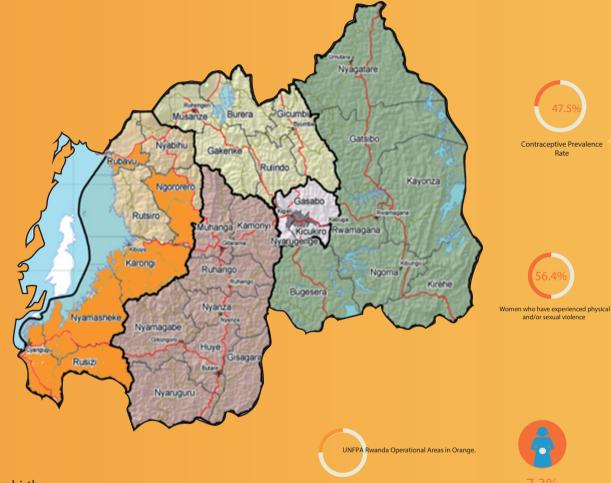




# RIGHTS AND RESULTS

Delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

# THE RIGHTS IMPERATIVE





Maternal Mortality Ratio

Unmet need for family planning

Deliveries with skilled birth attendance



# Data For Development:

- DHS 2014/2015 produced and disseminated
- Rwanda Statisticsal Year Book produced
- Latest Population Census 2012
- EICV 2014 produced and disseminated

# **Capacity Development**



- 250 District authorities trained on data use
- 78 MPs capacitated on policy implications of DHS findings
- 2989 people reached on importance of Civil Registrartion

# Central level;

UNFPA supports policies and researches on reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, Family Planning, bahavior change, gender equality, Adolescents and Youth empowerment, Humanitarian intervention, data generation and use, Comprehensive Sexuality Education, and other population related issues.

# Decentralized Level;

UNFPA operates in the West Province in Ngororero, Rubavu, Karongi, Nyamasheke and Rusizi Districts as shown in orange in the map above. We support 10 district hospitals and around 40 health centers to provide Adolescents SRH in the Western Province. In humanitarian response, UNFPA supports Mahama, Muqomba, and Kigeme refugee camps.

Adolescent childbearing



UNFPA works with other partners to prevent HIV new infections in the country and strengthen capacity to lead on developing evidence-based HIV prevention programs that respond to the needs of key populations, adolescent girls and young women.

#### Results at a glance

- Capacity development for over 40 health service providers and 110 community health workers to provide maternal and sexual reproductive health services including family planning, HIV prevention and SGBV in refugee camps.
- In addition to supplies of condoms, UNFPA has encouraged awareness through discussions on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health targeting Adolescents and Youth.
- Creation of health clubs that distribute condoms and conduct sensitization on HIV/AIDS and early pregnancies have greatly contributed to safety of adolescent girls and youths
- HIV/AIDS prevalence rate among adults aged between 15 49 is 3% and treatment has been made universal.

#### **HIV** epidemic

Ending the AIDS epidemic requires long-term investments. Sexual and reproductive health and rights, indeed all human rights, are essential for realizing this vision. And given their higher risk of HIV infection, youth and key populations require focused support.

HIV prevalence in Rwanda is at 3% in the genral population. As a result of political commitment and well-coordinated response to epidemic, 93% of pregnant women receive ART for PMTCT, and 79% of PLHIVA are receiving ART.

UNFPA's approach to HIV is based around three strategies: promoting human rights and reducing inequalities, integrating HIV responses into sexual and reproductive health care, and preventing sexual transmission of HIV. UNFPA is supporting the Government of Rwanda in the HIV response, with special focus on youth and key populations.

As a result of this political commitment and conducive environment, Rwanda has registered big achievements in the Health and Education sectors.



Young people make up the largest proportion of the population in Rwanda. If they can realize their potential, this youth population 'bulge' could be an opportunity to advance the country's social and economic capital. UNFPA is committed to fulfill the human rights of young people, including access to integrated sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services and information.

