

**Agenda Item: Rahnuma-FPAP and SARO/IPPF**

RAHNUMA-FPAP operates large scale SRHR services across Pakistan. Serious safety and security considerations have emerged from the perspective of it being associated with a South Asia Regional Office mostly operating from India. They represent a big threat to the smooth running of operations and the safety of staff. As a result R-FPAP has had to request we consider one of three options instead:

1. R-FPAP be placed under administrative control of CO.
2. R-FPAP to be considered part of ESEAOR
3. R-FPAP to be placed with Arab World Region on similar lines of WHO.

Having confirmed the security concerns and considered the three options, management believes the better option is the third. This would provide the greater operational synergies and will enable sustained support to the level and quality that was being provided from SARO. It also aligns well with the setup in WHO, where Pakistan is, for similar reasons, part of the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMRO) rather than the South-East Asia Region (SEARO).

With a view of safeguarding operations and staff at a critical period, the Board is presented with a resolution to approve the move of RHANUMA-FPAP from the IPPF South Asia Region to the IPPF Arab World Region.

**Preamble**

At the extraordinary meeting of the IPPF Board of Trustees held on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, the Board of Trustees discussed the recent communications between the Pakistan Member Association, Rahnuma-FPAP, and IPPF relating to safety and security concerns arising from being linked with the IPPF South Asia Region and its office based in India.

**Resolution**

Based on the discussion, IPPF Board of Trustees, resolves that:

- 1) Considering the safety and security concerns of being linked with IPPF South Asia Region and its India Office, the Pakistan Member Association, Rahnuma-FPAP, will instead join and form part of the IPPF Arab World Region.
- 2) Adjustments at the Secretariat level be made to ensure a smooth transition and operations.