than 1%.

Figure 2:
Trends in health facility delivery



ACTION

Specific actions by UNFPA and the Government of Zambia included the following:

- Development of a national maternal and perinatal death surveillance and response plan aligned to international standards. The plan outlines targeted interventions aimed at addressing critical gaps that contribute to preventable maternal deaths; and augments the national response to the declaration of maternal and perinatal deaths as a public health emergency by H.E. Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia in May 2019.
- In order to advance innovation around the management of pregnancy related complications, UNFPA in collaboration with Maternity Foundation provided technical and financial support to the Ministry of Health to introduce a "Safe Delivery Application" that can be downloaded on any smartphone and used offline.
- 162 health facilities were assessed for EmONC functionality, as part of ongoing efforts to increase the number of health facilities providing quality emergency services to mothers and newborns according to international standards.

940

Maternal deaths were averted due to use of modern methods of contraception. Other interventions that contributed to this result included skilled attendance at birth through midwifery training and mentorship; provision EmONC services including medical equipment and lifesaving drugs; as well as Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR)

**64**

Nurses were trained and qualified as midwives; while 37 health care providers acquired skills and knowledge to provide emergency health services (EmONC) to mothers and their newborn babies

**305**

Women with obstetric fistula underwent successful surgical repair, thus restoring their dignity

**62%**

Of public health facilities are providing an adolescent-friendly essential package, which includes family planning, STI and HIV prevention, EmONC and clinical management of rape



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Within the context of advancing equity and leaving no one behind, a disability inclusion module was developed for pre and in-service training of health care providers by the Government of Zambia, with support from UNFPA and other partners.

In addition, selected information, education and communication (IEC) materials were developed in Braille to facilitate provision of sexual and reproductive health information to persons with visual impairment.



I feel proud when I make a difference as a midwife

Gift Kalinda is an enrolled midwife in Limulunga District of Western Province. He is among five enrolled midwives working within the District and serving a rural population of over 50,741. Every day, Gift provides life-saving information and delivers services to women of reproductive age, young people, children and new-born babies, to mention a few.

Working in a remote rural setting, Gift often encounters diverse challenges in the call of duty, key among being the only midwife at Nang'oko Health Post in Limulunga District. Yet, Gift remains optimistic in the discharge of his duties. The enormity of his task has also led Gift to think of innovative solutions to some of these challenges.

Recounting his experience, he says: *“Being the only midwife at the clinic, I have taken the initiative of mentoring and sharing knowledge and skills to the nurses and community-based volunteers located at the clinic. With this, they have been able to assist in responding to some uncomplicated cases - such as providing family planning counselling and services,*



as well as sharing information with mothers who come for ante-natal visits - during times when the clinic is overwhelmed with clients. I feel proud when I make a difference as a midwife” – says Gift.

Gift also works with community-based volunteers to raise awareness on important household decisions and practices that encourage women to use antenatal services on time and deliver in health facilities.

Midwives leading the way with quality care

Gift is among over 3,000 midwives who are leading the way in providing quality health care and saving the lives of thousands of women, adolescent girls, young people, children and infants across Zambia.

“As midwives, we play a very important role in maternal and child health. We appreciate the support provided by the Government of Zambia and indeed development partners such as UNFPA. This motivates us to work beyond the call of duty to ensure that no woman dies giving life, even in difficult circumstances, hard to reach locations and with limited resources” - underscores Gift.



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IN THE PICTURE: A happy new mother (R) introduces her bouncy newborn baby to UNFPA Zambia Representative Ms. Gift Malunga (L), at George clinic in Lusaka, where UNFPA together with the Office of the First Lady, Minister of Health, European Union, DFID and the UN Zambia Country Team held a high-level outreach to kick-start the ICPD25 commemorations in 2019.



Field Focus

More than just a surgical repair

Pregnancy and childbirth should be among the happiest moments in a woman's life. Sadly, this is not the case for thousands of women in Zambia, where an estimated 33,400 women and young girls have suffered from Obstetric Fistula, one of the serious injuries that can occur during childbirth.

The story of Nangoma* typifies the stories of these women and young girls.

