



High Level Advocacy Meeting on Attention to Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health

On 30 November, 2007, a high level advocacy meeting on attention to adolescent sexual and reproductive health (ASRH) was held in Beijing International Hotel sponsored by NPFPC and co-sponsored by CFPA. The meeting aimed at drawing attention from various government departments and NGOs for more attention to ASRH; promoting formulation and improvement of related policies by analyzing the current ASRH situation and adolescent needs.

More than 60 participants attended the meeting from Ministry of Education, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Health, Central Communication Department, CPC, Legislative Affairs Commission of the National People's Congress, Central Committee of Youth League, All China Women's Federation, All-China Federation of Trade Unions, China Youth Concern Committee, National Population and Development Research Center, China Population Communication Center, Tsinghua University, and Renmin University. Officers of international NGOs such as UNFPA, Marie Stopes International and Path also attended the meeting. The meeting was facilitated by Ms. Hao Linna, Director General of International Cooperation Department of NPFPC. Dr. Zhao Baige, Vice- Minister of NPFPC gave a speech at the beginning.

Dr. Gu Baochang, an expert on ASRH, analysed the current situation on adolescent reproductive health in China, Mr.Liu Yongliang, an expert on ARSH introduced CFPA's model on ARSH education, and Mr. Miao Shirong, a trained teacher from the CFPA ASRH project passionately expressed how important that ASRH education and life skill training is for the young people, Mrs. Wu Jiuling, division director of Ministry of Health described how to provide youth friendly services from adult perspective. Four young people talked about their gains from ASRH project and spoke about their wishes regarding youth participation. Participants from each ministry and agency expressed their intention to jointly issue a document to further advocate adolescent sexual reproductive health.

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From the Editors



China Family Planning Association (CFPA), founded in 1980, is the largest non-profit, non-governmental organization in the field of reproductive health and family planning (RH/FP). It is a full member of International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). With its extensive network of over one million branches and 94 million members and volunteers all over the country, CFPA has been actively carrying out various project activities, such as adolescent sexual and reproductive health education, HIV/AIDS prevention, women's empowerment through income generation and involving community development, anti-poverty efforts and promoting reproductive health among ethnic groups via the role of religious leaders ,etc. over the last decades.

This year is an extremely important and exciting year for the Chinese people not only because it is the 30th anniversary of the start of China's reform and opening up but also because of the long-awaited 29th Olympic Games will be held in China's capital city Beijing. During this exciting time we are very pleased to introduce the first issue of the English Newsletter of China Family Planning Association (CFPA).

CFPA Newsletter will serve as a small window for readers at home and abroad to know more about CFPA and its programs.

CFPA Newsletter will serve as a platform for exchanging information and experience with foreign counterparts particularly other member associations of IPPF, international organizations and other relevant partners abroad in the field of population and RH/ FP.

CFPA Newsletter will serve as a bridge for fostering and enhancing the friendship between CFPA and IPPF, including its member associations, and NGOs all over the world.

CFPA Newsletter therefore hopes to receive our readers' support and suggestions.

"One World, One Dream"----the slogan put forward by the Chinese people for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games--- could perhaps also be used as our promise of a better world for tomorrow's generations. It is our hope that CFPA Newsletter will make a modest contribution to the realization of this dream.



Invited by Planned Population Federation of Korea (PPFK), Mr. Jiang Chunyun, President of CFPA, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Ninth National People's Congress led a delegation to visit PPFK and its branches in Korea from 23 June -1 July, 2007. The delegation included Mr. Lu Gongxun, Director of the Ninth National People's Congress of Shanxi Province, President of Shanxi FPA; Mr. Xi Xiaoping, Vice-President of CFPA and Ms. Li Yanqiu, Secretary-General of CFPA. The delegation first



CFPA President Mr. Jiang Chunyun visited PPFK Busan Branch

visited Planned Population Federation of Korea and signed a MOU on strengthening information and communication, exchange of visits and training and project cooperation. In addition, Mr. Jiang Chunyun and other members of the delegation met Mr. Lee Yong Hee, Vice Chairperson of Korean Parliament, and reached a consensus on further exchange and cooperation between the two countries and their civil societies in the field of population and family planning.



