International Conference on Family Planning: Research and Best Practices

November 15-18, 2009
“Family planning needs to be promoted as a key strategy in reducing maternal mortality...”
Why Uganda?

- One of the highest levels of unmet need for contraception of 41%
- In many sub-Saharan African countries, unmet contraceptive need exceeds actual use
  - Uganda CPR is 24%
- Successful HIV/AIDS control efforts
- Rapidly growing (3.1%) population of 30 million with 50% under age 15 years
Highlights of the Conference - 2

- Conference organized in partnership with more than 50 organizations, including USAID, UNFPA, World Bank, WHO, Gates and Packard Foundations and key NGOs
Highlights of the Conference - 3

• 1372 registrants from 61 countries
  (Afghanistan to Zimbabwe)
Highlights of the Conference - 4

• Embedded senior policymaker seminar on financing Millennium Development Goals
• Increased ownership of family planning
• “Family planning is to maternal survival what a vaccination is to child survival.”

Khama Rogo
World Bank

Hon. Ephraim Kamuntu, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
Highlights of the Conference - 5

• >300 oral presentations, >100 poster presentations, > 20 auxiliary meetings, ~100 luncheon roundtables, media coverage
Research Highlights

- Integrating FP into HIV care can prevent vertical and pediatric transmission but needs to be cost-effective
- Integrating FP into post-abortion, post-partum and child and other primary health care points of entry is cost effective
  - Improve concordance of method type with fertility goals
- Community health worker delivery of contraception
  - Injectables (sub Q) and implants
- Increase outreach to youth and men
- Capitalize on private and public innovations in service delivery and financing, e.g., social franchising, social marketing
Implementing Best Practices Day

- Plenary included highlights from Days 1-2 presented by Ward Cates, policymakers and guest speakers
- ~100 presentations of programs based on best practices
- 9 capacity-building mini-workshops
- Technology Café featured more than 25 computer-based tools
Implementing Best Practices Day – Concluding Themes

- We know what to do – we need more action, especially scaled up programs
- Our efforts must be harmonized to reduce duplication
- If we work collaboratively, we are a powerful force for change
- African leadership are taking ownership of FP
Launch of and press briefing for a new advocacy initiative, Advance Family Planning
Voices from the Community

The Muwesi Couple

I am committed to educating my children so they do not sit here like me unable to understand the discussions going on at this great professional conference.
What Was Achieved and What Next?

- Palpable level of excitement and renewed energy for FP
- Re-Affirmation of Global Commitments to Family Planning
- Different follow-up activities planned by partner organizations

- May repeat 2011 and 2013
- Prepare selected presentations for journal publication
- Continue to seek opportunities to advance global family planning initiatives

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