Back in 1994, Nangoma* was in labor for two days in her home village in Central Province. After the second day, her family took her to a clinic near her village. Her baby did not survive and she developed an obstetric fistula.

At the clinic, the doctor referred her to the District Hospital for further treatment. Instead, Nangoma* decided to return to her home village with her husband and mother. Her husband left, and soon after, so did her hope. They have never seen each other since.

Nangoma* lived with the devastating effects of Fistula for more than 25 years before she was finally able to get help.

IN THE PICTURE: Dr Kasanda (R2) a Fistula surgeon trained with support from UNFPA, with his medical team undertaking Fistula surgeries at Solwezi General Hospital in North-Western Province of Zambia.



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"I felt socially isolated. I could not even visit friends or relatives. I was always washing my clothes and forced to bathe several times a day, because if I didn't bathe, I couldn't sit with family and friends. Everywhere I sat, I left a mark, and people would always gossip about my condition. I was helpless and could not do anything about it. My life was miserable" - says Nangoma.

In May 2019, through community outreach programmes, Nangoma* was able to access the help she desperately needed at Mkushi General Hospital, where the Ministry of Health with support from UNFPA was undertaking a Fistula Repair Camp. The doctor at the hospital explained to her about the life-transforming surgery she would undergo, and Nangoma* was eager to have it.

For over a decade, the Government of Zambia, in collaboration with partners such as UNFPA, has invested in over 2,300 life-transforming surgeries, to heal the physical and psychological wounds of Fistula survivors. However, Fistula repair services are not enough. UNFPA and partners continue to draw attention to key actions and investments required to ensure all women and girls are able to access key components of safe motherhood – before, during and after pregnancy; to putting the furthest behind first; to ensuring dignity and human rights for all; and to ending fistula within the current generation.

SAY NO! TO



EARLY MARRIAGES

Towards Ending
Gender-Based
Violence and
Harmful Practices

CONTEXT

In 2019, UNFPA continued to use disaggregated data and evidence to support gender sensitive interventions, taking into account how gender norms and roles can obstruct or advance progress towards sexual and reproductive health outcomes.

ACTION

Specific actions by UNFPA and the Government of Zambia included the following:

- Support towards the operationalization of the Anti-Gender Based Violence (GBV) Act No. 1 of 2011, which provides for the protection of victims of GBV including the prevention and management of the same; as well as addressing harmful cultural practices such as child marriage.
- During the year, the Government of the Republic of Zambia, through the Ministry of Gender, also hosted a multi-country and multi-agency delegation from the Steering Committee for the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage. The delegation included high-level participation from donor countries (Governments of Canada, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Belgium, Ireland and Norway); the European Union; Zonta International; as well as UNFPA and UNICEF senior officials, including the UNFPA Director Technical Division, Dr Benoit Kalasa.

OUR IMPACT

2019



5,161

Adolescents (3,447 girls and 1,714 boys) accessed life skills to build their health, social and economic assets required to prevent child marriage and teenage pregnancy.



26%

Reduction in child marriage and adolescent pregnancy related school dropouts was recorded in the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage target areas



UNFPA continued to integrate gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response within capacity building sessions for community-based volunteers and safe-motherhood action groups in Mantapala refugee settlement of Luapula Province.



Field Focus

Enhancing access to SRHR information for girls with disabilities

According to the Zambia National Disability Survey (2015), as estimated 7.7% of the population are persons with disability, with prevalence among young people (2–17 years) estimated at 4.4%, including adolescent girls.

Girls with disabilities often face key barriers that prevent them from accessing essential health information and services, including sexual and reproductive health services. This situation remains a huge challenge particularly for girls in rural and underserved communities, many of whom remain unaware of their rights and thus denying them the power to make informed choices about their own lives.

Empowering girls with disabilities


In Senanga district of Western Zambia, the Young Women Christian Association (YWCA), with support from UNFPA, have established safe spaces for girls with disabilities. The safe spaces are a mentorship platform that provide girls with information on sexual and reproductive health (including prevention of teenage pregnancy and child marriage) and empowers them with life skills.



