1. Introduction

The Eastern Africa Caucus was convened by White Ribbon Alliance-Uganda and was financially supported by Program for Appropriate Technology for Health (PATH). Countries represented in the Caucus included: Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Libya, Mayotte, Réunion, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda, and United Republic of Tanzania.

The caucus used two approaches including; a panel discussion and breakout session. The meeting attracted over 130 participants and the main topic of discussion was; 'Mainstreaming citizen-centered accountability mechanisms in implementation of global and country commitments to improve women's and girls' health and rights.'

There were five panelists who included; a young person, a journalist, a politician, a regional program head, a politician and a person from a fragile state/country in and out of crisis, and a moderator The breakout sessions were divided into 5 groups of policy makers, civil society, youth, fragile states and media. All the breakout sessions discussed barriers, opportunities and the way forward in ensuring citizen-led accountability for women and girls' health and rights

The caucus objectives were:

- Discuss commitments from different sectors, including government, that contribute to the implementation of SDGs 3 and 5 and targets in individual countries or regions.
- Share key good practices on accountability and lessons learned within countries
- Identify citizen-led monitoring and accountability mechanisms needed to deliver the national and regional commitments to RMNCAH targets in the SDGs and global commitments such as the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescent's Health, ICPD+20 and Beyond, and Beijing+20 processes

2. Major Caucus outputs

2.1. Commitments made

During the breakout sessions, participants were required to identify what they were going to do to ensure that citizens hold their leaders accountable. Different group made commitments. The civil society organizations committed to create platforms for citizens engage with government officials and include girls/women with disabilities. Media pledged to give a platform to stakeholders for their voices to be heard and also amplify their voices. Policy makers committed to popularize policies, engage citizens more, provide access to information and use evidence to inform policies.

Participants showed a lot of interest in institutionalizing social accountability mechanisms in the implementation of programs for delivering for women and girls health and rights and the need to reflect citizens' voices on the priority policies and actions needed for progress on women's and girls' health and rights.

2.2. Networks established

Networks were established with youth regional youth organizations and networks including African Youth and Adolescent Network (AfriYAN) on Population and Development, Allied Youth Initiative, Amref, and women legal networks. However, there is need for continued interaction and advocacy to further strengthen the networks to push for a common cause.

2.3. Future advocacy efforts

The theme of the caucus ie Citizen-led Accountability for Women and Girls' Health and Rights in the Post 2015 Health Agenda, aligns with our current work. This will be helpful in further strengthening efforts in that line. Our future advocacy efforts are aimed at making accountability for women's and girls' health become a priority area in the delivery of SDGs 3 and 5. We will work with young people, CSOs and policy makers to push this forward by ensuring policy makers institutionalize accountability in programs, policies that relate to women's and girls' health and rights. We will work closely with regional organizations such as Amref Health African which has a wide reach in the region to support these efforts.

White Ribbon Alliance Uganda would like to create a center of excellence for citizen-led accountability in Uganda. We have learned in our accountability efforts that when citizens are well informed, they can, through their voice, demand and hold leaders accountable with positive results.

2.4. Compelling quotes from speakers

During the panel discussions we had statements from high policy makers including two from Tanzania, two from Uganda Ministers of Health from Uganda, and senior government officials from Tanzania and Kenya, and top representatives from major regional and international organizations. Quotes of policy makers included:

- Hon Sarah Opendi Minister of State for Primary Health Care-Uganda said; "It's important to listen to the people, know their problems and address their needs. As government of Uganda, we listen to what citizen say. That is why we were able to put up that hospital in Mityana District that Hon.Sylvia Namabidde (panelist) talked about. We also bought an ambulance for Mityana. We are also building hospitals in other areas. Governments should be accountable to citizens."
- Tikhala Itaye, President African Youth and Adolescents Network, Malawi and panelist said; "Make youth organizations implementing partners...Don't wait for opportunities create them. Use your voice to pressure governments to deliver. We need to create youth networks and opportunities for youth voices to be heard."
- Political leaders are shaken when young people start speaking; we need to make use of their[young people]voices and energy," Tikhala
- "Count on the people and their needs," said Nada Nashat, a panelist, working with Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance, Egypt
- "We found our voices after the people's revolution" Nada
- "Citizens know what they want but need someone to support and link them to MPs to get their priorities heard," Hon. Sylvia Ssinabulya.