# Results at a glance

- AfriYAN network was established and currently 17 youth led organizations are participating in the forum.
- 170 health providers trained of ASRH
- . 130 local leaders sensitized on ASRH
- The Innovation Accelerator, a youth program was lunched to help the youths develop creative solutions to pressing youth-related SRH issues
- Teachers from national and private schools have been trained in the delivery of Comphrehensive Sexuality Education (CSE)
- Supported the intergration of Comphrehensive Sexuality Education in the the national schools carriculum through carriculum development and capacity building of teachers national wide

### Empowering young people to drive change

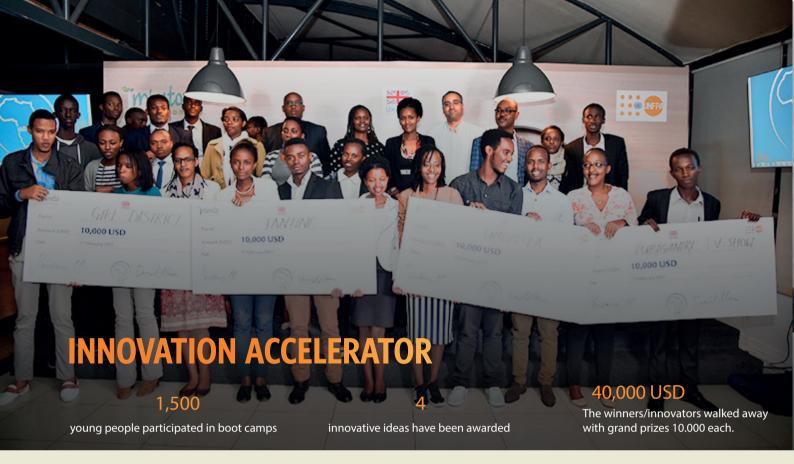
The Government's commitment to advancing the rights of A&Y is reflected in the enactment of human rights instruments including formulation of national policies and strategies that recognise the specific needs and rights of young people, women and girls. This includes the 2011 ASRH&R policy and SP, 2014 School Health Policy, and 2008 Girls' Education Policy.

However, young people still face challenges related to their sexual and reproductive health, including teenage pregnancies, sexualy transmitted infections and sexual violance. Young people have limited knowledge of HIV, a few sexually active use condoms and other contraceptives. UNFPA works to works to make SRH infomation and services available and accessible to all young people including humanitarian settings; provision of medical equipment, materials and capacity building of health workers.

Through various activities, UNFPA works to increase demand for SRH services among young as well as acceptance of their SRH needs and rights on the community level. UNFPA works to strengthen meaningful engagement of youth in development process at all levels, through capacity building of youth-led organisations and supporting their participation national and international fora.

Despite these efforts, challenges still exist, including;

- 51% of young women (15-24 years old) used a condom at last sexual intercourse.
- Cpmphrensive knowledge about HIV is about 60% in both girls and boys 15 19 years old
- 7.3 % of adolescent girls (15-19) have begun childbearing
- Modern Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (mCPR) among sexually active adolescents stands at 33%



In 2016, UNFPA set up a business accelerator to join the innovation ecosystem and tap into young entrepreneurs' creativity for advancing SRH.

## Results at a glance

- 231 applications from which 10 groups of innovators were shortlisted.
- The top 10 innovators presented their ideas at the pitch contest, for a chance to be picked among the best four.
- Winners in Rwanda are: "Girl District", a magazine series focusing on SRH through empowering stories; "Tantine" (Aunt), a website and mobile application providing SRH information to disadvantaged adolescents and youth; "Umbrella", a mobile application focusing on antenatal care and birth preparedness, and "Tubiganire" (Can we talk?), a TV show that focuses on communication about sexuality and SRH in families.
- The 4 winners went through an intensive training and mentorship program in 2017 and supported to further develop their ideas including Transform Africa.

# Solutions for young people, by young people

The Innovation Accelerator is a youth programme launched by UNFPA in partnership with Imbuto Foundation, funded by UKaid. It provides young entrepreneurs with seed funding, mentorship and training to develop creative solutions to pressing youth-related SRH issues.

Our first accelerator cycle kicked off in December 2016. The challenge was to link young people with information and services on SRH.

#### What is an accelerator?

Accelerators are intensive programmes of mentorship and training to support businesses in the start-up phase. Accelerators end with a public pitch event or 'demo day', at which prototypes are presented to potential investors and implementers to facilitate them being scaled-up. The main features are,

- an application process that is open to all yet highly competitive;
- provision of pre-seed investment;
- · focus on small teams, not individual founders; and
- · fixed-term support with training and mentoring.



During conflict, natural disasters and other emergencies, sexual and reproductive health needs are easily overlooked – yet these needs are often staggering. UNFPA across East and Southern Africa works closely with governments, UN agencies, community-based organizations and other partners to ensure that reproductive health is integrated into emergency responses.

