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FACT SHEET

In Cameroon :

- ❖ There are 25 female parliamentarians out of 180 ; 24 female mayors amongst 360 municipalities, 6 female ministers (including 1 Secretary of State) amongst some 60 ministers
- ❖ 669 maternal deaths are recorded per 100 000 live births
- ❖ By the age of 15, 23% of girls are already mothers
- ❖ Youths of less than 20, who make up 50% of the population, are more and more exposed to reproductive health problems and HIV and AIDS in particular.

OUR MISSION

UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, is an international development agency that promotes the right of every woman, man and child to enjoy a life of health and equal opportunity. UNFPA supports countries in using population data for policies and programmes to reduce poverty and to ensure that every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, every young person is free of HIV/AIDS, and every girl and woman is treated with dignity and respect.

UNFPA – Cameroon works in the field of reproductive health and rights, women's empowerment and population issues is at the core of the achievement of the MDGs especially MDG3, 5 and 6. However, UNFPA Cameroon indirectly plays a role in assisting the Cameroon government meet all eight goals.

MDG 3: Promote gender equality and empower women

UNFPA works in collaboration with the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and the Family to ensure that;

- the national capacity of staff is reinforced in order to ensure the integration of equality, gender, culture and human rights issues into policies and social development programmes, through the elaboration and dissemination of tools and methodologies to integrate gender in policies and sectoral strategies such as the Poverty Reduction Strategy Programme
- the capacity of Ministers, NGOs and community networks is strengthened in order to prevent gender based violence (GBV) and improve on the care and treatment of victims of such violence. This is achieved through the training of social, medical and judicial personnel on the prevention of sexual violence and the care of victims; sensitisation and advocacy campaigns for community leaders on the ills of Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) as well as disseminating through NGOs and local networks, legal instruments relating to the family such as the Family Code.

MDG 5: Improve maternal health

By providing technical and financial assistance to the Ministry of Public Health, UNFPA Cameroon seeks to ensure;

- the reinforcement of National capacity for the reduction of maternal morbidity and mortality through the repositioning of family planning (FP); the reinforcement of technical and institutional capacities to offer high-quality emergency obstetric , neonatal and post-abortion care; expansion of activities in the prevention and treatment of obstetric fistula; promotion of community-based services and extension of reproductive health services to private-sector companies
- the promotion of education in family-life and population issues and livelihood skills for out-of-school youths.
- that the capacity of health services, national institutions and communities is strengthened in health system management, crisis preparedness, humanitarian response and resource mobilisation; the strengthening of community reproductive health programme through planning, monitoring and evaluation; the development of health cost sharing mechanisms; development and putting in place of normative RH frameworks and strategies; strengthening health management information systems and the development of a UNFPA contingency plan in conformity with national priorities.

MDG 6: Combat HIV and AIDS

In the domain of HIV and AIDS, UNFPA Cameroon reinforces

- capacity of national service providers to promote positive RH behaviour; training of company health staff and the promotion of voluntary HIV counselling and voluntary testing; the introduction and/or reinforcement of FP services, STIs, HIV and AIDS programmes in private companies within UNFPA's intervention zones; promotion of counselling and testing for pregnant women and youths; the use of networks and women's associations in the promotion of activities aimed at curbing STIs, HIV and AIDS, promoting the use of contraceptives and condoms.

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