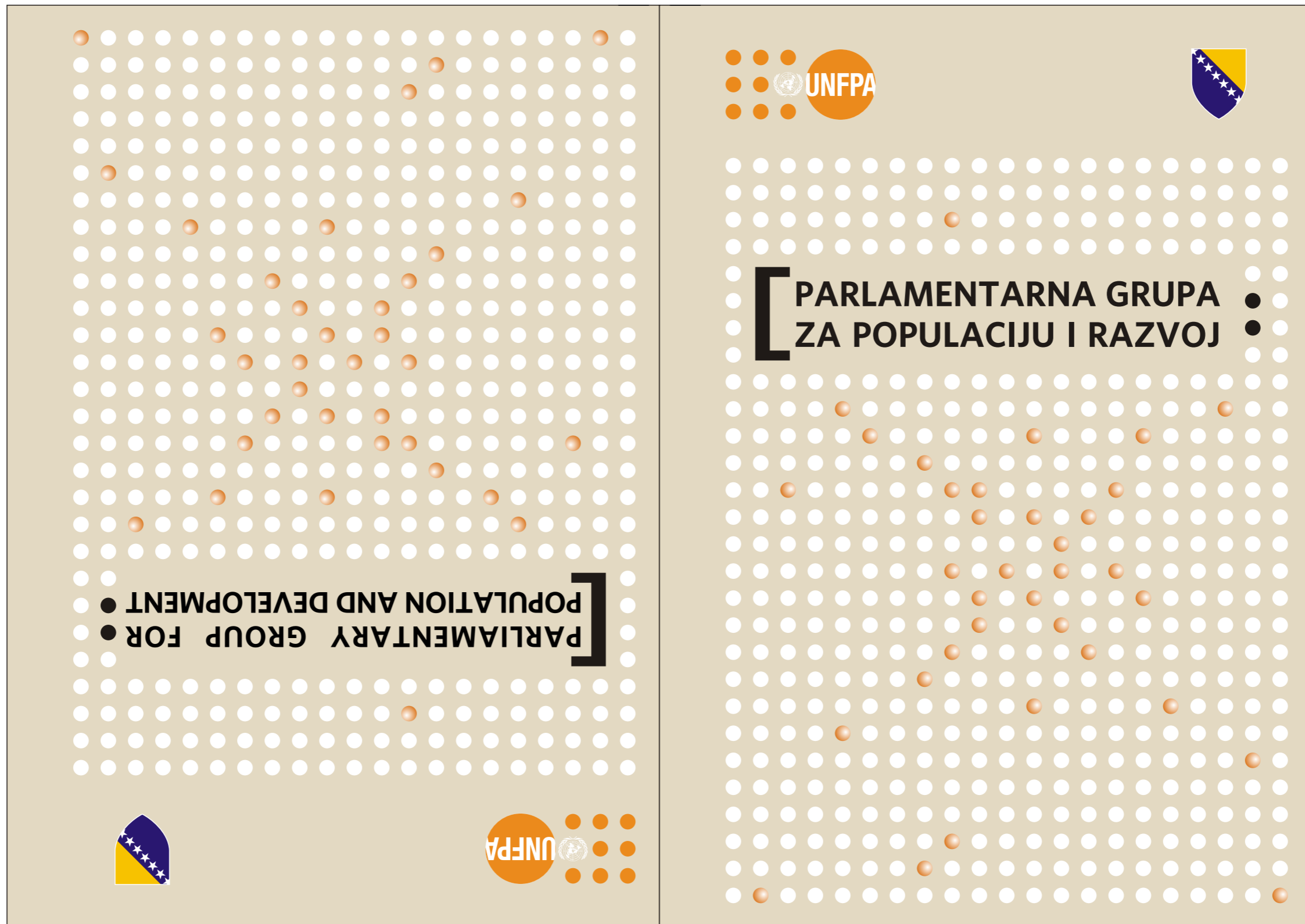


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Dragi prijatelji!

Parlamentarna grupa za populaciju i razvoj BiH osnovana je 24.2.2004. i predstavlja dobrovoljnu, neformalnu grupu, sa sjedištem u Parlamentarnoj skupštini Bosne i Hercegovine, a čine je parlamentarci zastupljeni na svim nivoima zakonodavne vlasti u Bosni i Hercegovini.

Na početku je grupu činilo osam parlamentaraca, a sada broji trinaest. Svakim danom jačamo i brojniji smo, te intenzivnije radimo s našim partnerima na ostvarivanju programa.

Problemi zaštite reproduktivnog zdravlja, naročito mladih, promocija zdravog načina života, provođenje zakona o ravnopravnosti spolova, briga o starima, ukazivanje na postojanje nasilja u porodici i traženje adekvatnog društvenog odgovora na ovu pojavu, kao i praćenje demografskih i zdravstvenih aspekata razvoja stanovništva, glavni su i pravi ciljevi našeg dosadašnjeg ali i budućeg djelovanja.

S ponosom ističemo da smo jedina ovakva grupa, od zemalja bivše Jugoslavije, koja je primljena u članstvo evropskih parlamentarnih grupa za populaciju i razvoj (EPF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY FORUM) još 2004. godine. Dosadašnje intenzivne i mnogobrojne aktivnosti širom BiH, ali i u svijetu, realizirali smo u saradnji s nevladinim (Asocijacija XY Sarajevo, Osmijeh-Gračanica, Udruženje 4-to dijete Banja Luka, Lara-Bijeljina itd.) i međunarodnim organizacijama (UNFPA, UNDP, MP, HelpAge itd.).

