



# Newsletter

Second Quarter, 2016  
The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development

## AFPPD OFFICE BEARERS

### Chairperson

Hon. Professor Keizo Takemi, MP  
JAPAN

### Vice-Chairpersons

Hon. Professor P. J. Kurien, MP  
INDIA

Hon. Dr. Sharman Stone, MP  
AUSTRALIA

Hon. Dr. Wang Longde, MP  
CHINA

Hon. Ms. Gulmira Issimbayeva, MP  
KAZAKHSTAN

Hon. Rep. Teodoro Brawner Baguilat, Jr., MP  
PHILIPPINES

### Secretary-General

Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont, MP  
THAILAND

### Treasurer

Hon. Mrs. Lork Kheng, MP  
CAMBODIA

### Members

IRAN  
PACIFIC (TBD)

Hon. Dr. Nguyen Van Tien, MP  
VIETNAM

### Standing Committee on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Hon. Mrs. Barbara Kuriger, MP  
NEW ZEALAND

Hon. Lord Fusitu'a, MP  
TONGA

### Standing Committee on Investing in Youth

Hon. Ms. Upadhyay Mahalaxmi Dina, MP  
NEPAL

Hon. Mrs. Khayriniso Yusufi, MP  
TAJIKISTAN

### Standing Committee on Active Ageing

Hon. Dr. Wang Longde, MP  
CHINA

Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi, MP  
JAPAN

Executive Director  
Dr. Mika Marumoto



### PLCPD Hosts a Learning Session before the 2017 Budget Deliberation for the Implementation of *Responsible Parenthood Reproductive Health Law*

On 20 June 2016, the Philippine Legislators' Committee on Population and Development (PLCPD) convened representatives from the legislative and executive branches of the Philippine government, civil society organizations, and faith-based institutions... [Page 2](#)



### AFPPD Delegates at the Parliamentarians' Forum of the Women Deliver Conference

The European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF), in cooperation with other regional parliamentarians' fora including the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD), brought together around 80... [Page 4](#)



### Parliamentarians at GCPPD Adopted the *Tokyo Declaration and Recommendations to the G7 Ise-Shima Summit*

AFPPD and the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPFP), in cooperation with other regional parliamentarians' fora and partners, organized the high-level Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (GCPPD)... [Page 8](#)

## PLCPD Hosts a Learning Session before the 2017 Budget Deliberation for the Implementation of *Responsible Parenthood Reproductive Health Law*



Panellists of the *Learning Session on Responsible Parenting and Reproductive Health Budget*. (Photo credit: PLCPD)

**QUEZON CITY, PHILIPPINES**— On 20 June 2016, the Philippine Legislators' Committee on Population and Development (PLCPD) convened representatives from the legislative and executive branches of the Philippine government, civil society organizations, and faith-based institutions for a multi-sector discussion. They focused on how to adequately monitor and defend the budget for implementing the *Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Law* in preparation for the upcoming deliberation of the proposed 2017 General Appropriations Act. PLCPD organized the learning session titled "Improving Investments in Reproductive Health - A Learning Session on the Responsible Parenting and Reproductive Health Budget" to inform various stakeholders on the progress of the implementation of the RPRH Law and to create a venue where the stakeholders can share ideas to ensure the budget for implementing the Law.

PLCPD Executive Director Mr. Romeo Dongeto presented the profile of the 17th Congress and discussed the milestones of the RPRH law as well as the opportunities

and challenges it will face in the coming years including the drafting of the next medium-term National Development Plan and the development of national Sustainable Development Goals indicators. Mr. Dongeto stressed that the learning session facilitated collective understanding of the need for improved collaboration among non-government organizations, local government units, legislators, and civil society organizations in proposing and supporting the budget allocation responsive to the actual needs for implementing the RPRH Law.

