UNFPA’S CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING: THE HUMAN RESOURCES FACTOR
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Presentation Outline

- Health Systems Strengthening building block: Human resources for Health
- The UNFPA Midwifery Program, 2014 highlights
- The Mano River Midwifery Initiative
Health System Strengthening: changing the paradigm

Shift from emphasis on disease-specific approaches to HSS

Importance of strong HSS underlined by Ebola Outbreak

HS Characteristics: 1. procurement and services for those in need, 2. health workers/ right skills, 3. Financing & Monitor

UNFPA contribution through SRH: Policies, financing, commodities, human resources for health

Human Resources for Health, Midwifery: training, regulation, association
Maternal Health Thematic Fund

- Programmatic focus on high impact, low cost maternal and new born health interventions:
  - Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care
  - Midwifery
  - Obstetric Fistula
  - Maternal Death Surveillance and Response
Midwifery – 2014 Highlights

Midwives can help prevent 2/3rds of maternal and newborn deaths
Midwifery - Highlights of 2014

- 200 midwifery schools. New schools in Haiti and Somalia
- 7,000+ midwives trained
- 1,000+ midwifery tutors trained
- 9 e-learning modules launched, and 400 midwives already inducted in their use
- Launch of the Confederation of African Midwives Associations (CONAMA)
- State of the World Midwifery 2014
Country Focus: South Sudan

Students at Juba College of Nursing and Midwifery enacting a critical birthing situation.

I-UNV

4 Schools

South-South

National Midwifery Association + 2 Branches

CANADA 4 year $19.5m GRANT (2012-15) + Additional $10.6m Grant (2013) for IUNV program
The Mano River Midwifery Initiative

- Re-establishment of essential health services in response to EVD outbreak
- 800,000 women will get pregnant in the next 12 months
- 1.3 million women will need FP
- Liberia 30% reduction attended deliveries, 43%; ANC, 88% FP
- 45 U$ million initiative
The Mano River Midwifery Initiative

- Country assessments conducted in 3 countries
- Provision of access to essential and emergency obstetric and neonatal care and other SRH
- Mobile Clinics, outreach, FP, delivery kits, natal and newborn care
- 20 PHC centers in each country with referrals to hospitals selected
- 500 national and international midwives (operational team in each country on board)
Ensuring that every pregnancy is wanted and every child birth is safe