



2022 KEY RESULTS FOR IMPACT

DATA GENERATION AND EVIDENCE TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE ICPD AGENDA

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FOREWORD

Did you know that Rwanda's population was 10.5 million people in 2012?

The 2022 Rwanda Population and Housing Census (RPHC5) conducted from 16-30 August, and announced at the 18th National Dialogue Council, also known as Umushyikirano puts the population at 13.2 million people. This shows an increase of population size of 2.7 million and the call to re-adjust the social economic and development plan to unlock the potential of this population increase.

In partnership with the Government of Rwanda, through the National Institution of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR), other development partners and under the One-UN, UNFPA contributed financially and most importantly international level technical expertise from other African countries within the framework of South-South cooperation to ensure the first digital census in Rwanda. As the saying goes, "the devil is in the details," and in this light NISR together with partners is developing 18 thematic papers of monographs to better inform policies and ensure economic inclusion without leaving no one behind.

This annual report is dedicated to the census and all who participated and volunteered to make it successful under the leadership of NISR with the strong commitment and support from the government of Rwanda.

The report also highlights key results on UNFPA's efforts towards ending preventable maternal death, unmet need for Family Planning, empowering young people to attain their full potential, and ending Gender-based Violence and harmful practices.



A woman on the left wears a red and white striped patterned top and a brown headwrap. A man on the right wears a purple cap with a Rwandan flag emblem, a tan vest over a red shirt, and a purple lanyard. The vest features a circular logo with a map of Rwanda and the text 'NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS OF RWANDA'. The man is looking down at a document held by the woman. A large blue circle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the title and a paragraph of text.

POPULATION DYNAMICS AND USE OF DISAGGREGATED DATA

Accurate data through the census is important to inform policies and social economic and development agenda in achieving Sustainable Development Goals. The One UN with UNFPA as the lead agency on population and data supported the Government of Rwanda to conduct the first digital Population and Housing Census, a massive and complex exercise to ensure that everyone is counted which is translated in Kinyarwanda as, *"Ibaruze kuko uri uw'agaciro."*

INVESTING IN CENSUS AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS



Through the UN joint programme on data, with UNFPA as the lead secured USD 2 million to support all census related activities. The data collected through the census highlighted where the gaps are in achieving National Strategy for Transformation One (NST1) and informing the formulation of NST2.

UNFPA SUPPORTS USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED DATA TO IMPROVE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH



Rwanda for the first time used digital technologies (Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) and mobile technologies for data collection and analysis) based on the UN guidelines for the 2020 rounds of census. These technologies helped immensely in keeping census planned activities on track despite COVID-19 epidemic movement restrictions, obtaining real time information during data collection which resulted in a population coverage beyond 98% between 16-30 August 2022.

SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION CONTRIBUTES TO DATA QUALITY AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT



Through the South-South and triangular cooperation, UNFPA through the One UN joint programme on data recruited 12 international experts mainly from African countries to formulate 18 thematic papers/monographs to use census data to inform policies and planning decisions.



TOWARDS ENDING PREVENTABLE MATERNAL DEATHS

Making every pregnancy and delivery safer

In partnership with the Ministry of Health, University of Rwanda, and development partners, UNFPA works to ensure that every child birth is safe, and create an environment where midwives provide quality health services towards zero preventable maternal deaths, zero unmet need for Family Planning.

KEY RESULTS

According to findings from 5th Rwanda Population and Housing census, Rwanda has made great progress in reducing maternal mortality over the last decade from 487-203 deaths /100.000 Live births



Midwifery faculty supported to achieve higher level of education in order to enhance the quality of midwifery education for 328 annual midwifery students and provide evidence in the area of RMNCAH.



630 nursing students in 7 newly established schools benefited from simulation laboratory equipment procured by UNFPA.



More than 132,654 clients were provided with healthcare services through 18 second generation health posts established in 5 districts with the support of UNFPA.



Through One UN joint programme, UNFPA upgraded 18 second generation HPs financed with catalytic startup funds and capacitated to transition from grant dependency to financial self-sustainability.



EQUIPPING MIDWIVES WITH ESSENTIAL SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND TOOLS



UNFPA contributed to the launch of Rwanda's first Master of Science (MSc) in Midwifery through the provision of scholarships for students pursuing a Masters and faculty in a PhD program. This will capacite midwives with knowledge to save the lives of mothers and newborns.

PROMOTING QUALITY EDUCATION OF NURSES AND MIDWIVES



UNFPA expert equipping midwives with skills while using practical tools

The Associate Nursing Program in upper secondary level education was equipped with quality simulation laboratory equipment. The simulation lab equipment will provide 630 nursing students annually with quality education through simulation based training.

FINANCING PRIMARY HEALTH CARE TO SAVING LIVES THROUGH PUBLIC-PRIVATE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



Under the joint UN SDG programme “1000 Health Posts,” UNFPA as the lead is piloting Public-Private-Community Partnership to make health post functional. 18 Second Generation Health Posts (SGHPs) located in 5 districts (Gicumbi, Burera, Nyaruguru, Nyagatare and Rusizi) were made fully functional in providing health services to more than 132,654 clients in the hardest to reach areas. As a result 461 women delivered and 2,571 women became new users of modern methods of Family Planning. 89 health care providers in Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (RMNCH) services were trained and 180 decent jobs were created through the program.