Parliamentarians present at the learning session included Hon. Rep. Sharon Garin, PLCPD Vice Chair for Visayas, who reiterated that reproductive health is about giving equal opportunities and upholding the rights to choose for all, and Hon. Rep. Teodoro Brawner Baguilat, Jr., PLCPD Vice Chair for Luzon and AFPPD Vice-Chairperson, who stressed that there is a need to capacitate legislators on how to navigate and monitor the budget process.

*PLCPD is the member National Committee of the AFPPD in the Philippines. ([Full news from PLCPD](#))*

## AFPPD Small Grant Recipient IAPPD Holds a Technical Advisory Committee Meeting on *Content Analysis of Parliament Questions on Population and Health*



IAPPD Technical Advisory Committee members discussing the Content Analysis Report during the TAC Meeting. (Photo credit: IAPPD)

**NEW DELHI, INDIA**— The Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IAPPD) convened its Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on 1 June 2016 to discuss the draft report *Content Analysis of Parliament Questions on Population and Health: With Special Emphasis on Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)*. This study was partly funded by AFPPD’s Small Grant Programme. “The objective of the study was to analyze the questions raised by/to our MPs on the issues of population and health with a special reference to RCH and SRHR during the Indian Parliament’s *Question Hour*,” explained Dr. Abhay Kumar, a TAC member and the author of the report. Dr. Kumar made a presentation on the outcomes of the study.

Other TAC members who attended the meeting included Dr. P.P. Talwar, Dr. M.K. Premi, Dr. Sudesh Nangia, Dr. J.S. Yadav, Prof. R.P. Tyagi and Dr. Abhay Kumar. Mr. Manmohan Sharma, Executive Secretary of IAPPD, chaired the meeting. TAC Members made recommendations, which were incorporated into the final report. IAPPD



(Photo credit: IAPPD)

intends to circulate the findings of the study to the media.

*IAPPD is the member National Committee of the AFPPD in India.*

## AFPPD Delegates at the Parliamentarians' Forum of the 4<sup>th</sup> Women Deliver Conference



AFPPD Delegation (R-L): Hon. Ms. Ermalena Muslim Hasbullah, MP Indonesia; Hon. Dr. Mya Thaung, MP Myanmar; Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont, MP Thailand; Hon. Ms. Khayriniso Yusufi, MP Tajikistan; Hon. Ms. Dina Mahalximi Upadhyay, MP Nepal; Hon. Ms. Mahtab Akbar Rashdi, MP Pakistan; Hon. Dr. Khin Nyo, MP Myanmar; Hon. Dr. Sharman Stone, MP Australia; Ms. Mika Marumoto, AFPPD Executive Director.

**COPENHAGEN, DENMARK**—The European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF), in cooperation with other regional parliamentarians' fora including the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD), brought together around 80 Parliamentarians from around the world in the Parliamentarians' Forum during the 4th Women Deliver Conference on 17-19 May 2016. The Forum offered an excellent opportunity for new and motivated parliamentarians to meet with well-known champion members of parliament (MPs) in advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) at the national, regional and global levels.

The AFPPD delegation was comprised of Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont, MP Thailand and AFPPD Secretary-General; Hon. Dr. Sharman Stone, MP Australia, AFPPD Vice-Chair and Chair of Australia Parliamentary Group on Population and Development; Hon. Ms. Dina Mahalximi Upadhyay, MP Nepal and Co-chair of AFPPD's Standing Committee on Investing in Youth, Chair of the Nepalese Forum of

Parliamentarians on Population and Development; Hon. Ms. Mahtab Akbar Rashdi, MP Pakistan and President of RAHNUMA: Family Planning Association of Pakistan; Hon. Ms. Khayriniso Yusufi, MP Tajikistan, Vice-Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament and Co-chair of AFPPD's Standing Committee on Investing in Youth. UNFPA Country Offices supported the participation of Hon. Ms. Ermalena Muslim Hasbullah, MP Indonesia and Chair of Indonesian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development; Hon. Dr. Mya Thaung, MP Myanmar; and Hon. Dr. Khin Nyo, MP Myanmar.