Od dosadašnjih aktivnosti Grupe vrijedno je spomenuti: održavanje pres-konferencija povodom 8. marta, Međunarodnog dana žena, Svjetskog dana stanovništva (11.7.), Međunarodnog dana mladih, Međunarodnog dana starih i Dana borbe protiv HIV/AIDS-a (1.12.); organiziranje Javnog saslušanja posvećenog HIV/AIDS-u (20.5.2005.); organiziranje "Prve regionalne konferencije parlamentaraca Jugoistočne Evrope o populaciji i razvoju", održane od 24. do 26.4.2006. u Sarajevu; aktivnosti koje su dovele do usvajanja Otavskog dokumenta (Akcioni plan Kairske deklaracije) u oba doma Parlamentarne skupštine Bosne i Hercegovine; seminar na Kupresu, 18. i 19.10.2007., pod nazivom: „Mladi, kontracepcija i nove metode kontracepcije“; Radionica na Mrakovici, 18.i 19.5.2008. „Porodica, njena uloga i struktura“; promoviranje brošure pod nazivom: „Porodica, njena uloga, prava i struktura“; Okrugli sto u Tesliću o temi: „Demografski i socijalni aspekti procesa migracije u BiH“; Rezolucija o podršci porodici, usvojena na 54. sjednici Predstavničkog doma Parlamentarne skupštine BiH; Radionica „Uvod u projekt-Joining Forces for Voice and Accountability“, koju je organizirala Asocijacija XY Sarajevo, održana u januaru 2009. u Hotelu Vučko na Jahorini; Međunarodna konferencija „Kairski dokument o populaciji i razvoju +15“, održana 3. 7. 2009. u Sarajevu; Okrugli sto: "Pomoć društvu porodicama koje imaju članove s invaliditetom; Pravo na reproduktivno zdravlje i kvalitetan porodični život bez nasilja", održan 15.7. 2010. u Hotelu Maršal na Bjelašnici; Okrugli sto "Zajedno za bolji položaj starijih lica u BiH", održan 10.i 11.10.2010., i još mnogo



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toga ostvarenog u međusobnoj komunikaciji članova PGPR-a, predstavnika izvršne vlasti i nevladinog sektora organiziranog kroz info-centre.

U narednom periodu, uz nastavak provođenja već započetih aktivnosti, namjeravamo ojačati veze naše grupe s nevladinim sektorom i EPF te aktivno učestvovati u provođenju Strategije za borbu protiv HIV/AIDS-a, povezujući nevladin i vladin sektor, te doprinijeti kvalitetnijem pristupu ostvarivanju Milenijskih ciljeva.

Imajući u vidu činjenicu da je Parlamentarna grupa za populaciju i razvoj otvorena za nove članove, ovim putem želimo da pozovemo sve ljude dobre volje da nam se pridruže u zajedničkoj borbi protiv siromaštva, svih oblika diskriminacije čovjeka, a zarad zdravlja i boljeg života za sve, pogotovo za generacije koje dolaze.

Dr. Milorad Živković

Predsjedavajući Parlamentarne grupe za populaciju i razvoj BiH

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Pozdravna riječ prijatelja Parlamentarne grupe za populaciju i razvoj BiH

Poštovani!

Osnivanje Parlamentarne grupe za populaciju i razvoj (PGPR BiH) UNFPA BiH podržao je u februaru 2004. godine. PGPR BiH zalaže se za podršku provođenju značajnih međunarodnih konvencija, deklaracija i ostalih normi kojima se regulira seksualno i reproduktivno zdravlje, kao što su, npr. ICPD, CEDAW, Milenijski razvojni ciljevi, Platforma za djelovanje i Pekinška deklaracija, Univerzalna deklaracija o ljudskim pravima, dokumenti s prve i druge Međunarodne parlamentarne konferencije i mnogi drugi.

UNFPA i PGPR BiH planiraju u budućnosti i dalje raditi zajedno na pitanjima unapređenja reproduktivnog zdravlja, spolne ravnopravnosti, statistike migracije, popisa stanovništva, kontracepcije, starenja i svim drugim pitanjima značajnim za populaciju i razvoj BiH.

UNFPA smatra da je partnerstvo s parlamentarima od ključnog značaja za izgradnju podrške za Program djelovanja Međunarodne konferencije o populaciji i razvoju (ICPD) i Milenijske razvojne ciljeve (MDG). Budući da parlamentarci djeluju kako most između stanovništva i vlasti, oni igraju značajnu ulogu u zalaganju za prava i potrebe ljudi.

Donošenjem i poboljšanjem relevantnih zakona i politika parlamentarci pomažu u stvaranju poticajnog okruženja potrebnog za ostvarivanje ciljeva ICPD-a i Milenijskih razvojnih ciljeva. Oni također igraju značajnu ulogu u mobiliziranju potrebnih resursa.

Premda je mnogo postignuto od Konferencije ICPD-a 1994. godine, ostaje još mnogo toga da se realizira u budućnosti. Postizanje ciljeva ICPD-a zavisit će od političke volje da se popune praznine u zakonima, politikama i finansiranju. Samo uz podršku parlamentaraca možemo izgraditi ovakvu političku volju.

Faris Hadrović

Šef Ureda UNFPA u BiH

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Parlamentarna grupa je dobrovoljna, neformalna grupa, sa sjedištem u Parlamentarnoj skupštini BiH, a čine je parlamentarci zastupljeni na svim nivoima zakonodavne vlasti u Bosni i Hercegovini. Grupa je osnovana 24.2.2004., s ciljem promoviranja politika i vrijednosti koje su u vezi sa zaštitom reproduktivnog zdravlja (naročito mladih), promocijom zdravog načina života, provođenjem Zakona o ravnopravnosti spolova, demografskim i zdravstvenim aspektima razvoja stanovništva, politikom starenja, praćenjem i uticajem na migraciona kretanja stanovništva i drugim oblastima interesantnim za populaciju i razvoj u Bosni i Hercegovini.

Svoj rad Parlamentarna grupa zasniva na primjeni brojnih međunarodnih i domaćih propisa, od kojih su najvažniji:

Kairski dokumenti

ICPD - Međunarodna konferencija o populaciji i razvoju

Međunarodna konferencija o populaciji i razvoju (ICPD), održana 1994. godine, bila je prekretnica u historiji populacije i razvoja, kao i u historiji prava žena. Na toj konferenciji zemlje učesnice saglasile su se da se kod populacije ne radi o brojevima, nego o ljudima. Ono što pristup zasnovan na pravima implicira jeste ideja da je važna svaka osoba. Na konferenciji je također jasno ukazano na to da jačanje položaja žena nije samo za sebe cilj, nego i korak ka iskorjenjivanju siromaštva i stabiliziranju rasta populacije. Reproductivno zdravlje i reproductivna uprava predstavljaju temelj za jačanje položaja žena.

