Families Matter for the Achievement of Development Goals

“.... with well-planned, gender-sensitive, human rights-based policies, families can play a crucial role in development”

Maha Muna
Gender Adviser
UNFPA/PSRO, May 2014
Households and Families

Varying and General Decrease in average household size

3 in Niue
5 in Fiji
7 in Samoa and the Marshall Islands
Families include Seniors Who are Living Longer

Figure 1: Projected change in the percentage of young and old in Fiji, 2000-2050

Source: UNFPA projections
ICPD: Policies, Programmes and Aging

POLICY ON AGING

Responsible National Institution Entity Identified

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>No</th>
<th>Yes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Families with Young Moms
Percentage of Women (20-24) who were first married before age of 18—DHS and MICS, *lack of legal provisions SOURCE http://www.childinfo.org/marriage_countrydata.php

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Percent</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Vanuatu*</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nauru</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marshall Islands *</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Solomon Islands *</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kiribati</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PNG</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuvalu</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
ICPD Questionnaire Results 2013

- Addressing GBV in schools
- Life planning skills in formal...
- Gender sensitive curricula
- Age appropriate sex educ and...
- School completion for pregnant girls
- Male participation in care work

Bars represent the percentage of respondents who answered 'Yes' or 'No' to each question.
Violence Against Women

Prevalence of lifetime physical or sexual violence against women by anyone, since age 15, among women 15-49 years old

- Tonga (2009)
- Samoa (2000)
- Kiribati (2008)
- Fiji (2011)
- Vanuatu (2009)
- Solomon Isl (2008)
Patterns of violence against women (15-49) in Pacific Island countries

Lifetime physical or sexual violence by partner
Non-partner physical violence > 15 years
Non-partner sexual violence > 15 years
Childhood sexual abuse

Source: Henriette Jansen, UNFPA, 2013 based on Kiribati, Samoa, SI FHSS, TCC and VCC VAW prevalence reports and FWCC summary of findings)
Essential Services Framework: Core Elements of the Health Response and Resources Available

Service Delivery:
- First line support
- Care of injuries & urgent medical issues
- Sexual assault exam & treatment (EC, STI and HIV PEP)
- Mental health assessment
- Stress management

Leadership and Governance:
- Political will
- Health Policy (linked to nat’l policy; to include procedures and protocols)
- Multisectoral framework and referral pathway
- Mental health assessment
- Stress management

Financing:
- Budget Allocation to VAW services
- Gender-responsive budgetting

Medical Products/Commodities, Technology:
- RH commodity security
- Setting to enable Confidentiality, Privacy and Safety

Workforce Development:
- Health training for service providers (pre-service and continuing education; including team building)
- Health workforce supervision and mentoring

Information:
- Health information systems
- M & E (accountability; to include client/users feedback; balanced assessment)
Unemployment – Women and Youth in the Pacific
Vinaka Vakalevu