On 17 May 2016, Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont co-chaired the opening session of the Parliamentarians' Forum with the EPF Chair, Hon. Ulrika Karlsson, MP Sweden. Hon. Sirathranont shared his valuable experience that his participation in the 2014 International Parliamentarians Conference on Implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action (IPCI) in Stockholm inspired and prompted him to push the adolescent pregnancy bill in Thailand.



The AFPPD delegation during a briefing meeting on May 16.



Hon. Dr. Sharman Stone introducing and launching the AFPPD's new publication on parliamentary good practices for prevention of trafficking.



Hon. Ms. Mahtab Rashdi speaking as member of the panel during the Southern & Western Asian Regional Caucus.



Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont co-facilitating a working group on the topic of access to safe abortion services.

Hon. Dr. Sharman Stone (Australia) delivered opening remarks representing the AFPPD, sharing her advocacy work at home and abroad for promoting women's and girls' rights. She also launched the AFPPD's new publication [\*\*\*Parliamentary Good Practices for Effective Implementation of Laws and Policies for Prevention of Trafficking\*\*\*](#), funded primarily by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Australian Government.

On 18 May 2016, the delegation visited the Danish Parliament to participate in the main programme of the Parliamentarians' Forum. Hon. Ms. Upadhyay represented the Asia-Pacific countries, participating in the youth session arranged by the Danish Parliament to conduct a dialogue between the youth and parliamentarians. Hon. Upadhyay also discussed the progress being made by the Nepalese Parliament in terms of implementation of its commitments to end child marriage, and shared the Kathmandu Declaration, which was drafted and adopted at the South Asia Parliamentarians' Meeting on Ending Child Marriage in Kathmandu on 27 March 2016.

On 19 May 2016, Hon. Ms. Mahtab Rashdi and Hon. Ms. Khayriniso Yusufi delivered speeches at the regional caucuses, the Southern & Western Asian Regional Caucus arranged by Rutgers Pakistan and the Central Asia and Eastern Europe Regional Caucus, respectively.

Hon. Ms. Ermalena Muslim Hasbullah, Hon. Dr. Mya Thaug, Hon. Dr. Khin Nyo, and Hon. Dr. Stone participated in the Southeast Asia and Pacific Regional Caucus meeting, organized by the Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (APA), in cooperation with the AFPPD and Unzip the Lips, and supported by Women Deliver and PATH. During the Caucus, Hon. Dr. Sirathranont co-facilitated a working group on the topic of access to safe abortion services while Hon. Dr. Thaug co-facilitated a working group on the topic of young people's sexual rights. Major outcomes of the Regional Caucus are reflected in CALL TO ACTION - Deliver for Women and Young People in South East Asia and the Pacific: Sexual Rights are Human Rights.

## AFPPD's 80<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting Approves AFPPD Strategic Priorities Framework 2016-2019



(Back row, L-R): Hon. Dr. Nguyen Van Tien, MP Viet Nam; Hon. Sen. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont, MP Thailand; Mr. Ouk Damry, National Committee, Cambodia; Hon. Dr. Wang Longde, MP China; Hon. Mrs. Khayriniso Yusufi, MP Tajikistan; Hon. Professor Keizo Takemi, MP Japan; Hon. Mr. Ezzatollah Yousefian Molla, MP Iran; Mr. Babak Ahmadi, National Committee, Iran; Dr. Mika Marumoto, AFPPD Executive Director.  
(Front row, L-R): Hon. Ms. Dina Mahalaxmi Upadhyay, MP Nepal; Hon. Mrs. Gulmira Issimbayeva, MP Kazakhstan; Hon. Mme. Aitkul Samakova, Former MP Kazakhstan; Mrs. Hon. Mrs. Lork Kheng, MP Cambodia; Hon. Mrs. Viplove Thakur, MP India; Hon. Ms. Jan Logie, MP New Zealand.