Pekinški dokumenti

Četvrta svjetska konferencija o ženama, Pekinška platforma za akciju, 1995., dokumenti

Četvrta svjetska konferencija o ženama, održana u Pekingu 1995. godine, imala je cilj ubrzavanje provođenja Perspektivnih strategija za unapređenje položaja žena, donesenih u gradu Nairobiju, u Keniji, i uklanjanje svih prepreka za aktivno učešće žena u svim sferama javnog i privatnog života kroz puni i ravnopravni doprinos u ekonomskom, socijalnom, kulturnom i političkom odlučivanju.

Na kraju konferencije učesnici su prihvatili Pekinšku deklaraciju i Platformu za akciju, koja je postavila agendu za osnaživanje žena i provođenje strategije iz Nairobija, a sve s ciljem postizanja bitnih promjena u statusu žena.

Primjena Platforme predstavlja uglavnom odgovornost vlada pojedinih zemalja, ali uključuje i institucije javnog, privatnog i nevladinog sektora na svim nivoima. Ona identifikira 12 oblasti koje izazivaju posebnu zabrinutost kada su u pitanju žene, a to su:

žene i siromaštvo, školovanje i stručno usavršavanje žena, žene i zdravlje, nasilje nad ženama, žene i oružani sukob, žene i ekonomija, žene na položajima moći i odlučivanja, institucionalni mehanizmi za jačanje položaja žena, ljudska prava žena, žene u medijima, žene i okoliš i žensko dijete.

Madridski dokumenti (MIPAA)

Druga svjetska skupština o starenju, Madridski plan akcije za starenje, 2002.

U Madridu, u aprilu 2002., na II. svjetskoj skupštini posvećenoj starenju usvojen je Madridski plan akcije za starenje (MIPAA) da bi se odgovorilo izazovima starenja populacije u 21. stoljeću, te da bi se promovirao razvoj društva za sve generacije. Međunarodni plan akcije za starenje obavezuje države potpisnice da aktivno rade na ostvarivanju svih ljudskih prava i osnovnih sloboda starijih lica. MIPAA preporučuje ekonomsko, političko i socijalno osnaživanje starijih lica, a sve s ciljem maksimalnog individualnog razvoja, samoispunjenja i kvalitetnog starenja.

Otavski dokument

Ustav BiH - Aneks IV. Općeg okvirnog sporazuma za mir u Bosni i Hercegovini (Dejtonski sporazum)
Poslovnik Predstavničkog doma Parlamentarne skupštine Bosne i Hercegovine ("Službeni glasnik BiH", br. 33/06, 41/06, 91/06 i 91/07),
Poslovnik Doma naroda Parlamentarne skupštine Bosne i Hercegovine ("Službeni glasnik BiH", br. 33/06, 41/06, 91/06 i 91/07) i drugi akti.

Ciljevi osnivanja Parlamentarne grupe su:

1. Utvrđivanje tema od zajedničkog interesa za populaciju, održivi razvoj i planiranje porodice stanovništva u međunarodnom, regionalnom i nacionalnom kontekstu;
2. Utvrđivanje načina zajedničkog rada i jačanje saradnje na podizanju svijesti o ovim temama na državnom, regionalnom i međunarodnom nivou putem Parlamentarne skupštine BiH i entitetskih zakonodavnih tijela, kao i Evropskog vijeća, Evropskog parlamenta i drugih odgovarajućih međunarodnih tijela;
3. Propagiranje znanja, razumijevanja i prihvaćanja reproductivnog zdravlja i reproductivnih prava;
4. Promocija Milenijskih razvojnih ciljeva

Milenijski razvojni ciljevi

- a) Na Milenijskom samitu 2000.godine 189 država članica saglasilo se da u značajnoj mjeri pomažu najsiromašnijim zemljama svijeta do 2015.godine. Okvir za napredovanje koji se sastoji od osam Milenijskih razvojnih ciljeva (MDG) izveden je iz Milenijske deklaracije koju su usvojili ovi svjetski lideri.

b) Milenijski razvojni ciljevi služe kao vremenski ograničen, ostvariv plan za smanjenje siromaštva i poboljšanje uslova života, s kojim su se saglasile sve zemlje i sve vodeće razvojne institucije. Tim ciljevima rukovode se i na njih se fokusiraju razvojni prioriteti za vlade, donatore i profesionalne agencije u cijelom svijetu.

5. Propagiranje konkretnih ciljeva:

1. Zalaganje za podizanje svijesti o pitanjima koja se tiču populacije:

- Zalaganje za seksualno i reproduktivno zdravlje i prava, na nacionalnom nivou i na nivou razvojnih politika, slijedeći Sarajevsku deklaraciju iz 2006. godine (Prva regionalna konferencija parlamentaraca Jugoistočne Evrope o populaciji i razvoju).
- Zalaganje za poboljšanje pristupa relevantnim pitanjima seksualnog i reproduktivnog zdravlja i prava, kao što je definirano u Srednjoročnoj strategiji razvoja (MTDS), s ciljem postizanja nacionalnih Milenijskih razvojnih ciljeva do 2015. godine: jačanje položaja žena u pregovorima u vezi sa seksualnim i reproduktivnim zdravljem (SRH) i s ciljem uključivanja muškaraca u prava na reproduktivno zdravlje, kako bi se smanjila stopa smrtnosti kod djece; kako bi se smanjila stopa smrtnosti kod trudnica, održala niska prevalencija HIV-a/AIDS-a, te se kod izvršnih organa vlasti zalagati za budžetsko finansiranje svih ovih aktivnosti.
- Zagovaranje potrebe za integriranje mladih u normalne tokove nacionalnog razvoja.
- Podizanje svijesti o potrebama i pravima starije populacije u BiH.
- Podizanje svijesti o potrebi za integracijom principa jednakosti spolova u normalne tokove nacionalnog razvoja i radi borbe protiv nasilja uslovljenog spolom.
- Podizanje svijesti o pitanjima koja se odnose na migraciju, uključujući i interno raseljena lica, povratnike na mjesto prijeratnog prebivališta, i nelegalne migracije, uključujući i trgovinu ljudima.
- Podizanje svijesti o popisu stanovništva u BiH.