- Media plays an important role especially in ensuring accountability for citizens from government. We are not doing this because we want to be paid, we are doing this because we are citizens. We want to make a difference" Eunice Kilonzo, panelist from Kenya

2.5.A monitoring framework including indicators and timeframe and leading organizations

Indicator	Timeframe	Leading Organization	Outputs
Share Caucus Report with participants	June 30 th	White Ribbon Alliance	Report circulated to participants
Regions identify a coordinating team	June 1-30th	White Ribbon Alliance	Lead persons identified
Feedback to in- country key stakeholders	June 30 th	White Ribbon Alliance and Partners	Robina and Faridah
Develop and agree on incountry key actions		Country team leaders	Robina and Faridah

3. Major outcomes of the caucus. What did you accomplish? Please briefly report on each of the following:

Caucus communications.

A social media toolkit was developed for the Eastern Africa Caucus. This was used by the participants to share information on social media platforms. We have used our social media platforms ie facebook, and twitter to share information about the caucus. We shared a blog written by PATH Country Programme leader in Uganda Dr Mugisha Emmanuel about the caucus, specifically highlighting the focus of the Eastern Africa Regional Caucus which he attended. We have share photos and messaged via twitter and facebook. Faridah was interviewed by a reporter from one of the Danish radio stations. A press release was developed and shared with PATH team. We are yet to handover the official report to the current Minister of Health (General Duties), Hon. Sarah Opendi

4. After-action plans.

How do you plan to keep the advocacy momentum going for your issue? In order to move forward, we have looked at the issues brought out during the breakout sessions and think the following are key in maintaining the advocacy momentum.

- We have developed a list of caucus participants and plan to have regular communication and gather information on efforts, experiences and progress made on citizens' voice amplification in demand for accountability for SRH services and rights.
- In partnership with partners, develop and test an advocacy toolkit for citizens' voice amplification that can be used by civil society in target countries represented at the caucus
- We plan to continue engaging with the team leaders in different countries. In addition, we
 would like to continue engaging with regional organizations including the Eastern African
 Parliament, African Union to promote the citizens voice in demand for quality RMNCAH health
 and rights for women and girls
- We plan to develop an awareness tool on citizen voice amplification and its value in promoting the health of girls and women and rights for the media and policy makers.

Who will you engage with over the next several months?

- The media
- Parliamentarians and other policy makers in key ministries of health ,gender, finance and youth
- Youth organizations and networks at national and regional levels
- Continue engagement with national and regional policy leaders to promote institutionalization of the citizens' voice in accountability frameworks.

What progress do you expect to make, and what challenges do you anticipate?

We expect to make the citizen voice a popular concept that can be institutionalized in implementation of policies and standards that lead to the achievement of SDG Goals 3 and 5 among target regional and national policy makers and CSOs. The major anticipated challenges include coordinating several organizations to deliver on their commitments and mobilization of adequate financial resources to manage coordination, monitoring and capacity strengthening of partners in accountability and ensuring citizens voices are reflected.

Please outline what actions you plan to take over the next 6 months.

We plan to focus on the following main activities;

- Continue popularizing the citizens voice for RMNCAH among caucus countries and Uganda in particular through social media and meetings and policy makers
- Meet with newly elected MPs and share with them our work on citizen-led accountability and ask for their support in ensuring the same
- Develop a factsheet targeting MPs to improve their knowledge on social accountability
- Utilize already created community-based monitoring teams and citizens journalists to track progress and commitments on RMNCAH
- Continue monitoring caucus participants' actions on accountability and citizens voice amplifications with specific focus on youth regional organization.
- Develop training tool for CSOs on accountability and citizen voice amplification for women's and girls' health and rights.

10. Annex materials:

- a. List of participants (name, country, organization) with VIPs highlighted
- b. Copy of final agenda
- c. List of caucus organizer staff

- d. Any relevant draft policy documents, calls to action, sign-on letters, commitments developed
- e. Situation analysis/landscaping findings on girl's and women's health and well-being.