**TOKYO, JAPAN**— On 25 April 2016, AFPPD's 80th Executive Committee Meeting, chaired by Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi (MP Japan), unanimously approved [\*AFPPD's Strategic Priorities Framework 2016-2019\*](#). AFPPD's new strategic framework is built upon three Standing Committees focusing on gender equality and women's empowerment, investing in youth, and active ageing. The framework is also structured such that all three Standing Committees will address issues within the same thematic framework: (a) safety and security; (b) health; and (c) participation. The Executive Committee confirmed that each Standing Committee comprising nominated parliamentarians by AFPPD's National Committees meet at least once a year to discuss common agenda for national, regional and global actions.

In March 2016, the Standing Committee on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and the Standing Committee on Investing in Youth held a joint meeting to accelerate collective efforts to end child marriage. Hon. Ms. Dina Mahalaxmi Upadhyay, MP Nepal, Co-Chair of AFPPD Standing Committee on Investing in Youth briefed

the Executive Committee on the outcomes of the meeting. This first meeting was successfully concluded with the adoption of the [\*Kathmandu Declaration\*](#), which was officially approved by the 80th Executive Committee for further follow-up actions.

Hon. Prof. Takemi also briefed the Executive Committee on the Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (GCPPD) scheduled for 26-27 April 2016. Hon. Takemi expressed his high expectation that GCPPD outcomes in the form of participating MPs' declaration and recommendations to the G7 would be shared with Japanese Prime Minister and Foreign Minister so that the recommendations would be on agenda at the G7 Summit.

AFPPD Executive Director Mika Marumoto presented the AFPPD's performance progress report covering the period from November 2015 to April 2016. This included training 42 MPs on the ICPD agenda, and holding the South Asia Parliamentarians' Meeting on Child Marriage: Accelerating our Collective Efforts to End Child Marriage,



(L-R): Hon. Viplove Thakur, Hon. Professor Keizo Takemi, and Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont.



Dr. Mika Marumoto presenting the proposed AFPPD Strategic Priorities Framework 2016-2019.



Hon. Mrs. Khayriniso Yusufi, Hon. Mme. Aitkul Samakova, and Hon. Mrs. Gulmira Issimbayeva during the active discussion at the 80<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting.



Hon. Mrs. Lork Kheng expressing her gratitude to Hon. Professor Keizo Takemi for hosting the 80<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting.

with 65 MPs' participation, among other activities, and pointed committee members to its [Annual Report](#). Dr. Marumoto also reported the AFPPD's on-going efforts in developing additional strategic partnerships, including HelpAge International. Dr. Marumoto also reviewed the role of Standing Committees, as designated by the AFPPD constitution, to be advisors to the Executive Committee on each subject area. She also summarized the 79th Executive Committee meeting approved Nepal and Tajikistan as Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Investing in Youth, Tonga and New Zealand as Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, and Japan and China as Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing.

The Meeting was also attended by Hon. Dr. Wang Longde, MP China, AFPPD Vice Chair & Standing Committee Co-Chair on Active Ageing; Hon. Mrs. Viplove Thakur, MP India, representing Vice Chair Hon. Prof. P.J. Kurien; Hon. Mrs. Gulmira Issimbayeva, MP Kazakhstan, Incoming Vice Chair; Hon. Mme. Aitkul Samakova, MP Kazakhstan, Outgoing Vice Chair; Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont, MP from