#### Results at a glance

- 23 health service providers were trained on obstetrics and new born care and family planning services provision.
- 72 Community Health Workers from Kigeme and Mugombwa were trained on MNCH and prevention of HIV/STIs
- 30 peer educators were trained on MNCH and prevention of HIV/STIs in Mugombwa.
- Zero maternal death happened in Mahama camp
- 3 Youth friendly centres providing ASRH services have been initiated in Mahama camp
- 96 RH kits delivered, 1734 Dignity kits, Male condom 604,800, Female condom 8,240, FP use 2,500, 3000 safe deliveries, 540 clinical ASRH used
- More than 150,000 adults (men, women, community leaders reached with SRH, SGBV, HIV prevention messages during 5 sensitization campaigns conducted
- More than 60,000 adolescents and young reached with ASRH messages

- 160 Community Health Workers in Maternal health including (ASM) in sexual reproductive health including HIV, Family planning, SGBV and Maternal and Neonatal Health Care in order to reinforce the preventative and curative health services at the camp, for the well-functioning health information system targeting women of reproductive age, pregnant women and epidemic surveillance.
- 150 community leaders raised their knowledge in FP, ANC and SGBV an are able to empower community to use SRH services
- 80 female mentors and peers educators trained in basic knowledge on ASRH and are skilled to provided needed ASRH information and awareness to adolescent and young people

#### El Niño emergency in Gakenke District.

- UNFPA provided support for 3 health centers of Mataba, Nganzo, and Minazi to ensure safe and dignity of the affected population especially women and adolescent girls.
- 820 dignity Kits to support vulnerable women and girls for Gakenke district were provided.
- Life savings commodities were procured and handed over.
- Maternal Health equipment for Mataba health center were donated



UNFPA ensures every birth is safe by supporting quality EmNOC provision, promoting midwifery profession and Maternal Deaths Surviellance and Response (MDSR) Program

## Results at a glance

- Co-chaired FP 2020 in Rwanda which developed priorities and strategic interventions to advance FP uptake on Rwanda.
- Unintended pregnancies averted due to the use of modern contraceptives increased from 196,000 to 240,000.
- EmONC equipment procured to support 7 districts hospitals which serve as clinical practice for pre-service midwives
- Supported the evaluation of MDSR program implementation in Rwanda
- Supported the development of the draft strategy to end fistula in Rwanda
- Supported the training of 12 new national master trainer of EmONC
- Trained 68 health providers and 84 midwifery tutors in EmONC and Teaching methodologies
- Supported the review and adaptarion of midwifery academic carriculum according to WHO and ICM standards
- Supported the use of e-learning materials for Midwifery schools

### Capacity building for better family planning services

- Unsafe abortion averted due to the use of modern contraceptives increased from 58,000 to 71,000, number of maternal death averted due to the use of modern contraceptives increased from 400 to 500 in the respective years.
- Production and dissemination of over 10,000 copies of Family planning BCC/IEC materials and 2000 reporting books for community health workers and other materials to be used in community based provision.
- Supported the validation of nine medical Doctors and five nurses to perform vasectomy and tubal ligation
- Supported training of 674 Health service providers to offer a various range of contraceptive methods.
- Supported training of additional 1458 (Binome) and 729 ( ASM) CHWs from two Districts

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# **RESOURCES**

# Ambitious goals, ambitious targets

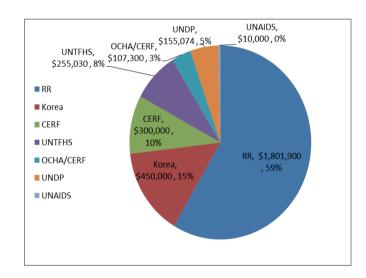
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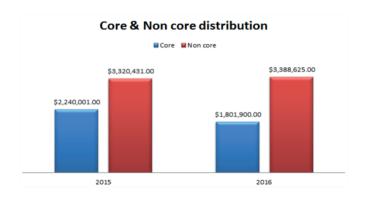
In 2016, UNFPA Rwanda administered USD 5,190,525 million for its interventions, of which 41% was Non-Core Funding mobilized by the Country Office, and 59% were Regular Resources.

In addition, UNFPA built strong relationships with a wide range of new strategic Development Partners in the Country. We sincerely thank all our partners that allowed us to advance the agenda of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). See chart below;

#### 2016 Financial Resources (in US\$)

2015 Resources compared to 2016





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