



# UNFPA IN RWANDA

## •COUNTRY PROFILE



**A YOUTHFUL POPULATION**  
**10,515,973 million people** <sup>1</sup>  
**62% under the age of 24**

- Population projection will double in 2047 (Census projections)



**CHALLENGES IN FP AND FERTILITY**  
**Unmet need for family planning is high at 19%**

- Stagnation (47.5% contraceptive prevalence rate 2014/15, compared to 45% in 2010) <sup>8</sup>
- 7.3% teenage pregnancy (DHS 2014/15) <sup>9</sup>
- Adolescent fertility rate: 45 out of 1000 girls aged 15 – 19 years



**LOW INCOME STATUS**

- GDP per Capita: USD 720 in 2015 <sup>2</sup>
- GDP growth rate: 6.9 % in 2015
- 39.1 % of population below poverty line



**CHALLENGES IN GENDER EQUALITY**

- 34% of women have experienced physical violence <sup>10</sup>
- 22.4% of women have experienced sexual violence



**MATERNAL HEALTH**  
**Maternal mortality ratio:**  
**210 deaths per 100,000 live births** <sup>4</sup>

- Deliveries (2014/15) with skilled birth attendance : 91% <sup>5</sup>
- Lack of Midwives: Ratio 1 / 66,749 population



**DATA AVAILABILITY**

- Latest Population Census 2012
- DHS 2014-2015
- Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) system in place but not fully established
- EICV 2014



## RESPONDING TO NATIONAL PRIORITIES

- Vision 2020
- Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy (EDPRS II 2013 – 2018 )
- Health Sector Strategic Plan III (2013 – 2018)

*Delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every child birth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled*



## RWANDA-UNFPA COOPERATION

### CONTRIBUTED TO NATIONAL POLICIES



- To support policies to prevent maternal deaths;
  - National Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent
  - National Community Health Policy (2015)
  - Rwanda Family Planning Policy (2012)
  - Health Sector Policy (2015)
- Evidence generation for policy making; Support to DHS 2015 and census 2012



- Reducing the Total Fertility rate from 6.1 children in 2005 to 4.2 children in 2015.
- Modern contraceptive prevalence rate increased slightly from 45% in 2010 to 48% in 2015.

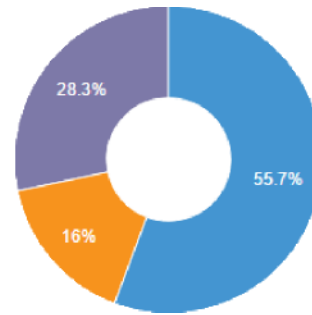


- Skilled birth attendance increased from 39% in 2005 to 91% in 2015
- Reducing Maternal Mortality Ratio significantly from 750 per 100,000 live births in 2005 to 210 in 2015.

### NATIONAL PARTNERS

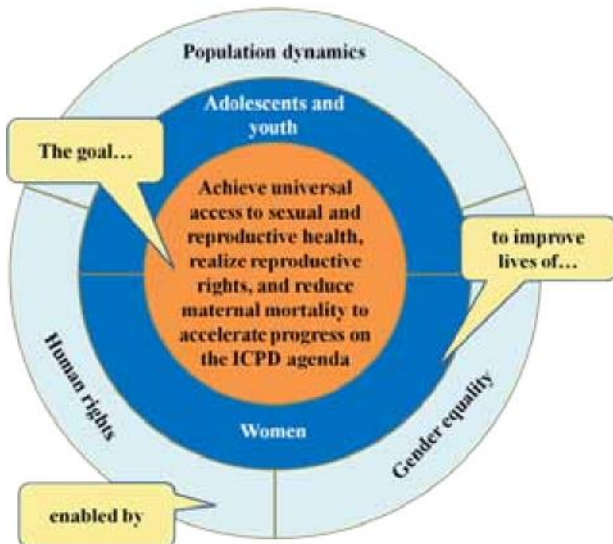
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
- Ministry of Economy and Finance and Economic Planning
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Promotion
- National Institute of Statistics
- Imbuto Foundation
- Rwanda Biomedical Center
- Rwanda Education Board
- Parliamentary network (RPRPD)
- School of Public Health
- RALGA
- UN Agencies

### PROGRAMME EXPENSES



- Integrated SRH services
- Adolescents and youth
- Evidence-based policy making

### UNFPA VISION



### UNFPA RWANDA KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Increased access of SRH/FP services through forecasting, quantification and procurement of commodities and capacity building of health service providers in provision of the whole range of contraceptives.**
- Humanitarian Support:** Supported delivery of Reproductive Health and Family Planning services to refugees from Burundi, as well as initiating this for 2 other camps for refugees from DRC.
- Comprehensive sexuality Education (CSE) into the National Curriculum:** Successfully advocated for the integration of CSE into the national curriculum at the primary and secondary levels in 5 subjects.
- Support to Data for Development:** Support to generation of data for evidence based policy making (population census 2012, DHS 2014/15)

### OPPORTUNITIES

#### Harnessing the Demographic Dividend:

- Youthful population in Rwanda 62% below the age of 24
- Timely and well-guided investments in women and children's education and health.

#### Support to Vulnerable Populations including in Humanitarian Contexts:

- Adolescent girls are disproportionately affected by the lack of RH information and services as they fall victims to sexual violence and unintended pregnancies.
- There are major gaps still in terms of sustaining access to Family Planning and ensuring women and girls continue to receive preventive and curative health care for safe delivery and SGBV management.

#### Sustainable Financing for SRH:

- Ambitious targets of 70% of Contraceptive Prevalence Rate set in the Family Planning Policy in Rwanda and commitments made in the FP2020 for Rwanda, UNFPA is expected to fill the gap for RH Commodity Security in spite of our resource decline.