Thailand, Secretary-General; Hon. Mrs. Lork Kheng, MP from Cambodia, Treasurer; Hon. Dr. Nguyen Van Tien, MP from Vietnam, Executive Member; Hon. Mr. Ezzatollah Yousefian Molla, MP from Iran, Executive Member; Hon. Mrs. Khayriniso Yusufi, MP Tajikistan, Co-Chair of AFPPD Standing Committee on Investing in Youth, and Hon. Ms. Jan Logie, MP New Zealand, Co-Chair of AFPPD Standing Committee on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment. Also present were national committee secretariat staff Ms. Viktoria Degerman, Director of Family Planning New Zealand, NZPPD; Mr. Manmohan Sharma, Executive Secretary, IAPPD; Ms. Zulfia Barotova, Special Assistant to Vice-Speaker of Tajikistan; and Mr. Ouk Damry, Secretary General of CAPPD.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi expressed his deepest appreciation to three outgoing Executive Committee Members for their invaluable contributions to achieving AFPPD's mission. AFPPD offered mementos of appreciation to Hon. Mme. Samakova (Kazakhstan) and Hon. Tien (Vietnam), and Hon. Stone (Australia).

## Parliamentarians at GCPPD Adopted the [\*Tokyo Declaration and Recommendations to the G7 Ise-Shima Summit\*](#)



(R-L): Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi, MP Japan, AFPPD Chair & JPPF Executive Director; Hon. Ms. Edith Gueugneau, MP France; Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of UNFPA; H.E. Mr. Shizo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan; H.E. Mr. Tadamori Oshima, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Japan; H.E. Mr. Yasuo Fukuda, Former Prime Minister of Japan; Hon. Dr. Sahar Fahed Daoud Qawasm, MP Palestinian Authority; Hon. Dr. Chris Baryomunsi, Minister of State for Health, Uganda; Hon. Dr. Guillermo Mata Bennet, MP El Salvador.

**TOKYO, JAPAN**— AFPPD and the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPPF), in cooperation with other regional parliamentarians' fora and partners, organized the high-level Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (GCPPD) on 26-27 April 2016. GCPPD attracted 140 parliamentarians from 64 countries across all the regions of the world, and solicited their commitments to achieving the fundamental goal enshrined in the 2030 Agenda - "to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment." This is aligned with the critical principle of safeguarding human security.

The GCPPD was inaugurated by high-level Japanese political leaders, Prime Minister H.E. Shinzo Abe, Former Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Yasuo Fukuda (Honorary Chair of the Japan Organizing Committee of G7 GCPPD), Hon. Mr. Sadakazu Tanigaki (JPPF Chair) and Hon. Professor Keizo Takemi (AFPPD Chair and JPPF Executive Director), as well as by Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, UNFPA Executive Director. Prime Minister Abe, in his keynote speech,

comprehensively set forth the critical issues that should be discussed at the GCPPD, including universal health coverage (UHC), poverty eradication, global pandemics and infectious diseases, governments' role to allocate financial resources to health, and global parliamentarians' role to alleviate poverty by working with NGOs.

Parliamentarians and representatives from civil society organizations and international organizations discussed five thematic topics: (1) gender equality and women's empowerment; (2) investing in youth; (3) building active aging societies; (4) infectious diseases and effective risk management systems; and (5) the role of parliamentarians in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) era. Promoting UHC throughout the world was proposed as a key instrument to tackle population and development challenges.

GCPPD was successfully concluded with the adoption of the [\*Declaration and Recommendations to the G7 Ise-Shima Summit\*](#) which was delivered to Japanese Prime





Hon. Professor Keizo Takemi welcoming the participants to the Global Conference on Population and Development (GCPPD) in Tokyo, Japan.



(L-R): Hon. Mr. Frank Heinrich, MP Germany, Hon. Professor Keizo Takemi, and Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin after the plenary session of the GCPPD.



Hon. Ms. Ermalena Muslim Hasbullah, MP Indonesia, presenting a country context report during the session on Active Ageing.



Hon. Dr. Wang Longde, MP China, sharing China's experience in dealing with SARS outbreaks in the past during the session on Human Security and Establishment of Risk Management System for Infectious Diseases.