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF MATERNAL AND NEWBORN HEALTH CARE THROUGH AN INNOVATED MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



Rwanda launched Mobimenter, a mobile initiative with structured simulation equipment that facilitate a capacity-building model which allows the tailoring of training packages to specific individual needs of the targeted health facilities. Through this innovative mentorship program, 81 health care providers were trained to improve service delivery at healthcare facilities. The continuous support of on-the-job mentorship will lead to long-term improvements in the health sector and will bridge gaps in emergency obstetric neonatal care (EmONC), family planning (FP) and comprehensive abortion care (CAC).



A photograph of a woman and a man sitting at a table. The woman, on the left, is wearing a vibrant, multi-colored headscarf and a white top. She is holding a string of white beads in her hands. The man, on the right, is wearing a red headscarf with a blue and white plaid pattern. They are both looking towards the camera. The table in front of them is covered with a patterned cloth and has several items on it, including a blue folder, a black cup, and some papers. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

TOWARDS ENDING UNMET NEED FOR FAMILY PLANNING

Building on the success of the FP2020 partnership, UNFPA is ready to embark on the next decade of progress in Rwanda through the FP2030 to reduce the unmet need for Family Planning through technical and supply commodities support.

KEY RESULTS

Over the past 10 years, Rwanda's Fertility rate (women aged 15-49) recognized a decline from 4.0 in 2010 to 3.6 in 2022. On the other hand, the contraceptive prevalence rate increased from 52 in 2010 to 62 in 2022.



Through the UNFPA supplies partnership programme, USD 3.05 million worth of modern contraceptives to benefit especially women and girls were procured for Health Facilities to increase access to Family Planning services. Under the compact of commitment, the government of Rwanda has contributed USD 800,000 to ensure all women and men including young people have access to FP information and services.



The number of hormonal IUD users increased during the past year. 1.8 million women were recorded to use IUDs as a long-active contraceptive to prevent unwanted pregnancies.



29,758 clients benefited from Family Planning services through outreach campaigns.



2,571 women from the hardest areas to reach, through a 1000 health posts, became new users of modern methods of Family Planning.

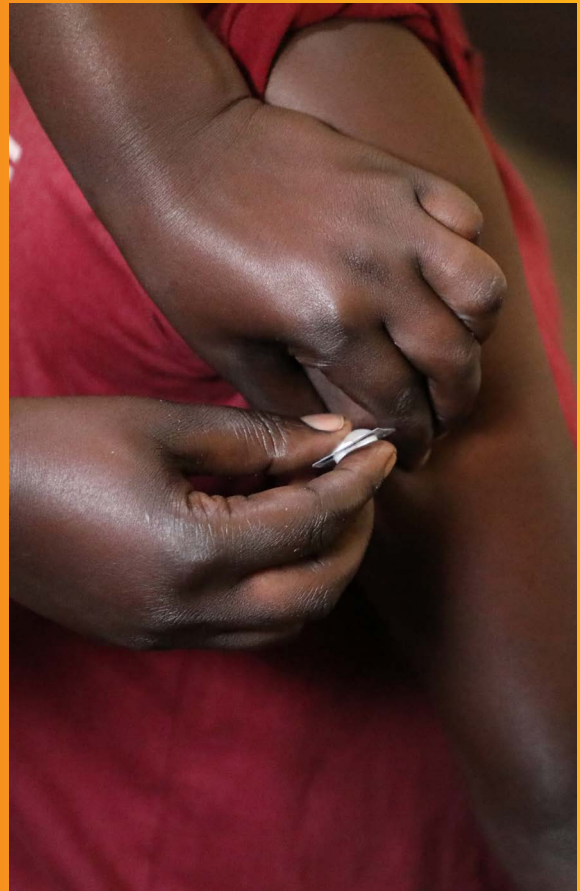


PROVISION OF FAMILY PLANNING COMMODITIES TOWARDS ENDING MATERNAL DEATHS



With UNFPA supplies partnership, Family Planning commodities and life- saving medicines worth USD 3.05 million were procured in 2022 that led to more than 750,701 couple years of protection from unintended pregnancies.

STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR QUALITY FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES



926 health care providers were trained to provide long and short acting methods including hormonal IUD, DMPA-SC and emergency contraceptives among other FP methods. This contributed to an increase of 5% of FP users, 60% increase for DMPA-SC and over 40% increase for hormonal IUDs compared to last year.



EMPOWERING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS (CHWs) WITH POLYVALENT MODEL CAPACITY



4,365 community health workers (CHWs) were trained through roll out of competency based polyvalent model composed of 14 competencies including Community Based Provision/Family Planning among other competencies.