2. Zalaganje za izradu i provođenje zakona i nacionalnih politika:

- Zajednički rad s UNFPA i drugim relevantnim institucijama na izradi Strategije za populaciju i razvoj i nacionalnih populacionih politika.
- Detaljan rad na izradi Strategije reproduktivnog zdravlja za BiH.
- U saradnji s ministarstvima zdravlja i obrazovanja, kao i nevladinim organizacijama, omogućiti prihvatanje nacionalnih programa za vršnjačko obrazovanje mladih o temi seksualnog i reproduktivnog zdravlja i prava, na osnovu standarda vršnjačkog obrazovanja.
- U saradnji s ministarstvima zdravlja, omogućiti prihvatanje Uputstva o savjetovanju i postupcima prije i poslije pobačaja, koje su 2006. godine izradili bh. medicinski stručnjaci, socijalni radnici i psiholozi, a podržao UNFPA-a.

- S ministarstvima zdravlja i javnim zdravstvenim ustanovama, raditi na politikama za ostvarivanje pristupa uslugama reproduktivnog zdravlja za sve žene.
- Nastaviti zagovarati usvajanje sveobuhvatnih zakona o garantiranju seksualnog i reproduktivnog zdravlja i prava u okviru univerzalnog pristupa uslugama vezanim za HIV/AIDS.
- Potvrditi nacionalne populacijske politike u sklopu novog paketa zakona, te usmjeriti i integrirati populacijske politike i programe u razvojni program.
- Podržati strategiju o socijalnom uključivanju radi zadovoljavanja potreba i prava žena, mladih, starijih lica i drugih ugroženih grupa.
- S nevladinim organizacijama razviti strategiju zalaganja za podršku nacionalnim planovima vezanim za trgovinu ljudima, nelegalne migracije i rizične grupe stanovništva.
- U saradnji s ministarstvima zdravlja i socijalne politike, Ministarstvom civilnih poslova BiH, strankama penzionera i nevladinim organizacijama koje se bave pitanjima starijih lica, zalagati se za donošenje politika i zakona s ciljem poboljšanja životnog standarda starijih lica u BiH.
- Podržati izradu politika koje utiču na prava starijih lica.
- Zalagati se za provođenje Zakona o ravnopravnosti spolova, porodičnih zakona i zakona o zaštiti od nasilja u porodici.
- Zajedno s UNFPA podržavati provođenje zakona putem kojih se ostvaruju prava svih ugroženih grupa, uključujući i interno raseljena lica, povratnike na mjesto prijeratnog prebivališta i žrtve trgovine ljudima.
- Zajedno s UNFPA podržavati Agenciju za statistiku BiH u pripremi Popisa stanovništva na nivou cijele Bosne i Hercegovine i drugim područjima službenih ovlaštenja.
- Zajedno s UNFPA podržati Ministarstvo za ljudska prava i izbjeglice BiH u izradi Startegije za poboljšanje statusa žena žrtava seksualnog nasilja u BiH.

6. Ponovna afirmacija ciljeva iz Kairskih dokumenata,

7. Ponovna afirmacija politike Pekinškog dokumenta kroz politiku ravno-pravnosti spolova,

8. Objedinjavanje prava koja proizlaze iz populacije i njenog razvoja s ciljem smanjenja siromaštva,

9. Poboljšanje koordinacije putem UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund), EPF i drugih vladinih i nevladinih organizacija.

Imajući u vidu činjenicu da je Parlamentarna grupa za populaciju i razvoj otvorena za nove članove, proširena je novim članovima, tako da je sada čine:

Dr. Milorad Živković, predsjedavajući Parlamentarne grupe; dr. Azra Alajbegović, član; dr. Halid Genjac, član; Adem Huskić, član; Ivo Miro Jović, član; Velimir Jukić, član; dr. Nermína Kapetanović, član; dr. Mirjana Malić, član; Novka Marković, član; Petar Mičić, član; Lazar Prodanović, član; dr. Amira Skaka, član; Vesna Šain, član; dr. Zijad Hasić, sekretar Parlamentarne grupe.

AKTIVNOSTI PARLAMENTARNE GRUPE

a) aktivnost od osnivanja do 2006. godine

Od osnivanja do 2006. godine Parlamentarna grupa imala je brojne aktivnosti od kojih su najznačajnije:

- učešće na sastanku u Ankari, (4.4.2004.), u saradnji s UNFPA, gdje je prihvaćena naša aplikacija čime smo postali punopravan član IEPFDP (Inter European Parliamentary Forum for Development and Population).
- pres- konferencije povodom Svjetskog dana populacije (11.7.2004./2005.) i Dana borbe protiv HIV/AIDS-a (1.11.2004.);
- organiziranje Javnog saslušanja posvećenog HIV/AIDS-u, (20.5.2005.), u saradnji s UNFPA, ;
- aktivnosti koje su dovele do usvajanja Otavskog dokumenta (Akcioni plan Kairske deklaracije) u oba doma PSBiH;
- bliska saradnja s IEPFDP, odnosno kasnije s EPF (European Parliamentary Forum)
- insistiranje na ispunjavanju formalnih uslova za aplikaciju BiH prema Globalnom fondu UN-a za sredstva potrebna za borbu protiv HIV/AIDS-a i TBC-a, što je i rezultiralo dobivanjem tih sredstava;
- koordinirana saradnja s Uredom UNFPA u Bosni i Hercegovini.
- obilazak nevladinih organizacija u pet gradova BiH i sagledavanje stanja u kojem rade i funkcioniraju, u saradnji s UNFPA;
- provođenje odredbi Zakona o ravnopravnosti spolova;
- pripreme za predstojeći popis stanovništva, praćenje ostvarivanja politike starenja,
- bliska saradnja s nevladinim organizacijama,

b) aktivnost Parlamentarne grupe u parlamentarnom mandatu od 2006. do 2010. godine

U tom mandatu Parlamentarna grupa do danas je imala 25 sjednica, na kojima su razmatrana brojna pitanja populacije i razvoja.