CFPA Standing Vice-President Madam Pan Guiyu with Colleagues from PDA, Thailand

Invited by Thailand Population and Community Development Association and IPPF SAR office, a 6-member CFPA delegation headed by Madam Pan Guiyu, CFPA Standing Vice-President, visited Thailand and India from 18-19 November 2007, exchanging experiences in SRH and HIV/AIDS programs in Thailand. The delegation also visited IPPF SAR office.

From 19-23 August, 2007, Ms. Li Lihe and Ms. Wang Lijuan, Program Managers from International Department of CFPA, and Ms. Mian Liping, youth volunteer of CFPA attended the 8th ICAAP with support by UNFPA, Ford Foundation and made presentations on 100% CUP project, condom promotion for HIV/AIDS prevention in China, Ms. Li Mingrui, youth volunteer of CFPA also attended the conference as a volunteer supported by IPPF ESAOR office.

From 29-31 October 2007, Ms. Li Yanqiu, Secretary-General, Ms. Wang Lijuan, Program Manager of CFPA, and Ms. Mian Liping, youth volunteer of CFPA, attended the 4th Asia and Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (APCRSHR) which was held in Hyderabad, India. Ms. Li Yanqiu presented on CFPA's long-distance truck driver project during the conference. Ms. Wang Lijuan gave a presentation on the use of the Internet to publicize AIDS intervention. Ms. Mian Liping shared information on Sexual Education among Youngest Adolescent (10-14 years old). During the conference, Ms. Li Yanqiu also held discussions with officials from IPPF central office, IPPF ESAOR office, FPA of Singapore and IPPF/UNAIDS ESAOR Technical Support Team regarding how to further strengthen mutual cooperation.



Perspectives

China Is Likely to Achieve Most MDGs by 2015

During the Fourth Asia and Pacific Conference on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights held on October 29-31 2007 in Hyderabad, India, Dr. Baige Zhao, Vice-Minister of the National Population and Family Planning Commission gave a speech on Implementing Sexual and Reproductive Rights: An Unfinished Agenda.

In her speech, Dr. Zhao briefly introduced China's experience in implementing the ICPD Program of Action and other sexual and reproductive health (SRH) programs. She said "the Chinese Government's strategy to comprehensively address population issues focuses not only on population quantity, but also on quality in terms of health and education, population structure and population distribution. It is a comprehensive development and human centered approach that focuses on building human capital while ensuring the rights of the people." After introducing some data, Dr. Zhao declared with confidence that "based on current information, China is likely to achieve most MDGs by 2015."

However, Dr. Zhao also mentioned the challenges ahead. These include large population and limited per capita resources, heavy population pressure on economic and social development, as well as resources and environment. She said in the end that "We are very cognizant of the huge task ahead of us in resolving these issues on the way towards a harmonious society."

From Cairo to Hyderabad

At the opening session of the Fourth Asia and Pacific Conference on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights held on 29-31 October 2007 in Hyderabad, India, Dr Gill Greer, Director-General of IPPF made an important speech. In her speech Dr. Greer recalled "the Journey from Cairo to Hyderabad" on the issue of sexual and reproductive health and rights by referring to the relevant important events since ICPD in 1994, such as the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995, the Millennium Summit and MDGs in 2000, ICPD plus 10 in 2004, the World Summit in 2005 and the UNGASS on HIV/AIDS in 2006. Dr. Greer reported that "last October, Secretary-General Kofi Annan recommended to the UN a new target under MDG 5 – 'to achieve universal access to reproductive health by 2015' – and so adopted the Cairo Goal, so vital to poverty reduction. The target was then adopted by the General Assembly and reinstated it in the development framework a few weeks ago."

