

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
PROVINCE OF NORTH KIVU
PROVINCIAL HEALTH DIVISION
PERMANENT TECHNICAL MULTISECTORIAL COMMITTEE



Meeting's Report:

OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT TECHNICAL
MULTISECTORIAL COMMITTEE 'CTMP' FOR THE PROVINCE OF
NORTH KIVU

Goma. Linda Hôtel. June 12. 2015



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CTMP ESTABLISHMENT MEETING'S REPORT NORTH KIVU

I. Introduction

Considering that family planning (FP) plays a very important role in reversing maternal, infant and child mortality trends and reducing poverty to meet the Development Millennium Goals; and based on the recommendations from the 2009 National Conference to Reposition Family Planning and the commitment declaration of the DRC government to protect adolescents against early marriage through education, social integration and women's empowerment programs, and through the implementation of the 2014-2020 National Strategic Plan for FP; the DRC has adopted a consensual, efficient framework for family planning stakeholders. This technical entity was officially created under Decree 15/003 signed on March 3, 2015 by the Prime Minister, as the Permanent Technical Multisectorial Committee on Family Planning (CTMP/FP) under the leadership of the Ministry of Health, with the mission to monitor and follow-up on the recommendations of the 2009 National Conference to Reposition Family Planning and the National Strategic Plan for Family Planning in the DRC. This entity is coordinated at the national level (CTMP/FP) and provincial level (CTMPP/FP).

AS the national coordination of the CTMP/FP was established in 2009, the coordination of the CTMP at the provincial level should follow progressively through the national CTMP. It is how the launching ceremony of the provincial CTMP of North Kivu was held during the meeting of Friday, June 12, 2015 at the Linda Hotel in Goma, under the leadership of the provincial Minister of Health.

Objective:

Establish the Permanent Technical Multisectorial Committee for Family Planning in the Province of North Kivu.

II. Roll out

Welcome remarks to His Excellency the Provincial Minister of Health.

**II .1.Presentation of guests:
Provincial Minister of Health, Director of the PNSR**

and President of the National CTMP

- National Director of the PNSR;

- National President of the CTMP
- National Director of the PNSR
- Chief of Staff of the Provincial Minister of Health's Office
- Provincial Doctor of North Kivu
- Chief of Provincial Health Division of North Kivu

Partners working in FP:

- UNFPA;
- Care International;
- Save the Children International (SCI);
- International Rescue Committee (IRC);
- International Medical Corps (IMC);
- Heal Africa.



Government officials in attendance:

- Division of EPSP
- Division of Gender, Family and Children
- Division of Plan
- Division of Communication.

Welcoming remarks from the Chief of Provincial Health Division of North Kivu:

The Chief of Division welcomed His Excellency the Provincial Minister of Health and the national delegation of the CTMP/FP represented by the National Director of the PNSR and the National President of the CTMP/FP.

Official opening speech of the CTMPP/FP launch in North Kivu.

In his speech on the establishment of the provincial CTMP/FP in North Kivu, the provincial Minister of Health highlighted the importance of coordinating various FP sectors and integrating FP services in all the province's health zones, and committed to support the CTMPP and all FP activities in the Province of North Kivu.

II, 2. PRESENTATION OF CTMP/FP (National Director of CTMP):

CTMP: The Permanent Technical Multisectorial Committee has used the logos of the PNSR: "Planned, Harmonious and Stable Family".

A. HISTORY OF THE CTMP:

2004: First National Conference to Reposition Family Planning in the DRC organized by the Ministry of Health. The recommendations resulting from this conference were not implemented or monitored. The contraceptive prevalence rate remained low.