Također, održano je više okruglih stolova i konferencija, od kojih su najvažniji:

1. Seminar "Starenje kao društvena pojava", Vlašić, 1. i 2. april 2007., u saradnji s UNFPA;
2. Okrugli sto "Evaluacija dosadašnjih i plan budućih aktivnosti za predstojeći popis stanovništva, stanova i domaćinstava u Bosni i Hercegovini, 8. 5. 2007., u saradnji s UNFPA;
3. Seminar „Mladi, kontracepcija i nove metode kontracepcije“, Kupres, 17. 10. 2007., u saradnji s UNFPA;
4. Dogovor s Asocijacijom XY iz Sarajeva o aktivnostima nevladinih organizacija i daljnjem radu, 31. 10. 2007., Sarajevo;
5. Dogovor ostvaren 27.11.2007. o rješavanju tekućih problema: obilježavanje 1. decembra, Dana borbe protiv HIV/AIDS-a, dogovor s Asocijacijom XY iz Sarajeva o aktivnostima nevladinih organizacija u 2007. godini, dogovor o prezentaciji

saradnje PGPR-a i UNFPA i proteklih aktivnostima, na godišnjem skupu UNFPA, od 5. do 8. decembra 2007.

6. Okrugli sto „Demografski i socijalni aspekti procesa migracije u Bosni i Hercegovini“, Teslić, 10. 11. 2008., s donesenim zaključcima;
7. Radionica „Uvod u projekt-Joining Forces for Voice and Accountability“ koju je organizirala Asocijacija XY, održana u januaru 2009. godine u Hotelu Vučko na Jahorini;
8. Međunarodna konferencija „Kairski dokument o populaciji i razvoju +15“, održana 3. jula 2009.;
9. Okrugli sto: "Pomoć društvu porodicama koje imaju članove s invaliditetom; Pravo na reproduktivno zdravlje i kvalitetan porodični život bez nasilja" , u saradnji s UNFPA, održan je 15. jula 2010. u Hotelu Maršal na Bjelašnici.

Iskustva Parlamentarne grupe za populaciju i razvoj, kao i međunarodnih organizacija i nevladinog sektora u Bosni i Hercegovini u provođenju programa seksualnog i reproduktivnog zdravlja i populacione politike pokazala su nedostatke odgovarajućeg zakonodavnog okvira, smjernica i kvalitetne komunikacije između nevladinih i vladinih institucija koji direktno utiču na kvalitet seksualnog i reproduktivnog zdravlja i prava ne samo mladih ljudi i ranjivih grupa nego i cjelokupnog stanovništva Bosne i Hercegovine. Takva saznanja bila su motiv Uredu UNFPA u BiH da aktivno učestvuje u gotovo svim aktivnostima koje je provodila Parlamentarna grupa. Zaključujući svake godine memorandum o razumijevanju i materijalno, idejno i moralno pomažući ovu aktivnost, UNFPA je stimilirala Parlamentarnu grupu na daljnji i svestraniji rad na poboljšanju stanja populacije i njenog zdravog razvoja.

Parlamentarci su prepoznali i prihvatili svoju ključnu ulogu, kako pojedinačno tako i kolektivno, kao most između stanovništva i vlasti - kao zagovarača ostvarivanja prava i ispunjavanja potreba stanovništva, kao zakonodavaca koji izrađuju zakone kako bi zaštitili ta prava, te kao kreatora politike koji mobiliziraju resurse i stvaraju poticajno okruženje potrebno za rješavanje takvih potreba.

Također su prepoznali i prihvatili populaciju kao prioritetno pitanje koje utiče na sva ostala pitanja razvoja, a time i kao nešto što je neophodno u ostvarivanju Milenijskih razvojnih ciljeva, posebno onih kojima je cilj iskorjenjivanje siromaštva i gladi, poboljšanje zdravlja majki, uključujući i napore u borbi protiv nesigurnog pobačaja te u promoviranju seksualnog i reproduktivnog zdravlja i prava, borbi protiv HIV-a/AIDS-a, pružanju univerzalnog osnovnog obrazovanja i promoviranju ravnopravnosti spolova i jačanja položaja žena.

BUDUĆE AKTIVNOSTI

Parlamentarna grupa za populaciju i razvoj planira u naredno mandatnom periodu organiziranje okruglih stolova i konferencija s aktuelnim temama o populaciji i razvoju. Ona prepoznaje kao bitne i korisne sljedeće aktivnosti:

- 1) redovni sastanci Grupe s predstavnicima NVO-a i UNFPA;
- 2) aktivni monitoring stanja i aktivnosti u oblasti borbe protiv HIV/AIDS-a;
- 3) prigodno obilježavanje 8. marta, Međunarodnog dana žena;
- 4) sastanci s predstavnicima Agencije za statistiku BiH i entitetskih zavoda povodom predstojećeg popisa stanovništva;
- 5) pres-konferencije povodom važnijih međunarodnih dana u vezi s populacijom i njenim razvojem;
- 6) koordiniranje aktivnosti s odborima za jednakost spolova u parlamentima u BiH;
- 7) redovna komunikacija s EPF uz unapređenje saradnje;
- 8) organiziranje seminara o raznim temama;
- 9) obilazak info-centara za mlade u BiH;
- 10) analiza rada Grupe i prijedlozi za njen daljnji rad i eventualno proširenje;
- 11) dopunjavanje opreme i nabavka tehničko-materijalnih sredstava za rad;

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Dear friends!

The Parliamentary Group of Population and Development of Bosnia and Herzegovina was established on 24 February 2004 and it is a voluntary, informal group, based in the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, composed of the parliamentarians from all levels of the legislative authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In the beginning the Group was made of eight parliamentarians but now it counts thirteen. Day by day, we grow stronger and expand our membership, working more intensively with our partners in the implementation of our program.

The issues related to the protection of reproductive health, particularly of young people, promotion of the healthy way of living, implementation of the Law on Gender Equality, care for the elderly, identifying the existence of domestic violence, seeking an adequate social response to this phenomenon, as well as monitoring of the demographic and medical aspects of the population development are the main and genuine objectives of our past, current but also future activities.

We proudly point out that we are the only such group within the countries of the former Yugoslavia, which was admitted to the full-fledged membership of the European parliamentary groups for population and development (EPF - EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY FORUM) way back in 2004. The intensive and numerous activities were carried out so far throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina, but also worldwide, in cooperation with various non-governmental organizations such as the Association XY Sarajevo, the Association Osmijeh-Gračanica, the Association Fourth Child from Banja Luka, the Organization Lara-Bijeljina, etc., including also various international organizations such as the UNFPA, the UNDP, the MP, HelpAge, etc.