4th Global Conference

EASTERN AFRICA REGIONAL CAUCUS

THURSDAY, 19th MAY 2016 COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Theme: Citizen-led Accountability for Women and Girls' Health and Rights in the Post 2015 Health Agenda | Nothing About Citizens Without Citizens

Thursday, 19th May 2016 | 10:30am - 12:00 Noon | Bella Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark

BACKGROUND

White Ribbon Alliance Uganda is taking lead in organizing the Eastern Africa Regional Caucus (#EARC) which brings together multi-sector representatives with the potential to influence and effect change for girls and women in the region. Participants from the region will discuss Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health in the Sustainable Development Agenda framework; agree on the key priorities for the region; and how implementation can be better monitored and information shared within the region and beyond. The caucus will mainly focus on SDGs 3 and 5.

TOPIC:

Mainstreaming citizen-centered accountability mechanisms in implementation of global and country commitments to improve women's and girls' health and rights

SESSION OBJECTIVES

- Discuss commitments from different sectors, including government, that contribute to the implementation of SDGs 3 and 5 and targets in individual countries or regions.
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ON THE PANEL

Panelists:

Hon. Sylvia Namabidde Ssinabulya, Member of Parliament, Uganda

Dr Joachim Osur, Amref Health Africa, Kenya

Tikhala Itaye, AfriYAN (African Youth and Adolescents Network), Malawi

Eunice Kilonzo, Daily Nation, Kenya

Nada Nashat, Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance, Egypt

Moderator: Dr. Jeremie Zoungrana, Jphiego, Tanzania

PROGRAM

Time

10:30am - 10:40am: Welcome and setting the stage

10:40am - 11:05am Panel discussion

11:05am - 11:10am Screening of Citizens Hearings video

Session

11:10am - 11:40am Breakout sessions

11:40am - 11:55am Report back and discussion

11:55am - 12:00noon Wrap-up and next steps

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Participants of the Eastern African Regional Caucus include; Civil society and nongovernmental organizations, Policymakers (parliamentarians and ministers), Professional organizations (all sectors), Young people, Private-sector entities, United Nations agencies, Bilateral donors, Academics, Journalists, Advocates and activists and Faith-based organizations.

The Eastern Africa Regional Caucus consists of the following countries; Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Libya, Mayotte, Réunion, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Hon. Sylvia Namabidde Ssinabulya, Parliament of Uganda @Parliament UG

Hon. Sylvia Namabidde Ssinabulya is a Member of Parliament of Uganda since 2001. She heads the Network of African Women Ministers and Parliamentarians on Maternal Health. Hon. Namabidde has spearheaded the prioritization of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Health (MNCH) in the Parliament of Uganda and because of this, MNCH has featured prominently on the legislative and policy agenda of Parliament. She holds professional qualifications in the areas of Education, Management, Public Health Leadership and a BA/Education Degree from Makerere University. Hon. Namabidde holds a Masters Degree in Public Health Leadership under the Save the Mothers program of Uganda Christian University Mukono. She has over 22 years' experience in working with Civil Society Organizations and currently, she is the Board Chairperson of Reproductive Health Uganda.

Dr Joachim Osur, Amref Health Africa @Amref Kenya

Dr Joachim Osur is the Director, Regional Programmes and Field Offices at Amref Health Africa where he leads regional initiatives on health development for improving health with a bias towards women and children's health. As a member of the Attorney General's Task Force on Sexual Offences, Dr. Osur contributed immensely to the development of a framework for implementation of Sexual Offences Act in Kenya. On health systems strengthening, Dr. Osur was among the pioneer integrators of HIV and reproductive health in Kenya and lessons from his pilot project were used worldwide to improve quality of care. He also led the development of reproductive health service delivery guidelines in Zambia, Uganda, Malawi, Mali and Benin focusing on reducing unsafe abortion. At global level, Dr. Osur has previously appeared before the US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to give evidence on the effect of US foreign policy on access to family planning in Africa. He has also published two books, one looking at controversies around abortion and constitution making in Kenya and another on African women's perspectives on sexuality and sexual rights. Dr. Osur holds a Bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery; a Master's degree in Public Health; and a PhD in Reproductive Health.