Minister Shinzo Abe and Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida. The GCPPD delegation was headed by Hon. Mr. Sadakazu Tanigaki (JFPF Chair) and Hon. Professor Keizo Takemi (AFPPD Chair and JFPF Executive Director), joined by Hon. Dr. Sahar Qawasmi (MP Palestinian Authority), Hon. Dr. Sharman Stone (MP Australia, AFPPD Vice-Chair), Hon. Dr. Chris Baryomunsi (Minister of State for Health of Uganda; Chair of UPFFSP&D, Co-Chair of GCPPD Drafting Committee), and Mr. Arthur Erken, Director of UNFPA. (Please see [GCPPD Full Conference Report](#)).

Exactly one month after the GCPPD, the G7 Leaders gathered at the Ise-Shima Summit and adopted the G7 Leaders' Declaration. The G7 Leaders' Declaration and other outcome documents reflected the GCPPD Declaration and Recommendations to the G7, especially recommendations concerning health, women's empowerment, migration, and climate change. Such official documents include: G7 Ise-Shima Vision for Global Health; G7 Guiding Principles for Capacity Building of Women and Girls; Ise-Shima Progress Report; Japan's



(L-R): Hon. Ms. Kamala Kumari Ghimire Subedi, MP Nepal; H.E. Mr. Jingme Zangpo, Speaker of Bhutanese Parliament; Hon. Mr. Sher Bahadur Tamang, MP Nepal

Initiatives toward G7 Ise-Shima Summit. The full list of the official documents of the G7 Ise-Shima Summit is available at the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan – [G7 Ise-Shima Summit](#) (May 26-27, 2016).

### Translation of the Kathmandu Declaration into Nepalese Language



Hon. Ms. Dina Mahalaxmi Upadhyay assisting The Rt. Hon. Nanda Bahadur Pun Pasang, Vice President of Nepal, during the inaugural session of the South Asia Parliamentarians' Meeting on Child Marriage.

The *Kathmandu Declaration* was drafted and adopted during the South Asia Parliamentarians' Meeting on Child Marriage: Accelerating our Collective Efforts to End Child Marriage, which was organized by AFPPD and the Nepalese Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (NFPPD). The Declaration outlines a summary of commitments of parliamentarians to promote accountability and accelerate collective efforts both nationally and sub-regionally for ending early, forced and child marriage.

Hon. Ms. Dina Mahalaxmi Upadhyay, MP Nepal, initiated the translation of the Declaration into Nepalese for distribution to parliamentarians and other stakeholders in the country. The translation of the Declaration aims to amplify the commitment made by Nepali MPs to end child marriage in the country and in the region.

*NFPPD is the member National Committee of the AFPPD in Nepal. Hon. Upadhyay is NFPPD Chair and Co-Chair of AFPPD's Standing Committee on Investing in Youth.*

### New Legislation Against Domestic Violence in Kyrgyzstan

Hon. Ms. Taalaykul Isakunova, MP Kyrgyzstan, initiated a new legislation against domestic violence in Kyrgyzstan.

This new bill aims to address the gaps in the existing law on social and legal protection from domestic violence (2003). Findings of the review of the 2003 legislation include:

1. The law lacked coordination mechanisms among entities responsible for ensuring protection from violence.
2. The law did not clearly describe the roles and responsibilities of the government bodies and local authorities.
3. The mechanism for issuing a restraining order outlined in the law was not supported by the national criminal authorities.
4. The law did not include any liability rule in case of domestic violence against minors.

The newly drafted legislation outlines the roles and responsibilities of various government and judicial bodies, the media and civil society for safeguarding and protecting victims from domestic violence.



Hon. Ms. Taalaykul Isakunova, MP Kyrgyzstan. (Photo credit: [Слово Кыргызстана](#))

Hon. Isakunova explains that “the bill provides the victims of domestic violence with the right to be placed in the state or municipal shelter for safe temporary accommodation and for perpetrator of domestic violence – to undergo a correctional program as it is required by the court. The proposed document will provide citizens with more effective measures of protection from domestic violence.”