Dr. Greer called for using this opportunity to drive policy and funding that can make a real difference to millions of lives within the next 7 years. She pledged to "give further impetus to this movement which continues to advance in spite of many challenges."

In her speech, Dr. Greer also introduced the IPPF current work on a 10-year-old Charter on Sexual and Reproductive Rights which was expected to be completed next year and will "provide further guidance for IPPF's 150 member associations, and others, to advance sexual rights based services that are affordable, accessible, available and appropriate for all – especially the poorest and most marginalized, including young people."

Dr. Greer concluded by calling for all the participants to "take home an open letter to respective governments for getting more political will and urging them to work better with civil society to realize the promise of ICPD and our new target of universal access."

100% Condom Use Project in the Entertainment Establishments in Liuzhou City of Guangxi, China

To promote condom use among high risk groups in all entertainment establishments (EE) in Liuzhou City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region with a view to preventing and controlling Sexual Transmitted Infections (STIs) and HIV/AIDs, CFPA has implemented the 100% Condom Use Project (100% CUP) with funding from UNFPA, in cooperation with Guangxi FPA since 2003.

Liuzhou City is located in the central part of Guangxi, China with a population of 3.54 million (2004) in 18,677 sq km. The first HIV infected case in Liuzhou was reported in 1996, but by now, there are 1,208 reported cases. Sexual transmission rate there increased from 3% in 2000 to 10% in 2003. There are about 1078 EEs in Liuzhou with 5,400 female staff. The very low condom use rate results in a high risk of STIs and HIV infections. In this antext, 100% CUP was introduced as a good model to protect the high risk groups from STIs and HIV infections in the EEs. 100% CUP was implemented by Liuzhou sub-associations under the guidance of CFPA, with involvement

from different departments like health, public security, administration of industry and commerce, medicine supervision, China Youth League, Women's Federation and more. Responding to the needs of target groups, a series of activities were designed and organized in the program, including advocacy, provision of standardized quality STI services, outreach services, Information Education Communication (IEC) activities, peer education and capacity building on negotiation skills. Through the project implementation in the last two years, CFPA found 100% CUP an effective model to prevent STIs and HIV/AIDs among high risk groups in the EEs in Liuzhou. Knowledge of STIs and HIV/AIDs among women staff increased and condom use in hairdressers and beauty salons increased from 48.1% to 80.4%; Gonorrhoea infection reduced from 8.6% to 2.2%. Although the 100% CUP project was a big success, its coverage is still very limited. With the ending of the 100% CUP pilot project in Liuzhou, CFPA and its local associations are faced with two new challenges, namely how to sustain the progress and achievements in Liuzhou and how



Peer education activities

to extend the project experience to all parts of China without delay.

Long Distance Truck Drivers Project

With \$ 100,000 dollars from Japan Trust Fund through IPPF, CFPA implemented a HIV/AIDs prevention project among 5,000 long distance truck drivers in Yanshan of Hebei Province, China from April 2005 to December 2006. The project aimed at promoting long distance truck drivers' self-protection awareness and their ability in HIV/AIDs prevention.



The key activities and achievements in this project included:

- a) Training on HIV/STI prevention, condom use, and advocacy skills.
- b) Sharing experiences on HIV/STI prevention among 4,062 participants, 85% of them were truck drivers' spouses.
- c) 1,000 home visits were conducted. IEC materials and condoms were distributed; counseling and referral services were provided.
- d) 115,000 condoms were distributed through training, outreach services and advocacy activities. 4,500 condoms were purchased by the target group at 5 family planning service centers or transportation companies.
- e) Media activities on HIV/STI prevention through weekly broadcasts on TV, daily radio broadcast, and written publications.
- f) 6 public advocacy campaigns and free examinations and counseling services for 7,000 participants.
- g) IEC materials development and distribution including calendar, knowledge handbooks, playing cards, etc.
- h) Establishment of 4 FPAs within transportation companies.