Tikhala Itaye, African Youth and Adolescents Network @afriyantweets @MissTikhala

Tikhala Itaye, born Malawian, is a Lawyer by profession and a Co-Founder of Her Liberty Namibia, an NGO empowering and mentoring girls and young women. Currently, she is the President of Eastern and Southern Africa of AfriYAN (African Youth and Adolescents Network) on Population and Development that is spearheading Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights issues. In addition, she is a member of the Regional Think Tank on Social Justice Committee Member. She was awarded the Best Student Representative Council Member the Ubuntu Award by the University of Namibia for her community work. She is well known for a TV Drama Series "Don't Kiss and Tell". She has spent the past three years working with youth and adolescents in promoting and initiating empowerment programs, HIV and AIDS, Gender Based and Poverty Eradication for disadvantaged communities.

Eunice Kilonzo, Daily Nation

@DailyNation @eunicekkilonzo

Eunice Kilonzo is a health and science journalist at Daily Nation newspaper. She is keen on telling science stories that bring about change in policy and the day-to-day life of Kenyans. She currently heads the health desk at Daily Nation and has been recognized in various local and international awards in her pursuit for highlighting issues of Universal Health Coverage. Her most recent awards include; the 2015 Winner of the International Planned Parenthood Federation award on Reproductive health awarded in Indonesia, 2015 Data Journalism Winner, Zimeo "Excellence in Media" Awards and 2015 Reproductive Health and Rights winner (Print), Kenya Media Network on Population and Development. When she is not writing in the newsroom, Eunice is involved in mentorship of upcoming writers at the Passion Academy, Young Women Christian Association, and at Akili Dada Mentorship Program. She likes to travel and read ficition. She is a graduate of the University of Nairobi (Majors Political Science and Communications).

Nada Nashat, Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance @CewlaCenter @nadoshegypt

Nada is currently the Advocacy Coordinator at the Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance (CEWLA) based in Cairo, Egypt. She has participated in different international events related to human and women's rights such as CSW, discussions on post 2015, FfD, and UPR. She is also responsible for conducting different campaigns to promote women and human rights. Previously, Nada was the coordinator of amending the Personal Status Law (PSL) project for the same organization to promote access to justice and eradicate inequalities between genders. Nada graduated in 2011 with bachelors' degree in physics and is currently studying law.

Jeremie Zoungrana, MSC, PhD.c, *Jhpiego Tanzania* @jhpiego @Jzoungrana

Mr. Jérémie Zoungrana is a Health Sociologist and Program Management Expert. He has more than two decades of experience in leadership, program management and technical experience in leading large-scale complex Family Planning, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health; HIV/AIDS and Community Health projects. Currently, Mr. Zoungrana is the Country Director, Jhpiego Tanzania with a portfolio of about \$45 million from diverse programs and donors and more than 500 staff.

He is one of only four Global Champions for White Ribbon Alliance (WRA). Before that, he was serving as both the Maternal and Child Health Intergrated Programe (MCHIP) Rwanda Chief of Party and the Country Director for Jhpiego Rwanda.

His breadth of knowledge, management expertise and leadership skills have yielded key results for the program and stellar relationships with different Governments and collaborating partners. As board member of the Global WRA for Safe Motherhood,(2008 – 2012), he demonstrated exemplary leadership, working across multiple African and Asian countries to ignite commitment and discover synergies with Ministry, private sector and civil society actors. From 2005–2008, Mr. Zoungrana served as Jhpiego Country Director and supported Programs in West Africa. He received a presidential distinction from Burkina Faso as "Chevalier de l'Ordre National" on the December 11th, 2004.









REPORT ON RAPID LANDSCAPING OF PRIORITIES, COMMITMENTS THAT WILL INFLUENCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SDGS 3 AND 5 IN THE EASTERN AFRICAN REGION.

Background

Numerous international and regional instruments have drawn attention to gender-related dimensions of human rights issues, the most important being the **UN** Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of **Discrimination** against Women (**CEDAW**).

Women's and girls' rights are human rights; they cover every aspect of life – health, education, political participation, economic well-being and freedom from violence, among many others. Women and girls are entitled to the full and equal enjoyment of all of the human rights and to be free from all forms of discrimination – this is fundamental to achieve human rights, peace and security, and sustainable development.