*Hon. Isakunova attended the 'Central Asian Parliamentarian and Stakeholders Workshop,' which was organized by AFPPD in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan in August 2014.*

## Hon. Governor Julie Soso Echoes the Message of the GCPPD



Hon. Governor Julie Soso at the Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development in Tokyo, Japan. (Photo credit: PNG PGPSD)

Hon. Governor Julie Soso publicly addressed the Speaker of the Parliament of Papua New Guinea on 3 June 2016. She emphasized the need to inform her fellow parliamentarians of the new development agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She also invited PNG MPs to the PNG Parliamentary Group on Population and Sustainable Development's (PNG PGPD) lunchtime forum on the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on 8 June 2016. The forum aimed to share knowledge 'to discover how MPs and every member of this government can be an integral part of building a smart, fair, wise, healthy and happy nation that is supported through the pursuit of the SDGs.'

Before ending her speech, Governor Soso echoed the message of the Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (GCPPD), which she attended on 26-27 April 2016 in Tokyo. In her speech, Governor Soso reported:

"Mr. Speaker, I have recently returned from Japan where I attended the Global Conference on Population and Development...

During that forum, all 64 represented countries recognized "the imperative of gender equality and empowering women and girls, who represent half of the world's population and have a critical role to play in every aspect and area of society in achieving sustainable development. There was frustration at the slow and inequitable progress" made to date to protect and promote their rights.

Further it was agreed that "ensuring comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services and sexual and reproductive health rights is also critical to empowering women and girls, who have a right to control their healthcare and fertility in achieving their schooling, careers, health needs and personal ambitions."

*Hon. Governor Julie Soso is the Deputy Chair of Papua New Guinea Parliamentary Group for Population and Sustainable Development (PNG PGPSD), which is the member National Committee of the AFPPD in Papua New Guinea.*

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE PUBLICATION CORNER

#### **PNG PGPSD Newsletter: Blooming Teens Project**

This newsletter reports synopsis and highlights of the Blooming Teens Project of Safe Motherhood Alliance PNG (SMALL PNG). The Blooming Teens Project (BTP) was designed to elevate the issue-profile of early and often unwanted pregnancies, the associated risk to health and life to both young women and their babies, the need for non-judgemental antenatal and delivery health care, good nutrition and the need for timely and appropriate sexual and reproductive health information and service, including family planning services.

*SMALL PNG is the secretariat of the Papua New Guinea Parliamentary Group for Population and Sustainable Development (PNG PGPSD).*

**SMALL toktok** Blooming Teens Project Highlights 2015/16

Highlights of 2015/16  
*Blooming Teens Project*

**Welcome!**

The Safe Motherhood Alliance PNG is excited to present to you this synopsis of the Blooming Teens Project.

The Blooming Teens Project (BTP) was designed to elevate the issue-profile of early and often unwanted pregnancies, the associated risk to health and life to both young women and their babies, the need for non-judgemental antenatal and delivery health care, good nutrition and the need for timely and appropriate sexual and reproductive health information and service, including family planning services. The project encouraged leaders, health workers and individuals alike to "be the champion" and become part of the solution to addressing teen pregnancy with the message of compassion and prevention.

The unique component of the BTP was the use of belly cast art to raise awareness of these issues through art exhibits. In 2014 over 1,000 teenagers gave birth at Port Moresby General Hospital alone. A number experienced complications requiring life-saving assistance from attending midwives.

