

CPD CONFERENCE FINAL REPORT



Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina; 12 and 13 December 2017

DAY 1

Background:

UNFPA Annual Country Program Document Event (CPD) is a platform to facilitate experience exchange, summation of results achieved and ways forward. CPD Event allows for strategic level discussions over interventions in UNFPA key mandate areas: sexual and reproductive health, youth and adolescents, gender equality and women's empowerment and population dynamics. Additionally, the event was used as an opportunity for UNFPA to give out awards for substantive contributions and note-worthy achievements by individuals, initiatives or organizations in UNFPA core mandate areas.

Annual CPD event brought together around 70 participants; representatives of key stakeholders, decision makers, civil society activists, public service providers, experts, academia and youth, all giving their contributions and inputs to UNFPA planning for 2018.

The meeting was divided into three parts:

- 1 The consultation meeting started by addressing the strategic framework of the UNFPA's work, SDGs relevant for the work of UNFPA and assessment of progress made to date which was presented by UNFPA partners for each programmatic area.
- 2 Ceremony of the UNFPA Award.
- 3 Group work where the planned UNFPA activities for 2018 were jointly discussed and presented.

Session 1 Introductory notes

Introductory session was delivered by Dr. Doina Bologna, Representative of UNFPA BiH and Ms. Gabrijela Jurela, Assistant Representative. Focus was given on UNFPA's programmatic areas as well as the strategic framework of the UNFPA's work and SDGs relevant for the work of UNFPA. UNFPA stressed its commitment towards its future work in BiH.



Session 2 Programmatic discussion

UNFPA's key programmatic partners coming from governmental and nongovernmental sector participated in a panel discussion. This discussion tried to capture all the previous successes and achievements of participants (and institutions they are representing), including a brief discussion on plans and upcoming initiatives. Partners' main conclusions are relating to the fact that UNFPA managed to achieve substantial results with modest resources and the fact that its mandate is truly relevant.

Investments in the area of Sexual and Reproductive Health, Gender Equality and Population Dynamics allow for a unique mix of tools, approaches and methods for a sustained impact onto the lives of BiH citizens. Dr. Doina Bologna remarked that BiH CPD in line with new Strategic Plan, but there will be greater focus on integrating emergency preparedness across all our interventions. Additionally, she also noted that there will be increased focus on delivering on Sustainable Development Agenda (both programmatically but also in providing technical assistance monitor and report the progress on SDGs) in the country.

In its entirety, this session was aimed at establishing baselines (previous successes), and laying out plans for the future (and areas of potential collaboration with UNFPA in 2018). Findings from this session were expanded during the second day through structured discussions.

UNFPA Award

The UNFPA Award was instituted in 2016, to acknowledge the commendable efforts undertaken in BiH that challenge dominant social stereotypes, deconstructing prejudices against marginalized groups or for significant contribution in advancing rights of people in one of the four key UNFPA priority areas: Sexual and reproductive health; Adolescents and youth (sexual and reproductive health); Gender equality and women's empowerment with focus on conflict-related sexual violence; and Population dynamics with a focus on ageing.

The Award Selection Panel for 2017 consisted of seven members as follows: UNFPA representative, and 4 representatives from the BiH Public life (ministry, civil society, and health professional). Ms. Jasminka Dzumhur, Human Rights Ombudsperson of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dr. Tatjana Barisic, University Clinical Hospital of Mostar, Mr. Jasmin Jasarevic, civil society activist (Proni center), Mr. Dalibor Pejovic, Ministry of Civil Affairs BiH.

The winners of the 2017 UNFPA Award are as follows:

- ➔ In the category "Sexual and reproductive health" the Award was given to the institution Dom Zdravlja Banja Luka.
- ➔ In the category "Adolescents and youth (sexual and reproductive health)" the Award was given to the NGO Asocijacija XY.
- ➔ In the category "Gender equality and women's empowerment with focus on conflict-related sexual violence" the Award was given to Ms. Dragana Miljkovic for her innovative and engaging work on developing a forum-based theatre play focusing on stigmatization of survivors of conflict-related sexual violence
- ➔ In the category "Population dynamics with focus on ageing" the Award went to Općina Stari grad, Sarajevo Canton for its contribution to the work of Healthy aging centers, creating safe and engaging spaces for the elderly in Sarajevo.



DAY 2

Working Groups

Participants were divided into three multi-sectorial working groups involving various stakeholders from institutions, ministries, civil society organizations, international community, etc. who were interlinked by facilitators in their discussions. The task was to interlink the discussion in each working group among the various stakeholders and to establish synergies between UNFPA's programmatic areas, which were then presented in the plenum.

Conclusions and recommendations from the working groups in terms of focus areas for UNFPA's work in 2018



Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH)

Continued support:

- ➔ In development of SRH strategies and accompanying action plans
- ➔ In capacity building for Family planning counselling and integrated SRH services at primary Health Care level
- ➔ Continuous improvements of standards relating to maternal healthcare (including development of clinical guidelines)
- ➔ Continued work on MISP

Adolescents and youth

Continued support:

- ➔ On expanding Healthy Lifestyles/Comprehensive Sexuality Education in schools involving teachers, students and parents (possibly through Parent and Teacher Councils).
- ➔ With deepening synergies of youth related work in other programmatic areas such as GBV and SRH.

Consider ways to:

- ➔ Focus work more on the empowerment of youth to participate in decision making processes and establish synergies with existing youth institutional structures such as Youth Councils on various levels.
- ➔ Modalities for youth SRH peer education, as it is suggested to be a preferred modality to learn about SRH from other young people.
- ➔ Recognizing the role of youth in preventing gender-based violence. See the role of young people as a sort of an 'early-warning system' in local communities geared towards recognizing and responding to gender based violence in innovative ways, utilizing IT-based solutions and informal peer-networks but also as agents of social change in their communities on variety of issues.



Gender based Violence and Conflict Related Sexual Violence

Continued work on CRSV with particular focus on:

- ➔ Stigma alleviation in local communities (expansion to other locations)
- ➔ Continued support to capacity development of first-responders to survivors of GBV and CRSV.

Consider ways to:

- ➔ Provide additional support in relation to psychosocial support to perpetrators – legislation is not aligned
- ➔ Address the issue of harmonization of the legal regulation of maternity leave in the whole BiH



Population dynamics:

- ➔ Build culture of solidarity; ideas for cooperation and expansion of services in centers for the elderly people
- ➔ When it comes to the issue of healthy ageing the approach of transgenerational solidarity should be explored.

Media and public outreach and cross-cutting issues:

- ➔ Well prepared work with media as allies who will be advocates for the work of UNFPA and its partners and hence contribute to more public awareness about topics. Media work should involve chief editors.
- ➔ Continued work on establishing synergies between programmes and establishing sustainability through the system.
- ➔ Activities and their results should be encased or embedded in legislative provisions, ensuring sustainability in the long-run.



Generally, it was stressed that UNFPA produced amazing results with substantially smaller resources, especially when compared to other international actors who hold tremendous resources but are not deploying them as effectively. It was also stressed that partnerships with UNFPA resulted in ground breaking documents and activities so far. The quality of work needs to be maintained and partnership work continued on all levels.

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