The Charter of the United Nations guarantees the equal rights of women and men. All major international human rights instruments stipulate ending discrimination on the basis of sex. Almost all countries have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), described as the women's international bill of rights.

Yet serious gaps and violations remain in every region of the world today and progress has been unacceptably slow, particularly for the most marginalized women and girls. Discrimination in the law persists in many countries. Women do not participate on an equal footing with men in politics. They face blatant discrimination in labor markets and access to economic assets. The many forms of violence directed explicitly towards women and girls deny them their rights and all too often their lives. Unacceptably high levels of maternal mortality continue in some regions. Unpaid care workloads continue to limit women's enjoyment of their rights.

Protecting women's and girls' rights must be embedded in national law and policy firmly anchored in international human rights standards. Equally important is that laws are implemented, such as through ready access to courts and an expectation of a fair hearing. Women and girls need to know their rights and have the power to claim them. Social attitudes and stereotypes undercutting gender equality must be challenged and changed

Women's and girls' human rights are more widely understood and championed today, but that needs to be the reality for every woman and every girl. No discrimination. No violations. No exceptions.

Objective

The main objective of the mapping or rapid assessment is to give a clear understanding of the policy environment within the countries and region with respect to policies, government

commitments, decision makers and key stakeholders that will influence the implementation of the SDGs.

The mapping should highlight key issues related to girls' and women's health, rights, and gender equality within the countries and region, including major gaps in policy development, policy implementation, and resource mobilization.

East African Community Commitments towards Women and Girls' Rights Background on the East African Community (EAC) and its Gender Commitments

EAC is an intergovernmental organization bringing together Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. The origin of the EAC can be traced to 1960 when the Chief Minister of Tanganyika, Julius Nyerere, proposed that the independence of Tanganyika be delayed until Kenya and Uganda were also independent so that the three countries could form a federation. This call was not heeded and Tanganyika and Zanzibar (which later became the Republic of Tanzania), gained independence first. On June 5, 1963, however, the leaders of the three states met and declared an intention to form an East African Federation before the end of 1964. Four years later, the East African Community was born in 1967. Unfortunately, the EAC only lasted for ten years before it collapsed in 1977 largely due to ideological differences among Presidents Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya, Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and Idi Amin of Uganda.

Article 121 of Chapter 22 of the EAC treaty, which is dedicated to the role of women in socioeconomic development, requires the partner states to:

- a. promote the empowerment and effective integration and participation of women at all levels of socio-economic development especially in decision making;
- b. abolish legislation and discourage customs that are discriminatory against women;
- c. promote effective education awareness programmes aimed at changing negative attitudes towards women:
- d. create or adopt technologies which will ensure the stability of employment and professional progress for women workers; and
- e. take other such measures that shall eliminate prejudices against women and promote the equality of the female gender with that of the male gender in every aspect.

Article 122 of the same chapter states that the partners will:

- a. increase the participation of women in business at the policy formulation and implementation levels;
- b. promote special programmes for women in small, medium and large scale enterprises;

- c. eliminate all laws, regulations and practices that hinder women's access to financial assistance;
- d. initiate changes in education and training strategies to enable women to improve their technical and industrial employment levels through the acquisition of transferable skills offered by various forms of vocational and on-the-job training schemes;
- e. and recognize and support the national and regional associations of women in business established to promote the effective participation of women in the trade and development activities of the Community.

African Union Commitments towards Women Rights

Article 14 which is about Health and Reproductive Rights states that:

- 1. Parties shall ensure that the right to health of women, including sexual and reproductive health is respected and promoted. This includes:
- a) the right to control their fertility;
- b) the right to decide whether to have children, the number of children and the spacing of children;
- c) the right to choose any method of contraception;
- d) the right to self-protection and to be protected against sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS;
- e) the right to be informed on one's health status and on the health status of one's partner, particularly if infected with sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, in accordance with the internationally recognised standards and best practices;
- f) the right to have family planning education.
- 2. Parties shall take all the appropriate measures to:
- a) provide adequate, affordable and accessible health services, including information, education and communication programmes to women especially those in rural areas;
- b) establish and strengthen existing pre-natal, delivery and post-natal health and nutritional services for women during pregnancy and while they are breast-feeding;
- c) protect the reproductive rights of women by authorising medical abortion in cases of sexual assault, rape, incest, and where the continued pregnancy endangers the mental and physical health of the mother or the life of the mother or the foetus.