Concerning the activities of the Group carried out so far, it would be worth mentioning, inter alia, that we held press-conferences on the occasion of 8 March, the International Women's Day, the World population Day (11 July), the International Youth Day, the International Day of Older Persons and the World HIV/AIDS Day (1 December); we organized a Public Hearing dedicated to HIV/AIDS (20 May 2005); we organized the "First Regional Conference of the South-Eastern Europe Parliamentarians with the Focus on Population and Development", held from 24 to 26 April 2006 in Sarajevo; we developed the activities that in the end lead to the adoption of the Ottawa Document (Action Plan of Cairo declaration) in both Houses of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina; a seminar in Kupres, on 18 and 19 October 2007, under the title: „Young People, Contraception and New Methods of Contraception“; a Workshop in Mrakovica, on 18 and 19 May 2008 under the title „Family, its Role and Structure“; we promoted a brochure under the title: „Family, Its Role and Structure“; facilitated a Round Table in Teslić on the subject of „Demographic and Social Aspects of the Migration Process in Bosnia and Herzegovina“; we contributed to the development of



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the Resolution about the Family Support, adopted at the 54th session of the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina; a Workshop titled „the Introduction into the Joining Forces for Voice and Accountability Project“, organized by the Association XY Sarajevo, held in January 2009 at the Vučko Hotel on Mount Jahorina; the International Conference called „Cairo Document on Population and Development +15“, held on 3 July 2009 in Sarajevo; a Round Table on the subject of: “Society’s Support to the Families with the Disabled Members; the Right to Reproductive Health and Quality Family Living Free from Violence”, held on 15 July 2010 at the Maršal Hotel on Mount Bjelašnica; a Round Table “Together for the Better Position of the Older Persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina”, held on 10 and 11 October 2010, and many more achieved in the mutual communication among the PGPD members, representatives of executive authorities and non-governmental sector organized through the information centers.

In addition to the implementation of the already started activities, in the coming period we intend to strengthen the links of our Group with the non-governmental sector and the EPF and to take active part in implementing the Strategy for Combating HIV/AIDS, by linking the non-governmental and government sectors, and contributing to the higher quality approach to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

In the light of the fact that the Parliamentary Group for Population and Development of Bosnia and Herzegovina is open for new members, we would like hereby to invite all people of good will to join us in our common struggle against poverty and all forms of discrimination of human beings, for the purpose of ensuring healthier and better living for all, particularly for the coming generations.

Dr. Milorad Živković,
Chair of the PGPD BiH

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Words of address by the friends of the Parliamentary Group for Population and Development of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dear friends!

The foundation of the Parliamentary Group for Population and Development (PGPD BiH) was supported by UNFPA BiH in February 2004. PGPD BiH is committed to support the implementation of the significant international conventions, declarations and the other regulatory norms regulating the matters of sexual and reproductive health, such as ICPD, CEDAW, MDGs, Platform for Action and Beijing Declaration, Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the Documents from the First and Second International Parliamentary Conferences and many others.

UNFPA and PGPD BiH are planning to continue to work together on the issues of promoting reproductive health, gender equality, migration statistics, population census, contraception, ageing and any other issues relevant to the Population and Development of BiH

UNFPA believes that partnership with parliamentarians is vital to build support for the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Because parliamentarians act as the bridge between the people and their government, they are instrumental in advocating for the rights and needs of the people.

By enacting and improving relevant laws and policies, parliamentarians help to create an enabling environment for the achievement of the ICPD goals and the MDGs. They also play a critical role in mobilizing necessary resources.

Although much has been accomplished since the ICPD in 1994, much more has yet to be done in the future. The achievement of the ICPD goals will depend on the political will to fill the gaps in laws, policies and funding. Only with the support of parliamentarians can we build this political will.

Faris Hadrović
Head of the UNFPA Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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ABOUT THE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Parliamentary Group for Population and Development of Bosnia and Herzegovina is a voluntary, informal group, based in the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, composed of the parliamentarians from all the levels of the legislative authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The group was established on 24 February 2004, with a view to promoting policies and values related to the protection of reproductive health (particularly of young people), promotion of the healthy way of living, implementation of the Law on Gender Equality, demographic and medical aspects of the population development, ageing policy, monitoring and influencing the population migration trends and other areas of interest for the Population and Development in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Parliamentary Group for Population and Development is basing its work on implementation of a number of international and national regulations, including *inter alia*:

Cairo documents

ICPD - International Conference on Population and Development

The 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) was a milestone in the history of population and development, as well as in the history of women's rights. At the conference, the world agreed that population is not about numbers, but about people. Implicit in this rights-based approach is the idea that every person counts. The conference also made it clear that empowerment of women is not simply an end in itself, but also a step towards eradicating poverty and stabilizing population growth. Reproductive health and rights are cornerstones of women's empowerment.

Beijing documents

Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing Platform for Action, 1995, documents

The Fourth World Conference on Women, held in 1995, aimed at accelerating the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women [1] and at removing all the obstacles to women's active participation in all spheres of public and private life through a full and equal share in economic, social, cultural and political decision-making.

At the end of the conference, the participants accepted the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which set an agenda for empowerment of women and implementation of the Nairobi Strategy, all with the aim of achieving the essential changes in terms of the status of women.

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Implementation of the Platform is mainly the responsibility of the governments of individual countries and the institutions of public, private and non-governmental sectors at all levels. The Platform identifies 12 areas causing the major concerns when women are at issue, and these include in particular: women and poverty, women education and vocational training, women and health, violence against women, women and armed conflict, women and economy, women in power and decision-making positions, institutional mechanisms of women's empowerment, women's human rights, women in the media, women and environment and the girl child.

Madrid documents (MIPAA)

Second World Assembly on Ageing. The Madrid International Plan of Action for Ageing, 2002.

In Madrid, in April 2002, at the Second World Assembly dedicated to ageing, the Madrid International Plan of Action for Ageing (MIPAA) was adopted, in order to respond to the challenges of population ageing in the twenty-first century and to promote the development of a society for all ages.

The Madrid International Plan of Action for Ageing makes it binding for all countries signatories to work actively on the full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of all older persons. The MIPAA recommends the empowerment of older persons to fully and effectively participate in the economic, political and social lives of their societies, all with the aim of accomplishing the maximum individual development, self-fulfillment and quality ageing.