- 2009:** Second National Conference to Reposition Family Planning:
- Conference under the leadership of the First Lady of the Democratic Republic of Congo;
 - Outcome of the conference: Several recommendations for FP
 - Monitoring mechanism of these recommendations is the ‘‘CTMP’’

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2ND CONFERENCE:

To the President of the Republic:

- Make an official commitment declaration in favor of family planning

To both Chambers of Parliament:

- Vote a new law favorable to FP;
- Increase the FP budget;
- Adapt the model law on reproductive health drafted in 1999 by African legislators with the support of USAID and UNFPA following the 1994 Conference of Caro: make it a national law with a strong focus on FP.
- Vote a significant budget for FP

To Partners:

- Make family planning a priority;
- Create a partnership platform between different donors to promote FP;
- Include contraceptive security;
- Create external networks to support FP;

To the Government:

- Include FP as a priority in the government’s program;
- Allocate a budget to FP;
- Introduce a bill in favor of FP with efficient enforcement measures;
- Propose inter-ministerial decrees;
- Propose a National FP Day;
- Invest in basic social services as recommended by the MDG (school, health);
- Mobilize development partners to include FP in their support package;
- Establish tax relief mechanisms in favor of FP inputs;

2ND CONFERENCE IN 2009:

One significant outcome of the second Conference to Reposition Family Planning in the DRC, under the leadership of the First Lady, was more buy-in and support for family planning from many stakeholders. Another important outcome was the recommendation to establish a monitoring mechanism: the **CTMP**.

PERMANENT TECHNICAL MULTISECTORIAL COMMITTEE /FP ‘‘CTMP’’

- Works as a monitoring mechanism of the recommendations of the 2nd National Conference to Reposition Family Planning in the DRC, and assists the implementation of the National Strategic Plan for FP.

Members of the CTMP:

+ Ministry of Health:

- PNSR: National Program for Reproductive Health;
- PNSA: National Program for Adolescents Health;

+ Other ministries: Gender, Plan, Education, Finance, Budget, Transport...

+ FP Actors: Donors: USAID and UNFPA, and national and international NGOs:

Difficulties linked to FP:

- Low coverage;
- Lack of resources;
- Limited actors;
- Low contraceptive prevalence.

Before the first conference:

The actors involved in FP were limited to:

+ Donors:

- UNFPA
- USAID

+ Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and the Civil Society

- A few NGOs

After the second conference:

- The number of stakeholders increased:
 - Other health divisions and programs;
 - Other ministries: Gender, Family and Children, Plan;
 - Prime Minister's Office;
 - Other national and international NGOs;
 - Other donors: DFID, Packard; Bill and Melinda Gates, World Bank...

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CTMP:

- Family Planning, a priority of the government (DSRSP 2, CAO E etc.);
- Outstanding and active participation in the 3rd ICFP
- Commitment from the DRC to support FP (Addis- Abbaba,2013);
- National Strategic Multisectorial Plan for FP;
- Ongoing FP bill;
- Purchase of contraceptive products with the government's own funds;
- 3rd National Conference in December 2014
- Decree signed by the Prime Minister to establish the CTMP

FUNCTIONNING OF THE CTMP (Challenges and Concerns):

- + The CTMP was established in 2009 but was effectively launched in 2010 (irregular meetings, etc.)
- + Public official's participation in meetings (weak engagement, limited resources and funding);
- + Weak cohesion and difficulties to agree on how to function. Example: Ministry of Gender, Family and Health and the PNSR for the preparation of the Family Planning campaign.

Challenges:

- Reach 19% of contraceptive prevalence by 2020;
- Integrate Family Planning in all 515 health zones;
- Sustain momentum for Family Planning;
- Find additional donors;
- Establish a functioning CTMP in all provinces;
- Ensure the implementation of the strategic plan;
- Sustain coordination efforts.

National Priorities:

1. Obtain a new RH/FP law: on track
 - Favorable opinion of the Constitutional Court
 - Establish a CTMP in all provinces
North Kivu is the first province to have a provincial CTMP
2. Include FP in the State's ordinary budget
 - Mobilize the private sector
 - Strengthen information systems: create FP websites for provinces
 - Raise funding for CTMP and other donors.

Strategic Plan (2014 -2020)

Objectives:

- Increase the contraceptive prevalence rate by 1.5 per year, or from 6.5% in 2013 to 19% by 2020.
- Reach 2 million additional women by 2020.

