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Office for the Pacific

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Pacific health workers renew commitment to the MDGs

UNFPA Office for the Pacific is conducting its 3rd Regional Reproductive Health (RH) Workshop at the Raffles Tradewinds, in Suva from 29 May to 9 June, 2006. The Regional workshop will cover three areas: Programme Management, Reproductive Health Commodity Security and Reproductive Health Strategies. The common theme that will feature in the workshops is the linkage of the work of health workers in the Pacific to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

At the UN 2000 Millennium Summit, Pacific Island leaders made commitment to achieve the MDGs by 2015. Recently at the 2005 World Summit, Heads of Governments from the Pacific, renewed commitment to the MDGs and agreed to achieve universal access to reproductive health by 2015.

There is widespread agreement that the MDGs cannot be achieved without increased attention to population and reproductive health and rights. In the spirit of renewed commitment at the World Summit, UNFPA will highlight at the RH Workshops, the MDGs and its linkages to the goals of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the work of the health professionals in the Pacific.

Approximately 67 RH workers from 15 Pacific Island countries and 2 regional institutions will attend the workshops, to review the progress of country specific and regional RH and Population programmes, and develop way forward strategies that will contribute to the achievement of the health related MDGs and universal access to reproductive health by 2015.

The two week workshop will convene at the Raffles Tradewinds in Suva, from Monday, 29 May 2006 until Friday, 9 June 2006.

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