Trained mentors conduct sessions with the girls using sign language and other forms of interactive methodologies. Safe spaces have proved to be an effective means to eliminate barriers that prevent girls with disabilities from accessing key information and services they require to develop to their full potential.

“Attending the safe space mentorship sessions has helped me to understand a lot of things on how to take care of myself, avoid teenage pregnancy and say no to child marriage so that I can complete my education and become a better person.” - says 16 year old Agnes Muyunda, who is living with physical disability.

Sharing remarks during a visit to the safe space, UNFPA Zambia Deputy Representative, Mr. Leonard Kamugisha underscored *“Disability should never deny girls of their rights to information and services, which empowers them to make informed choices about their lives. Affirming disability rights in sexual and reproductive health programming remains a key priority for UNFPA and its partners in Zambia to ensure that no one is left behind”* - he said.



Towards
Ending Sexual
Transmission
of HIV

CONTEXT

Located in East and Southern Africa, a region that is most affected by HIV globally i.e. 20.6 million people living with HIV against a global total of 37.9 million (UNAIDS 2019); HIV remains a key priority area for UNFPA in Zambia, particularly among young people. In Zambia, HIV prevalence among adults aged 15-49 stands at 11.1%. Prevalence is higher among women than men i.e. 14.2% versus 7.5% (2018 ZDHS).

ACTION

As one of the lead UN agencies in HIV prevention, UNFPA continued to support both national and sub-national level programmes to prevent HIV among women and young people through strengthening comprehensive condom programming; and reducing barriers to the integration of sexual reproductive health and HIV services, among others. Specific actions by UNFPA and the Government of Zambia in 2019 included the following:

- Launch of a multimedia HIV Prevention Campaign by the First Lady of Zambia. Lead by the National AIDS Council, and supported by UNFPA and UNAIDS, the campaign aims at increasing HIV risk perception and condom use among young people in Zambia.
- UNFPA supported the revision of the National Guidelines for SRHR, HIV and SGBV service Integration developed in 2013 to take into account the SADC SRHR strategy. The Strategy includes a key outcome focused on ending HIV and AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

OUR IMPACT 2019

530,560

In-school learners and 28,082 out of school youth acquired knowledge in comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), essential to support the prevention of HIV, child marriage and teenage pregnancy. In addition, 563 Teachers acquired skills and knowledge to deliver CSE.



85,726


Young people accessed integrated SRH/HIV/GBV services in 161 public health facilities.



75+ Million

Male condoms were procured and distributed with support from UNFPA, as a tool for effective HIV prevention alongside other HIV prevention methods.





Programme
Enablers

HARNESSING DATA FOR DEVELOPMENT

In 2019, UNFPA Zambia continued to provide both technical and financial support to the Government of Zambia - particularly the Ministry of National Development Planning and the Zambia Statistics Agency to scale up national capacity to generate and utilize statistical data and evidence on population, in order to inform national policy and planning. Specific results for the year included the following:

- With support from UNFPA and other partners, the preliminary results of the Zambia Demographic and Health Survey (ZDHS) were disseminated. The results revealed significant improvements in key development indicators between 2014 and 2018.
- UNFPA also continued to provide technical and financial support towards the successful undertaking of the 2020 Census.
- A sub-national analysis report highlighting the performance of socio-economic indicators at constituency level was disseminated to Members of Parliament, with technical and financial supported from UNFPA and UNICEF. The report highlights socio-demographic and economic evidence to inform planning and equitable allocation of resources from Central Government, towards improving the well-being of citizens.
- The Ministry of National Development Planning with support from UNFPA drafted a framework for the development of the Demographic Dividend Operation Plan - aimed at ensuring that the country harnesses the potential of its youthful population in driving the country's development aspirations as articulated in Zambia's Vision 2030.

OUR IMPACT

2019



15,000+

Tablets were procured for the first ever digital Census in Zambia, among other technical and financial support for the 2020 Census.



116

District administrative boundaries were harmonized through the Geo-Referenced Infrastructure and Demographic Data for Development (GRID3) partnership. This was a milestone towards the production of accurate statistics to inform policy and programme development in the country.



92

Members of Parliament participated in the dissemination of the a sub-national analysis report, which highlights socio-demographic and economic evidence to inform planning and equitable allocation of resources from Central Government, towards improving the well-being of citizens.