Issues in the Matrix related to MDG 3 and MDG 5 for Women and Girls

	High Priority Gaps/Issues		
Country			Comments
	MDG 3	MDG 5	
Rwanda	Gender responsive budgeting.	Increased availability of	Embarked on the process of SDGs domestication. Through
	Gender mainstreaming process	'waiting wards' for expectant	the collaboration with development partners, the country has
	in central and local government	mothers at rural Rwandan	already started to assess how to domesticate the SDGs
	institutions.	health centers.	targets in the national development and poverty reduction
		The Nationwide health	strategies such as the Vision 2020, the Economic Poverty
		insurance scheme has been	Reduction Strategy (EDPRS), and the Sector Strategic Plans
		critical to local uptake of	(SSPs) as well as the District Development Plans (DDPs) at
		maternal health services.	the local government level.
		Introduction of Maternal	
		Death Audit Approach for	This domestication process goes beyond the assessment of
		reducing maternal mortality.	whether the SDGs targets are reflected in the national
			development strategies but involves also their integration in
			the sense of implementation towards reaching the 2030
			development goals. To judge whether SDGs will be
			achievable will depend on a number of
Kenya	No available data.	Limited availability, poor	Need to align the country's development agenda to the
		accessibility and low	Kenya Vision 2030 to the SDGs.

		utilization of skilled birth	
		attendance during pregnancy,	
		child birth and post natal	
		period.	
		Low basic emergency	
		obstetric coverage.	
		Poor involvement of	
		communities in maternal	
		care.	
		Limited national	
		commitment of resources for	
		maternal and newborn	
		health.	
Uganda	Not available.	Lack of SBCC Strategy to	Working on the sharpened plan .still in draft form focus to be
		implement Family Planning.	on adolescent health and maternal health improvement. child
		Policies on legal abortion.	health and much emphasis on FP and maternal nutrition
		Teen pregnancy and	
		maternal mortality.	
		Unmet need for Family	
		Planning.	
1		Lack of adequate skilled	
		Luck of adequate skilled	
Uganda	Not available.	Lack of SBCC Strategy to implement Family Planning. Policies on legal abortion. Teen pregnancy and maternal mortality. Unmet need for Family Planning.	on adolescent health and maternal health improvement. ch

Somalia	Gender inequality in terms of	High HIV/AIDS prevalence	Somali government has officially launched 2030
	resources allocation.	rates.	development agenda-SDGs
		Female Genital Mutilation	raise awareness and understanding about the Sustainable
		(FGM).	Development Goals (SDG) and its content, principles and
		Ineffective SBCC to	commitments amongst national and international actors;
		implement FP.	mobilize support amongst national and international actors
			the way forward to implement and monitor the 2030
			Development Goals;
			Government leaders highlighted the SDGs' relevance to
			tackle poverty, protect the environment and improve
			security," prioritizing SDG 1 (poverty) and SDG 7 (clean
			energy).
Mauritius	Gender inequalities in terms of	HIV/AIDS prevalence	Launched The SDGs
	formal employment.	threatens maternal health.	Asked partners efforts to achieve the MDGs and need to be
			intensified in our quest to achieve the new agenda
Seychelles	No available data.	Teenage pregnancy.	Consultations held, it was found that although stakeholders
		Access to contraceptives for	were familiar with MDGs, the details relating to goals and
		under 18s.	indicators were familiar only to those in the social field.
		Reducing abortion risks and	With regard to the SDG there was in general limited
		unwanted pregnancies.	understanding of what these were and virtually no
		Risk of Mother-to-Child	knowledge or involvement in the post 2015 UNDA.