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND AND ENDEAVOUR TO REACH THE LAST MILE



More than 1,800,000 new users for modern contraceptives were recorded in 2022 including hormonal IUD, which led to 122,000 maternal deaths and 910 unsafe abortions averted.



TOWARDS ENDING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Since May 2021, UNFPA Rwanda in partnership with different stakeholders, has been implementing the Safeguard Young People (SYP) regional programme at the national level in 3 UNFPA supported districts - Rusizi, Nyamasheke and Karongi. The programme intends to contribute to improving the Sexual Reproductive Health status of young people by supporting the youth and adolescents access ASRH services, including menstrual health, youth-friendly services, and comprehensive sexuality education.

KEY RESULTS

Current in Rwanda, the teenage pregnancy is at 5% of women aged 15-19 against 6% of women aged 15-19 in 2010.



1,062,500 adolescents and young people were reached through ASRH and GBV messages.



67,067 adolescents and young people from all 5 refugee camps (Kiziba, Mugombwa, Mahama, Kigeme, Nyabiheke) provided access to ASRH and GBV services.



12,756 out-of-school adolescents and youth were identified across Karongi, Nyamasheke and Rusizi districts. These mapping exercises led to promotion of protective and safer behaviours, allowing them to take informed decisions and reduce the possibility of STIs and HIV.



800 First Time Young Mothers and Persons with Disabilities have access to a comprehensive package of services in key districts of Rusizi, Nyamasheke and Karongi.



27 Youth Corners benefiting 1,001,505 adolescents and youth are equipped and functional as per national Youth Corner standards.



REACHING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ASRH AND GBV MESSAGES



1,062,500 adolescents and young people aged 10-24 years were reached by Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Gender Based Violence messages through outreach campaigns and intergeneration dialogues.



BRINGING ASRH AND GBV INFORMATION AND SERVICES IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS



67,067 adolescents and young people aged 10-24 years from all 5 camps (*Kiziba, Mugombwa, Mahama, Kigeme, Nyabiheke*) were able to access Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Gender Based Violence information and services.

EQUIPPING ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH WITH KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO MAKE INFORMED LIFE DECISIONS



12,756 out-of-school adolescents and youth were identified across Karongi, Nyamasheke and Rusizi districts through mapping exercises. AY were equipped with knowledge and skills in Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASHR), prevention of GBV.



BREAKING BARRIERS AND ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO ACCESS SRH INFORMATION AND SERVICES



554 local leaders and GBV prevention local supportive structures were provided with awareness sessions to challenge gender discriminatory attitudes and practices and committed to team up with UNFPA efforts to advance rights for all and reduce inequalities revolving around SRH services.





EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO ATTAIN THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

In partnership with the Government of Rwanda, through the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Youth and Culture, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Emergency Management (MINEMA), and with funding support from KOICA (Korea International Cooperation Agency), UNFPA is implementing a 3-year project named **"The Healthy & Empowered Youth"** in the three districts of Rusizi, Karongi, and Nyamasheke, as well as in refugee camps of Mahama, Kigeme, Mugombwa, Kiziba, Gihembe, Nyabiheke, and their host communities, with the aim to empower adolescents and youth to realize their human right to equality, sexual and reproductive health, and freedom from violence and discrimination.

KEY RESULTS



178,346 Adolescents and young people were able to access ASRH information and services.



1,001,505 adolescents and youth were reached through awareness-raising activities to increase referrals to health centres for Youth-Friendly Services.



12,756 out-of-school adolescents and youth were equipped with knowledge and skills on how to make life decisions.



120,334 in school Adolescent and Youth received reliable integrated health promotion messages through health clubs.



EMPOWERING FIRST-TIME YOUNG MOTHERS ECONOMICALLY THROUGH LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES



800 First Time Young Mothers (FTYM) were reached with life skills and economic empowerment support to address challenges faced to live a life with dignity.

INCREASING ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH REFERRALS TO HEALTH CENTRES FOR YOUTH-FRIENDLY SERVICES



1,001,505 adolescents and youth (AY) were reached through awareness-raising activities to increase AY referrals to health centres for Youth-Friendly Services.

INTEGRATING PROMOTION MESSAGES THROUGH HEALTH CLUBS IN DISTRICTS AND REFUGEE CAMPS



120,334 in school Adolescent and Youth received reliable integrated health promotion messages to increase awareness on SRH and GBV services through health clubs in target districts and refugee camps.



SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO GENERATE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



Four innovative solutions out of 501 applicants were selected and awarded through the iAccelerator initiative Phase 5. The iAccelerator is an initiative that provides a platform for youth to address ASRH, disability inclusion and young people's mental health using innovative ideas.

STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF PEER EDUCATORS WITH THE LIFE SKILLS AND SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



2427 peer educators were trained and equipped with the life skills and sexual reproductive health mentorship to enhance the quality service provision.



INCREASED RESOURCES AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR RESULTS

The work we do with our partners and donors goes along way to completing the unfinished agenda on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.

We appreciate your collaboration and commitment to UNFPA work in Rwanda.

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