Using Data to Inform Inclusive National Development

To support ongoing national actions for evidence-based planning and resource allocation, the Government of Zambia, with support from UNFPA and UNICEF, generated a sub-national analysis report of key development indicators, drilled down to the lowest geographic boundary i.e. constituency and ward levels.

The report was generated using a combination of census and survey information, aimed at facilitating more agile, efficient and evidence based decision-making and resource allocation, thus fostering inclusive development.

Acknowledging the role of Parliamentarians as powerful change agents in development, though their 4-prong legislative, budgetary, oversight and accountability, and representation roles, the Ministry of National Development Planning in collaboration with UNFPA facilitated a strategic engagement with Parliamentarians to disseminate the sub-national analysis report.

Speaking when he officiated the dissemination meeting, Second Speaker of the National Assembly Hon. Mr. Mwimba Malama underscored the significance of the report in promoting inclusive and sustainable development at both national and sub-national level.



“Armed with this knowledge, Parliamentarians will be able to advocate for targeted interventions and public expenditure, thereby reaching those who are furthest behind,” - Hon. Malama highlighted.

Underscoring the critical role of Parliament in sustainable development, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Development Planning Mr. Chola Chabala said, *“As a Ministry, we are pleased to note that Zambia is among the first countries in the African region to have undertaken such an analysis. The report highlights where resources are most needed, and provides the means to track progress and assess the impact of policies in every constituency and ward”.*

Also speaking at the meeting, UNFPA Representative Ms. Gift Malunga underscored that the implementation of the 7th National Development Plan can only be fully achieved if decision makers are equipped with the relevant information they require to inform the formulation of policies and budgetary allocations.

“Development can only be sustainable if it responds to the needs of citizens and in order to fully understand these needs, we need to know key characteristics of the population”, Ms. Malunga said.

IN THE PICTURE: Second Speaker of the National Assembly with Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Development Planning; UNFPA and UNICEF Representatives; and Members of Parliament during a strategic engagement with Parliamentarians to disseminate the sub-national analysis report

HUMANITARIAN ACTION

During crisis situations, women and girls of reproductive age remain among the most severely affected population groups – with a heightened need for special hygiene and reproductive health services.

To meet the reproductive health, hygiene and safety needs of displaced women and girls at Mantapala Refugee Settlement, UNFPA - as part of the UN Zambia joint response to the DRC emergency situation – continued facilitate provision of sexual and reproductive health services among the refugee population.

IN THE PICTURE: UNFPA Zambia Deputy Representative handing over dignity kits, mama packs, assorted tools to support the work of community volunteers; as well as health supplies such as infection prevention items for clean delivery in Mantapala Refugee Settlement, Luapula Province.



OUR IMPACT

2019



249

Displaced women and girls received dignity kits and mama packs, to meet their hygiene and reproductive health needs. Other health supplies such as infection prevention items for clean delivery were also procured, prepositioned and distributed.



110

Assorted tools (gumboots, torches, pens, note books); were procured, prepositioned and distributed to support the work of community volunteers in Mantapala refugee settlement.



With support from UNFPA, the multi-sectoral National Humanitarian Response plan was developed, aimed at mobilizing resources towards the ongoing drought response in Zambia.



Safeguarding the health and rights of women affected by fistula in humanitarian settings

Obstetric fistula, a childbirth injury caused by prolonged, obstructed labor when prompt medical attention is unavailable, is silently robbing thousands of women and girls of their health, hope and dignity. The condition often leaves the woman with chronic incontinence and usually results in the death of the child.

Many fistula survivors, like Mago, have been living with the devastating effects of fistula for decades. Aged 39-years, Mago fled her home in the Democratic Republic of Congo due to conflict and found shelter in Mantapala Refugee Resettlement, Luapula Province of Zambia.

Affected by child marriage, Mago developed Obstetric Fistula at the age of 14-years. Her husband divorced her as soon as she developed Fistula, and therefore Mago returned to live with her family, who later passed away during the conflict. With no one to help her, Mago fled to Zambia in 2019, a journey that was extremely difficult due to her condition.



