

Agenda Item: Chair's and DG's progress report

WHO declared the end of the covid pandemic, but the war continues in Ukraine and hostilities in Sudan threaten to turn into an all-out civil war. Austerity measures and uncertainty in foreign aid persist. The world is going hungrier than ever with 345 million people facing high levels of food insecurity; an increase of 200 million people compared to pre pandemic levels.

Against this, five MAs launched humanitarian responses with stream 3 support since March: Türkiye (earthquake), Zambia (cyclone), Mozambique (cyclone), Malawi (cyclone) and Togo (refugees from Burkina Faso). To date \$592,247 or 49% of annual Stream 3 budget has been committed. Investment via the Japanese Supplementary Budget gained momentum in Ethiopia, Ukraine, Palestine and Afghanistan and Colombia launched the Global Affairs Canada program responding to Venezuelan migrants. SPRINT IV delivery continues at pace with emergency responses recently funded in Yemen (conflict) and Vanuatu (cyclones).

We saw the long tail of fundamentalism [against LGBTQI people in Uganda](#) with a creep across the continent. Meanwhile INGOS and [multilaterals grappled with the ethics of international cooperation](#), and some planned their exit as women's rights were further eroded in Afghanistan. Communities and people at risk rely on a courageous, present and focused IPPF, and on the strategy side we launched the charter and re-brand initiative with an inaugural meeting hosted by Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand. This kicked off visits across Asia and the Pacific

- Thailand - Thank you Nana. An opportunity to visit their Bangkok clinic, learn about their work with migrants, young people and efforts to generate income through social enterprise.
- Solomon Islands - Thank you Charles and Ben. Amazing community engagement and (out)reach: 73,000 clients in a population of 700,000 as hard to reach and dispersed as it gets! Made the most of the visit to get PM and MoH to commit support through an MoU.
- Nepal.- Thank you Himal-ji and Naresh-ji. Exciting turn around with governance stability, stronger management and mission focus! Heartwarming to see meaningful partnership with people living with disabilities. We met with the PM and Secretary of Health to highlight issues on adolescent pregnancy, unsafe abortion and gender affirming care. They thanked IPPF for investing in Nepal in sexual and reproductive health
- Japan.- Thank you Sumie and Katsube. The day before our visit the government finally approved the registration of the medical abortion pill: 23 years after it was approved by the FDA in the US and 35 years after its registration in France! A lot to be done on rights to access but it was a delight learn about JOICFP and SRHR activists in Japan.

We held our DLT retreat, working through the final phase of the restructuring, on centres & funds (agreed which of the existing ones to sustain through this strategy period and to pause the call for new ones while we re-gain pace following realignment) and on MA sustainability. Following a review in four MAs (Ghana, Mexico, Nepal and Ethiopia) DLT is proposing to set up a 'chief commercial officer post/unit' so that large-scale service delivery MAs can improve their self-sufficiency and thus sustain impact.

On the advocacy front, a successful outcome during the UN Commission on the Status of Women's focus on education and technology in the digital age (CSW67) was quickly followed by a bruising UN Commission on Population and Development (CPD56), which was unable to agree a resolution on the theme of Population, Education and Sustainable Development due to less presence from the pro choice community and more visible opposition of a small minority of member states. Negotiations failed, but this was the first full consideration of CSE, and the data and evidence from the more than 85% of countries who implement CSE are now part of the permanent UN record.

Membership: as you will see in the MC report, we took swift action to ensure the integrity of MAs, and recommended a number of suspensions (Namibia, Sierra Leone) to turn them around. On the more positive side, one MA (APROFA, Chile) that left in 2019 has now decided to risk a core grant through the then WHRO to return to IPPF. Another positive request from Bhutan, again an MA who had voluntarily decided to surrender membership, showing immense courage and readiness to change with modern monarchy and our readiness to be flexible.

On human resources, much effort has gone into re-alignment of the Secretariat (refer to the paper) which is entering into a more energising recruitment and induction phase.

These last couple of months saw the DG travelling to Australia, to raise SRHR on the agenda of the progressive Labor government. Engagement with senior officials across Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade was stronger than ever. A purposeful meeting with the Minister for International Development and the Pacific was held, and the DG's round table with the Parliamentary Group on Population and Development generated a strong turnout and considerable interest. An additional priority of the visit was to meet with IPPF's Associate Member in Australia, the Family Planning Alliance Australia, who recently re-established a CEO function and are working to mobilise as a national peak body for SRHR. Across all of these engagements, a key message that resonated was on global opposition. Also visited Japan to participate in a pre-G7 Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (very high level, attended by PM Nishida and minister of Foreign Affairs) and our annual policy dialogue. The PM in his speech placed SRHR as central to the achievement of the SDGs, ensuring Japanese funding for IPPF. Whilst we shared concerns on Finland following the elections, we are pleased to report that we were able to sign at the budgeted USD 1.5M/year for the next 3 years. The news from Sweden, on the other hand, extremely troubling. Following the establishment of the right-wing government and a set of confusing messages, the most probable scenario at the moment looks like a 60% cut to their IPPF contribution, leaving a USD6M hole in our budget.

As at 31st Mar'23, unrestricted surplus was USD7.45m higher, in part due to slow release of funding to MAs and higher income. The latter a combination of income received earlier, great return from the individual giving portfolio and greater interest from better working capital investment management. On restricted funding, we were ahead by circa USD4.5m due to an earlier than expected receipt of the budgeted income from WISH and income from a new project. General reserves as of 31st Mar'23 were USD15.1m. The revised 2023 budget and recruitment remain priorities for the team and necessary for a successful plan.