The project played an active role in changing the attitudes, behavior and living habits of the target group and their spouses.

In addition, this project also improved the local environment and increased public awareness on HIV/STI prevention through IEC campaign and counseling services.

However, the target groups of this project are mobile and dispersed. To sustain the project's achievements it is necessary to further strengthen coordination and cooperation with multi-sector government agencies and carry out more innovative HIV/STI prevention activities.

Feedback on the Project

Mr. Wang Chunchao, owner of a transport company: "The drivers changed their attitudes through training. They realized that health is more important than earning money."

Zhang Shufeng, wife of a truck driver: "I learnt a lot from trainings which really meet our need. I will participate in these kind of activities next time".

One long distance truck driver: "My wife participated in the training and now she often reminds me to pay attention to good living habits."



Truck driver received HIV/AIDs communication materials

Events Highlights



Joint IPPF ESEAOR and SAR Regional Council Meeting held in Beijing

From 26-29 July 2007, the joint IPPF ESEAOR and SAR regional council meeting was held in Beijing. President of IPPF Dr. Jacqueline Sharpe, and Director General of IPPF Dr. Gill Greer attended the meeting and presented certificates to those members who had qualified for accreditation.

Standing Vice-President of CFPA, Madam Pan Guiyu gave a welcoming speech at the opening ceremony. Secretary-General of CFPA, Ms. Li Yanqiu, briefly introduced CFPA's programs.

As the host, CFPA also arranged high-level meetings for the IPPF central office and the both regional summits separately, meeting with Mr. Jiang Chunyun, President of CFPA, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Ninth National People's Congress as well as former member of the Political Bureau of CPC Central

Committee, meeting with Dr. Zhao Baige, Vice-Minister of National Population and Family Planning Commission and meeting with Madam Pan Guiyu, the Standing Vice-President of CFPA.

In addition, CFPA arranged two field visits. Participants were divided into two groups and visited adolescent sexual and reproductive health education

programs for students in the middle school and STI/HIV/AIDS prevention training for workers on the construction site in Beijing.



Joint IPPF ESEAOR and SAR regional council meeting in Beijing

The "Reproductive Health Care" Program Assists Lonely Couples

Mr Yang Baotian and his wife, an elderly couple in Xiaohongmen town, Chaoyang district, found life very difficult after their only child passed away. They not only experienced immense grief and loneliness, but also financial hardship as they relied on their son for financial support. As a result of CFPA's pilot program, they now receive a subsidy of 20,000 Yuan from the local Family Planning Association and regular visits by a volunteer "soldier son" who is based in a nearby barracks. They are now filled with new hope for the future.

Yang and his wife are beneficiaries of a program that CFPA has been piloting in 25 counties since early 2006. The program involves the provision of tailored support to those families that have lost their only child.

"Reproductive Health Care Program" Campaign Launched

As part of the 27th anniversary celebrations of CFPA, on 29 May 2007, CFPA formally launched the "Reproductive Health Care Program" campaign in the Great People's Hall, Beijing. The launch involved wide participation by government, private sector organizations, NGOs and the media.

According to Madam Pan Guiyu, the standing vice president of CFPA, around 400 million births have been prevented since China's adoption of family planning programs. However, many families have experienced hardships following the introduction of these policies, including losing their only child as a result of an accident. To address these issues and soften the impact of the policies, CFPA has developed the program entitled the "Reproductive Health Care Program" campaign.

The "Reproductive Health Care Program" program aims to provide various supports to five major target groups, including:

- families that practiced family planning and have experienced hardship;
- couples at a childbearing age that are in need of reproductive health information and services or other support;
- the only child of a family;
- girl children; and
- family planning workers at the grassroots level who need assistance.

At the formally launching of the program, discussions took place regarding the scaling-up of the program that will take place soon.



A Nantong farmer with a goat received under this program