Through ongoing community sensitization by Safe Motherhood Action Groups (SMAGs) located in the Mantapala refugee settlement, Mago was identified by a SMAG member who supported her in accessing life-transforming Fistula surgery at Mansa General Hospital in Luapula Province, supported by UNFPA in collaboration with the Government of Zambia.

"I was very excited to be among the women who were taken to Mansa General Hospital to be treated, after living with this condition for 15 years. Shortly after my operation, I was happy to notice that I could control the passing of urine. I came back to the hospital for review this month [November 2019] and I was excited when the doctor told me that my fistula is completely repaired! My life is now back to normal because I can now walk freely without fear of people staring at my wet chitenge [a fabric worn by women and wrapped around the waist]. I feel beautiful again" Says Mago with a big smile.

In the Picture: Mago smiles as she narrates her success story at Mansa general Hospital.

ADVOCACY AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

In 2019, UNFPA sustained strategic engagements with key decision makers including parliamentarians, traditional leaders, the Office of the First Lady of Zambia, as well as donors and development partners, towards advancing sexual and reproductive health outcomes for women and young people.

These included high-level engagements to mark the 25th anniversary of the ICPD and UNFPA's 50th anniversary; as well as the launch of the "Free to Shine" and "Young, Smart, Safe" campaigns to support HIV prevention among young people in Zambia.

MILESTONES

2019









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Donor countries, trust and thematic funds sustained collaboration with UNFPA in Zambia, thus enabling the Country Office to advance health and development outcomes for women and young people, in line with Zambia's development aspirations.

\$1.4 Million

Was successfully mobilized for sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and humanitarian assistance programmes

UNFPA Zambia sincerely thanks the donors, trust and thematic funds listed below, who contribute to the overall resource envelope for UNFPA's 8th Country Programme with the Government of Zambia (2016-2020)

Donor Country	Areas of Collaboration with UNFPA
Sweden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midwifery Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Sexual Reproductive Health, Gender Based Violence & HIV Linkages
United Kingdom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scaling-up Family Planning Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Ending Child Marriage
Canada 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maternal and Neonatal Health Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health Ending Child Marriage
European Union 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scaling-up Family Planning Emergency Obstetric & Neonatal Care Maternal Death Surveillance & Response Sexual Reproductive Health, Gender Based Violence & HIV Linkages Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health
Switzerland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health
Thematic and Trust Funds	Contributing Countries
The Maternal Health Thematic Fund 	Supported by Governments of Sweden, Germany, Luxembourg
Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal And Child Health (RMNCH) Trust Fund 	Supported by Governments of Norway and United Kingdom
UNFPA Supplies 	Supported by Governments of Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, European Union, Finland, France, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

2020

LOOKING AHEAD

2020 is a significant year for UNFPA in Zambia, as the global community embarks on the Decade of Action for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); as well as marks the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, aimed at accelerating the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, everywhere.

During the year, UNFPA will support key national actions required to achieve health related SDGs in Zambia, including the 2020 voluntary national review of the SDGs under the leadership of the Ministry of National Development Planning; Zambia's participation at the 64th session of the Commission on the Status of Women which will include a side event on child marriage hosted by the Governments of Zambia and Canada; as well as strengthen linkages between the ICPD, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Zambia's Vision 2030.

The year 2020 also marks the scheduled completion of the Government of Zambia/UNFPA 8th Country Programme of Corporation with the Government of Zambia (2016-2020).

In order to align with ongoing national processes to extend the current Zambia/United Nations Sustainable Development Partnership Framework (UNSDPF) 2016-2020 in order to align with the programming cycle of the 7th National Development Plan 2017-2021, UNFPA will engage in various national processes to extend the 8th Country Programme by 1 year, until December 2020.

In line with the aforementioned corporate dimensions, UNFPA Zambia will continue to foster strategic partnerships to advance the ICPD agenda; build on gains in programming for measurable results; mobilize resources in support of the GRZ/UNFPA 8th Country Programme; as well as sustain contributions to United Nations system-wide results, coordination and coherence - to contribute towards achievement of Zambia's development aspirations as articulated in the 7th National Development Plan and Zambia's Vision 2030.



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