Ottawa documents

The Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina Annex IV of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Dayton Peace Accord)

The Rules of Procedure of the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina", nos. 33/06, 41/06, 91/06, and 91/07)

The Rules of Procedure of the House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina", nos. 33/06, 41/06, 91/06, and 91/07) and other acts.

The purposes of foundation of the Parliamentary Group for Population and Development:

1. To identify the topics of common interest for the population, sustainable development and family and population planning in the international, regional and national context;
2. To identify the ways as how to proceed working jointly and to work on strengthening the cooperation in raising awareness of these topics at the national, regional and international levels through the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia

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and Herzegovina and entity legislatures, as well as the European Council, European Parliament and other appropriate international bodies;

3. To propagate knowledge and awareness related to reproductive health and the rights deriving from this social activity;

4. To promote the Millennium Development Goals

Millennium Development Goals

- a) At the Millennium Summit in 2000, 189 Member States agreed to help the world's poorest countries significantly by the year 2015. A framework for progress consisting of eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) was derived from the Millennium Declaration adopted by these world leaders.
- b) The MDGs serve as a time-bound, achievable blueprint for reducing poverty and improving lives agreed to by all countries and all leading development institutions. They guide and focus development priorities for governments, donors and practitioner agencies worldwide.

5. To propagate the following specific goals:

1. Advocating to raise awareness of the population issues:

- Advocating for sexual and reproductive health and rights both nationally and in development policies by following Sarajevo Declaration 2006 (First Regional Conference of the South-Eastern Europe Parliamentarians on Population and Development).
- Advocating for improving access to relevant sexual and reproductive health and rights issues as defined in the MTDS in order to achieve national MDGs by 2015: to empower women in SRH negotiation and to involve men in reproductive health rights, to reduce the child mortality rate; to reduce the mortality rate of child-bearing women; to sustain the low prevalence of HIV/AIDS; and to advocate with executive governments to budget all of these activities.
- Advocate for the need for youth mainstreaming in the national development.
- Raising awareness of the needs and rights of the elderly population in BiH.
- Raising awareness about the need for gender mainstreaming in national development and for combating gender based violence.
- Raising awareness of the issues relating to migration, including the internally displaced persons, returnees to pre-war residence locations, and illegal migration, including trafficking.
- Raising awareness about BiH Census.

2. Advocating for developing and implementing laws and national policies:

- Work together with UNFPA and the other relevant institutions on developing the Strategy for Population and Development and national population policies.
- Work extensively on developing Reproductive Health Strategy for BiH.
- In cooperation with the Ministries of Health and Education and NGOs facilitate the endorsement of the national youth sexual and reproductive health and rights peer education programme, based on peer education standards.
- In cooperation with the Ministries of Health to facilitate endorsing the Guidelines

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on Pre and Post Abortion Counseling and Procedures, produced in 2006 by BiH medical experts, social workers and psychologists, supported by UNFPA.

- With the Ministries of Health and Public Health Institutions work on policies for access to reproductive health services by all women.
- Continue to advocate for the adoption of comprehensive legislation on guaranteeing sexual and reproductive health and rights within the universal access to HIV/AIDS services.
- Endorse national population policies into a new package of legislation and mainstream population policies and programmes into the development agenda.
- Support the strategy on social inclusion for meeting the needs and rights of women, youth, elderly and the other vulnerable groups.
- With NGOs develop advocacy strategy to support national plans on trafficking, illegal migration and at risk population groups.
- In cooperation with the Ministries of Health and Social Policy, Ministry of Civil Affairs, pensioners' parties and NGOs dealing with the issues of the elderly advocate for the enactment of policies and laws to improve the living standards of the elderly in BiH.
- Support the development of policies affecting the rights of the elderly.
- Advocate for the implementation of the Gender Law, Family Laws and Protection Laws against Violence in the Family.
- Support together with UNFPA the implementation of laws fulfilling the rights of all vulnerable groups, including internally displaced persons, returnees to pre-war residence locations and trafficked persons.
- Support together with UNFPA the BiH Agency of Statistics in the preparation of Bosnia and Herzegovina wide Census and other areas of official authorities.
- Support together with UNFPA the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the development of a Strategy for Advancement of the Status of Women Victims of Sexual Violence.

6. To reaffirm the goals set by the Cairo documents,

7. To reaffirm the Beijing document policy through the policy of gender equality,

8. To consolidate of the rights derived from population and its development aimed at reducing poverty,

9. To improve coordination through UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund), EPF and other government and non-governmental organizations.

Bearing in mind the fact that the Parliamentary Group for Population and Development is open for new members, the PGPD BiH has been expanded to include some new members. As a result, its current membership includes:

MD, Master in Med. Sci. Milorad Živković, Chairman of the Parliamentary Group; Prof. Dr. in Med. Sci., MD, Azra Alajbegović, member; MD Halid Genjac, member; Adem Huskić, member; Ivo Miro Jović, member; Velimir Jukić, member; MD Nermina Kapetanović, member; Prof. Dr. in Med. Sci, MD, Mirjana Malić, member; Novka Marković, member; Petar Mičić, member; Lazar Prodanović, member; MD Amira Skaka, member; Vesna Šain, member; PhD LL.D. Zijad Hasić, Secretary of the Parliamentary Group.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

a) activities in the period from its foundation to 2006

In the period from its foundation to 2006, the Parliamentary Group carried out a number of activities of which the most important were:

- Participation in the meeting at Ankara, (4 April 2004), in cooperation with the UNFPA, where our application was approved, as a result of which we became a full-fledged member of the IEPFDP (the Inter European Parliamentary Forum for Development and Population).
- Press-conferences held on the occasion of the World Population Day (11 July 2004/2005.) and the World HIV/AIDS Day (1 December 2004);
- Organizing of a Public Hearing dedicated to HIV/AIDS, (20 May 2005), in cooperation with the UNFPA;
- Activities that in the end lead to the adoption of the Ottawa Document (the Action Plan of Cairo declaration) in both Houses of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Close cooperation with the IEPFDP, or later on with the EPF (the European Parliamentary Forum)
- Insistence on meeting the formal requirements for application with the Global Fund of the UN for receiving the funds necessary for combating AIDS/HIV and TBC, which resulted in the grant of these funds;
- Coordinated cooperation with the UNFPA office in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Visits paid to NGOs in five cities of Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to get an insight of the conditions in which they work, in cooperation with the UNFPA;
- Implementation of the Law on Gender Equality;
- Doing the preparatory work for the upcoming population census, monitoring achievements of the ageing policy,
- Close cooperation with NGOs,

b) Activities of the Parliamentary Group for Population and Development in the parliamentary mandate from 2006 to 2010

In the above mandate the Parliamentary Group held 25 sessions so far, where a number of issues were discussed relating to population and development.