This artistic medium held the power to speak to audiences, promote self-reflection of attitudes and provide a glimpse into personal experiences. *Every girl has a story, though you will not know it by looking at her.*

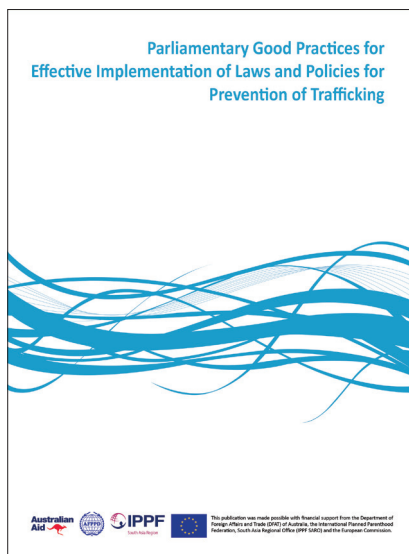
SMALL PNG expresses our deep gratitude for the support and participation of the twelve models and artists, Pryde Furniture, Port Moresby General Hospital, Dame Carol Kidu, the PNG Parliamentary Group on Population and Sustainable Development, Lynda Babon-O'Neill, YWCA PNG, WeeAke Foundation, the National Department of Planning and Monitoring, Asia-Pacific Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development and to the radio and television media who assisted the project to reach a greater audience.

In this SMALL toktok edition you we invite you to read more about the journey of the Blooming Teens Project.

Happy reading!  
Cathy Fokes *"Two lives worth living"*

**Date-Saver:** Safe Motherhood Alliance PNG  
Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 Fundraiser  
Grand Papua Hotel Featuring: Belly Cast Auction

## AFPPD's PUBLICATION CORNER



### [A New Publication on Prevention of Trafficking](#)

AFPPD launched the new report titled *[Parliamentary Good Practices for Effective Implementation of Laws and Policies for Prevention of Trafficking](#)* at the Women Deliver Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark. The report aims to assess a variety of programmatic and policy approaches to human trafficking, with a particular focus on measurable, proven results. Although it is difficult to measure impacts of specific programs on rates of trafficking, the three pillars of anti-trafficking efforts— prevention, protection, and prosecution—create a useful guide for assessing impacts of various interventions. The new report presents ten case studies from seven countries including Bangladesh, Ecuador, Indonesia, South Africa, Thailand, Vietnam, as well as regional programmes in Southeast Asia and South Eastern Europe. Report is available at AFPPD's official website: [www.afppd.org](http://www.afppd.org)

### [Conference Report \(2nd edition\) of the Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development \(GCPPD\)](#)

The GCPPD Conference Report provides a comprehensive summary of participants' speeches and presentations, as well as the session summaries indicating how each session's discussion and outcomes were reflected in the *[GCPPD Declaration and Recommendations](#)*. This 2nd edition also includes in Annex the G7 Leaders' Declaration.

### [Executive Report and Resources of the Parliamentarians' Forum at Women Deliver 2016](#)

This is a brief summary report of the AFPPD delegation's participation in the Parliamentarians' Forum at the Women Deliver 2016. The executive report also includes in Annex some resources made available to the AFPPD, including the informative presentation by Dr. David Nabarro, UN Special Advisor on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and an inspirational speech by Princess Sarah Zeid.

## AFPPD's UPCOMING EVENTS

**Parliamentarian Workshop: Legislating for the Full Achievement of the SDGs/ICPD Goals and Targets**  
2-3 September 2016, Issyk-kul, Kyrgyzstan

**HelpAge Asia/Pacific Regional Conference 2016 & AFPPD Standing Committee Meeting on Active Ageing**  
6-8 September 2016, Hanoi, Viet Nam

**Agenda 2030 Workshop for Pacific Parliaments on Prioritizing the ICPD Agenda in the SDGs**  
28-29 September 2016, Wellington, New Zealand

**81<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee Meeting & 11th Women Parliamentarians and Ministers Conference**  
3-5 November 2016, Bangkok, Thailand



From  
the People of Japan

AFPPD would like to thank PLCPD, Ms. Maya Raturi and Mr. Manmohan Sharma of IAPPD, and Ms. Catherine Fokes of Safe Motherhood Alliance and PNG PGPSD for their contribution to this Second Quarter Newsletter.

**Published by:**  
Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development  
Payathai Plaza, Payathai Road, Bangkok, Thailand  
[www.afppd.org](http://www.afppd.org)