**IPPF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING:
9 & 10 March 2023
Decisions/Action List**

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1.	<p>Minutes of the previous meetings</p> <p>The Board adopted the Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees held on 25 & 26 November 2022 and on 8 December 2022, as true and accurate records, subject to minor amendments.</p> <p>The DG advised that the Minutes of the closed session of the meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on 26 November 2022, would be circulated to those members who attended the meeting.</p>	<p>Personal Assistant to the Director General</p> <p>Minute Taker</p>	<p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>Done</p>
2.	<p>DG's and Chair's Progress Report</p> <p>It was agreed that space would be made at future Board meetings, and in the DG's and Chair's Progress Reports, to consider those countries and areas of the world where SRHR situations were deteriorating significantly.</p>	<p>Board Chair</p> <p>DG</p>	<p>June 2023</p>	<p>To be addressed during the June BoT Meeting</p>
3.	<p>The Youth Forum Resolution to the 2022 GA</p> <p>It was noted that progress in implementation of the Board's response to the Youth Forum resolution to the 2022 GA would be reported to the Board at each of its meetings.</p>	<p>RD ACRO</p>	<p>June 2023</p>	<p>To be addressed during the June BoT Meeting</p>
4.	<p>Board Work Plan</p> <p>It was noted that the Board was in general agreement with its proposed Work Plan up to the next General Assembly to be held in 2025. The Chair asked Board members to send in suggested amendments to its wording, such as those raised in their discussion, to help strengthen the document.</p>	<p>Trustees</p>	<p>May 2023</p>	
5.	<p>Rotation of Board Committee Chairs and Trustee Members</p> <p>The BoT agreed to the proposed principles and process for the appointment of Trustees to roles of Board Committee Chairs and Board Committee Members.</p> <p>It was agreed that the document detailing the terms of Trustees would be circulated to Board members.</p>	<p>Trustees</p> <p>Director, Governance and Accreditation</p>	<p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p>	<p>DONE</p> <p>DONE</p>
6.	<p>Member Association issues</p> <p>The BoT approved that the process to expel Family Health Options Kenya from IPPF be completed.</p> <p>The BoT approved that the process to expel the Family Planning Association of Bangladesh from IPPF be completed.</p> <p>The BoT approved that the process to expel the Djibouti Member Association, Association</p>	<p>Director, Governance and Accreditation</p> <p>RDs ARO, SARO, ACRO</p>	<p>Immediate</p>	<p>DONE</p>

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	<p>Djiboutienne pour l'Equilibre et la Promotion de la Famille from IPPF be commenced.</p> <p>The BoT approved the suspension of El Salvador Member Association, Asociación Demográfica Salvadoreña.</p> <p>The BoT approved the admission of Associação Santomense para Promoção Familiar as an Associate Member of IPPF.</p>			
7.	<p>C-FAR Report</p> <p>The BoT noted the C-FAR report and approved the closure of the following designated funds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Assembly US\$341,000 2. Strategy Development 2022 Fund US\$95,000 3. Triple Whammy US\$164,000 4. Americas & Caribbean creation US\$263,000 5. Solution 1&2: Build the Movement & Opposition Fund US\$685,000 6. Solution 4: Build MA capacity – Global Gag Rule US\$957,000 7. Solution 5: Lead access to SRHR in crisis US\$200,000 <p>It was noted that these amounts are based on draft accounts and as such are subject to change.</p> <p>The BoT approved the designation of a sum of US\$6 million out of its General Reserves, as Stabilisation Fund (as on 31 December 2022), to help ensure the Secretariat and MAs can navigate the current uncertainty.</p>	<p>Director, Finance & Technology</p>	<p>Immediate</p>	<p>DONE</p>
8.	<p>Assignment of Trustees to Board Committees</p> <p>The Board approved Committee Chairs and Trustee members as follows:</p> <p>C-FAR Chair: Liz Schaffer Board member: Hayathe Ayeva</p> <p>C-SIP Chair: Sami Natsheh Board member: Santiago Cosio to August 2023 to be followed by Aurelia Nguyen.</p> <p>MC Chair: Donya Nasser until May 2023, to be followed by Uluk Batyrgaliev Board member: Uluk Batyrgaliev until May 2023, to be followed Surakshya Giri</p>	<p>All to note</p>	<p>May 2023</p>	<p>DONE</p>

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	<p>RATC Chair: Isaac Adewole Board member: Vacant</p> <p>Branding and Charter Working Group Board members: Joyce Ayong-Tchonang and Santiago Costa (until August 2023)</p> <p>Anti-Racism Working Group Chair: Bience Gawanas until May 2023. Next chair to be decided. Board members: Joyce Ayong-Tchonang, Rose-Marie Belle Antoine and Surakshya Giri,</p> <p>It was noted that further adjustments to committee assignments will be made once new Trustees are appointed.</p>			
9.	<p>Election of the Board Vice Chair</p> <p>The BoT <u>elected</u> Ulukbek (Uluk) Batyrgaliev as the Board of Trustees Vice Chair, on recommendation of the Nominations and Governance Committee.</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>Director Governance and Accreditation for website update</p>	Immediate	DONE
10.	<p>Americas and Caribbean Regional Office (ACRO)</p> <p>The BoT <u>approved</u> the request to move the location of the Americas and Caribbean Regional Office from Bogota to Mexico City, while maintaining the Caribbean focused team in Trinidad & Tobago.</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>RD ACRO for action</p>	Immediate	DONE