Also, a number of round tables and conferences were held, of which the most important were:

1. Seminar titled "Ageing as a Social Phenomenon", held on Mount Vlašić, on 1 and 2 April 2007, in cooperation with the UNFPA;
2. Round Table discussion on the topic of "Evaluation of the Past, Current and Future Activities for the Upcoming Census of Population, Dwellings and Households in Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 8 May 2007, in cooperation with the UNFPA ;
3. Seminar „Youth, Contraception and New Methods of Contraception“, held in Kupres, on 17 October 2007, in cooperation with the UNFPA;
4. Agreement with the Association XY from Sarajevo about NGO activities and future work, reached on 31 October 2007, in Sarajevo;

5. Agreement on 27 November 2007 about the settlement of the current issues: celebration of 1 December, the World HIV/AIDS Day, agreement with the Association XY from Sarajevo about NGO activities in 2007, agreement about a presentation of cooperation between the PGPD and the UNFPA and the past activities, at the annual gathering of the UNFPA, held from 5 to 8 December 2007.
6. Round Table „the Demographic and Social Aspects of the Migration Process in Bosnia and Herzegovina“, held in Teslić, on 10 November 2008, with the conclusions reached;
7. Workshop „the Introduction into the Joining Forces for Voice and Accountability Project“, organized by the Association XY, held in January 2009 at the Vučko Hotel on Mount Jahorina;
8. International Conference „Cairo Document on Population and Development +15“, held on 3 July 2009 in Sarajevo.;
9. Round Table: on the subject of "Society's Support to the Families with the Disabled Members; Right to Reproductive Health and Quality Family Living Free from Violence", held on 15 July 2010 at the Maršal Hotel on Mount Bjelašnica.

Invaluable experiences gained by the Parliamentary Group for Population and Development, as well as lessons learned from the international organizations and non-governmental sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the implementation of the program of sexual and reproductive health and population policy reveal the legislative gaps and the lack of an appropriate legislative framework, the lack of clear guidelines and high quality communication among non-governmental and government institutions, all of which have a direct impact on the quality of sexual and reproductive health and associated rights, not only when it comes to young people and vulnerable groups, but also in the entire population of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Such experiences and lessons learned have motivated the UNFPA Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina to take active part in almost all activities carried out by the Parliamentary Group for Population and Development. By closing an annual Memorandum of Understanding each year and by providing material, conceptual and moral support to these activities, the UNFPA has stimulated the Parliamentary Group for Population and Development to carry on with the continued and the more multi-faceted work to improve the population situation and boost its healthier development.

The parliamentarians have recognized and accepted their crucial role, both individually and collectively, as the bridge between people and government - as advocates for the rights and needs of the people, as legislators to make laws to protect these rights and as policy makers to mobilize the resources and create the enabling environment needed to address these needs.

They have also recognized and accepted, population as a cross-cutting issue affecting all other development issues and thus as indispensable in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, in particular those aimed at eradicating poverty and hunger; improving maternal health, including efforts to combat unsafe abortion and promote sexual and reproductive health and rights; combating HIV/AIDS; providing universal primary education; and promoting gender equality and women's empowerment.

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FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The Parliamentary Group for Population and Development is planning to organize round tables and conferences during the upcoming mandate period on the topical issues of population and development. It recognizes as essential and useful the following activities:

- 1) to hold regular meetings of the Group of NGO and UNFPA representatives;
- 2) to perform active monitoring of the situation and activities in the area of combating HIV/AIDS;
- 3) to hold a commemorative celebration of 8 March, the International Women's Day;
- 4) to hold meetings with the representatives of the BiH Agency for Statistics and the entity-level institutes in connection with the upcoming population census;
- 5) to hold press-conferences on the occasions of the major international days in relation to population and its development;
- 6) to coordinate activities together with the gender equality committees in BiH parliaments;
- 7) to maintain regular communication with the EPF and advance mutual cooperation;
- 8) to organize seminars on various topics;
- 9) to pay visits to youth information centers in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- 10) to analyze the work of the Group and put forward recommendations for its future work and possible expansions of its membership;
- 11) to get additional equipment and procure technical and material resources required for its operation;

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He was born on 26 January 1955, in the place called Vrbanja, in Bugojno municipality. He graduated from the Machine Engineering Faculty in 1979 in Mostar (higher education background, a graduated machine engineer). He was an MP in the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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He was born on 15 July 1950 in Trebižat, the town of Čapljina. He graduated from the Faculty of Philosophy in Sarajevo in 1975. He attended the post-graduate studies of economics at the School of Economics in Rijeka, the Republic of Croatia (higher education background, a professor of philosophy). He was an MP in the House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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He was born on 7 June 1980 in the town of Pelegićevo. As an MP in the National Assembly of the Republika Srpska he took active part in the work of the Committee for Youth Issues as well as the Auditing Committee.



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A surgeon general. He published fifteen scientific works in the areas of war trauma and abdominal surgery (both as a coauthor and author). He is a member of the Steering Committee and one of the founders of the Association of Surgeons of the Republika Srpska. He was an MP in the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina. He received a silver plaque of the University of Tuzla.




MD Amira Skaka, member

She was born in the town of Travnik where she finished her primary and secondary education. She graduated from the Medical School in Sarajevo in 1980. Throughout the war she took active participation in the organization of health care in the Central Bosnia Canton. On behalf of the local hospital staff, she was appointed as member of the Steering Board of the Health Insurance Fund of the Central Bosnia Canton. She is currently the Head of the Department for Children and Youth Medical Care.



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Prof. Dr. LL.D. Zijad Hasić, Secretary of the Parliamentary Group for Population and Development

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