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Policy framework: International Conference on Population and Development

1994 ICPD in Cairo

- Link population and development
- Women's empowerment and reproductive health necessary for sustainable development
- New population paradigm: from focus on numbers to focus on human rights
- 20 year Programme of Action (PoA): universal access to RH care by 2015

ICPD beyond 2014

- 2010: GA resolution to extend ICPD PoA (open-ended)
- UNFPA: operational review of implementation of PoA
- 2014: UNGASS to assess status of implementation of PoA and renew political support at highest level

ICPD goals and principles incorporated into MDGs

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Policy framework: MDGs



- 2000: Adoption of MDGs / MDG 5: improve maternal health
- 2005: Inclusion of universal access to RH by 2015 as target 5b
- 2010: Summit to assess progress
- Health & education (esp. for women and girls) central to all MDGs
- MDG 5 lags behind: least progress in reducing deaths related to pregnancy and childbirth
- Increased investments needed to reduce maternal, newborn and child mortality and achieve universal access to RH by 2015 → pledges made by several EU countries and the EC

While solid policy framework exists, large gap remains between commitments and reality...

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Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health



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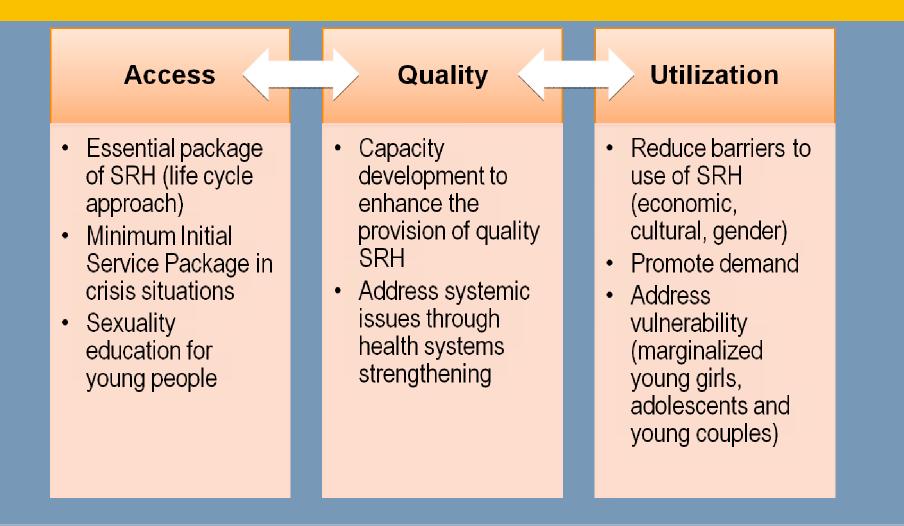
Launched by UNSG at recent MDG Summit

Outlines what needs to be done to accelerate progress on the MDGs:

- Focus on most vulnerable: women, children, adolescents
- Integrated package of affordable and essential health services (incl. FP, maternal health care and HIV prevention and treatment)
- Support country-led health plans
- Strengthen health systems

SRH: UNFPA's focus





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Challenges



Global level

- Continued political mobilization for achieving ICPD goals
- Adequate funding: financial commitments must be honored despite financial crisis
- Adhere to aid effectiveness principles while ensuring accountability for results

Regional / country level

- Financial crisis threatens health, wellbeing, livelihoods, education of millions
- Difficulty of making strategic decisions with limited financial, human and infrastructural resources
- Coordination and collaboration for effective delivery of services (e.g. integration of services currently delivered by separate programmes)
- Ensuring reliable availability of SRH commodities at service delivery level

Opportunities



- Large generation of young people: more than 3 billion people under
 25 asset if investments are made in their health, skills & education
- We know what works and what needs to be done: girls' education and SRH (incl. family planning) are "best buys" for development.
 Satisfying the unmet need for modern contraception has enormous payoffs
- World population of 7 billion : major milestone in history → golden opportunity to increase awareness of population issues and ICPD PoA

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