FP in Katanga and North Kivu

Contraceptive Prevalence (married women):

	DHS 2007	DHS 2013-2014
Katanga	5.6%	3.9%
North Kivu	13.2%	11.6%
DRC	5.8%	7.8%

Comments:

The contraceptive prevalence rate for modern methods in the DRC in 2014 was 7.8%. The contraceptive prevalence in the provinces of North Kivu and Katanga has fallen down between the two DHS.

Total HZ North Kivu	32 functional HZ/34
Total HZ with FP	9 have integrated FP

The number of Health Zones that have integrated FP is low in the province of North Kivu (25% or 9 HZ /32 functional HZ)

Next Steps:

- Set priorities;
- Organize meetings;
- Invite all actors and stakeholders: religious leaders are important for outreach;
- Quantify contraceptives;
- Venue for meetings;
- Resources;
- Agenda: if we are to increase the contraceptive prevalence rate, we need to set priorities.

Increasing Contraceptive Prevalence:

2 interdependent options:

- Supply: Availability of services and contraceptive products;
- Demand: Working at the community level.

Provincial CTMP

- + Include other important partners
 - To increase the contraceptive prevalence rate of the province:
 - Promote FP,
 - Increase services availability and contraceptive inputs;
- + First priority actions of the provincial CTMP
 - Update map of actors;
 - Estimate costs and contraceptive needs of the province;
 - Create a website for the CTMP of North Kivu;
 - Organize a capacity building session for FP advocacy.

SUPPORT TO CTMP

It is important to understand what the expenses are and how to cover them.

Activities of the CTMP:

- Monthly meetings;
- Special meetings;
- Other special activities (price of contraceptives, trainings, etc.);
- Identifying needs;
- Mobilizing resources (financial, material et human)

Structure and Membership of the CTMP:

Bureau of the CTMP:

- Coordination /Chair:

International NGO able to mobilize financial resources for the administration and organization of meetings.

- Secretariat: Governance: documentation and archives keeper.

Mobilizing resources:

1. Financial resources:

- International NGOs;
- Donors.

2. Material resources (meeting rooms, copier, etc.)

- Ministry of Health,
- Ministry of Plan,
- Ministry of Gender, Women, Family and Children,
- National NGOs and civil society,

3. Expertise (human resources)

- National and international NGOs,
- Donors,
- Technical services and government,

- National and International consultants.

Operational Needs of the CTMP:

- Local office;
- Office improvements (paint),
- Minimum equipment (desktop, laptops, tables, chairs, copiers and printers),
- Minimum human resources (reception, correspondence management)
- Office commodities,
- Permanent Internet connection.

Funding of the CTMP:

+ Support to operational needs

+ Support to activities:

- Monthly meetings (at least 12 meetings),
- Special events and meetings according to needs
- Common interest activities

Ex: - mapping of FP actors in the province and other unplanned activities.

-Quantify contraceptive needs.

Support to Monthly Meetings:

+ Expected expenses:

- Beverage if meeting lasts 3 hours or less;
- Meal if meeting lasts 4 hours or more;
- Transport for participants from technical services of the government, and if possible, participants from national NGOs;
- Documents/copies (invitations, presentation and handouts)

Common interest activities:

Activities aligned to the year's results and other unidentified activities:

- Requested/needed budget, cost-sharing between different partners; Example: FP campaign, National Conference, etc.
- Can take several days of preparation.

COORDINATION OF THE CTMP OF NORTH KIVU

Coordination/Chair: **Care International**

Vice coordination/Vice-Chair: **UNFPA**

Secretariat: **PNSR**

Vice-Secretariat: **Division of Gender, Women, Family and Children.**

Other organizations are members.

For the next meeting, key actors in a position to influence positively the contraceptive prevalence rate of the province (religious leaders, technical services of the government, national and international NGOs, the civil society and other actors) should be included.

The meeting started at 9AM and ended at 3:10PM.

Goma, June 18, 2015

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ANNEX

Participants

Members of the CTMP of North Kivu with the Provincial Minister of Health





List of participants:



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