		Transmission of HIV.	It is recommended that there be further in country
			consultation to discuss the post 2015However there is
			resources are limiting
Malawi	No available data.	Scarcity of skilled health	Gender equality will need to be fully addressed.
		personnel especially nurses	
		and midwives in hard-to-	For Malawi to make real progress on the SDG's there is need
		reach areas.	for implementation of the ambitious reform agenda ahead of
		Quality of Emergency and	us. Public Sector Reform, Public Finance Management
		Obstetric Neonatal Care	Reform and a serious re-think of agricultural policies is
		(EmONC).	needed for Malawi to make real progress.
		Limited resources for	
		maternal health.	
Djibouti	Education gender disparity in	High HIV prevalence in	Not yet developed the road map for implementation of the
	rural areas.	adolescent girls.	SDGs
		Female Genital	
		Mutilation/Cutting.	
		Limited human resources for	
		maternal health with only	
		0.18 physicians per 1,000	
		population.	
		Large knowledge-behavior	
		gap regarding condom use	

		for HIV prevention.	
		Poor health system which	
		limits access of pregnant	
		women to skilled birth	
		attendants in rural areas.	
Reunion	No available data.	Low contraceptive use.	No yet there with the roadmap
		Limited reproductive health	
		in humanitarian settings.	
			They shall work on SDG 3 with all its component but
Tanzania	The United Republic of	The United Republic of	concentrate on data to inform the decision making
	Tanzania (Mainland and semi-	Tanzania (Mainland and	
	autonomous Zanzibar), with a	semi-autonomous Zanzibar)	Stakeholders' involvement in finalization and adaptation of
	population estimated at 45	still lags far much behind as	the SDG indicators was important
	million, some 44 per cent of	far as maternal health is	Formulation of committees at different levels to oversee the
	Tanzanians are below age 15.	concerned. It is still faced	implementation and monitoring of the SDGs in Tanzania
	Among women, 47% are of	with challenges including;	Work closely with LGAs and non-state actors to tap on the
	reproductive age, and are faced		administrative data produced routinely
	with the following challenges	High fertility rate of 5.2	Work closely with LGAs on how to use data for policy and
	High Adolescent Birth Rates	children per woman,	decision making
	(ABR) of 116 births per 1,000	contributing to an annual	Devise mechanisms that will enable each MDA to produce
	girls aged 15-19 years.	population growth of 2.7 per	quality official statistics under minimal but close

More than 20 per cent of maternal deaths among 15-24 year olds, because

Programmatic gaps exist in the nation-wide roll-out of

nation-wide roll-out of Adolescent-friendly sexual and reproductive health services.

There is scarcity of youthfriendly sexual and reproductive health services (available in only a third of health facilities).

There are insufficient numbers of skilled health personnel to provide emergency obstetric care Girls' reproductive health choices in Tanzania are also largely affected by:

Stigma related to needing family planning services

Lack of financial support to family planning commodities, (Contraceptive prevalence stands cent. Annual economic growth has been 7.0 per cent for a decade, yet income distribution is uneven (Ginicoefficient 0.34).

High maternal mortality ratio (MMR) - 410 deaths per 100,000 live births as of 2013 (MDG5a target of 193 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births by 2015 was not met) Programmatic gaps in the provision of emergency obstetric and newborn care to rural districts Insufficient numbers skilled health personnel to provide emergency obstetric

Efforts to achieve universal

care

coordination of the NBS

Baseline surveys need to be conducted for those SDG targets for which baseline data is not existing or outdated

The cultural context should not be ignored when monitoring the SDGs.

A standard data collection framework is needed.

at 41% on Mainland in 2016 and 12% in Zanzibar in 2010 (data after 2010 not available), with an unmet need of 23% on Mainland in 2016 and 31% Zanzibar in 2010 ([data after 2010 not available]; Stock-outs reported in 73 % facilities). Proportion Demand of contraceptives satisfied in 2015 was 64%

Sexual and gender-based violence, including harmful cultural practices such as female genital mutilation and child early and forced marriage, affect one in three girls (some 37% of women aged 20-24 years were married before age 18; in 2014, the prevalence of female genital mutilation was 15%).

Issues associated with culture, gender inequality, provider bias

reproductive health (MDG5b) for Tanzanian women are largely affected

access to

Lack of financial support to family planning commodities, (Contraceptive prevalence stands at 41% on Mainland in 2016 and 12% in Zanzibar in 2010 (data after 2010 not available), with an unmet need of 23% on Mainland in 2016 and 31% Zanzibar in 2010 ([data after 2010 not available]; Stock-outs reported in 73 % facilities). Proportion Demand of contraceptives satisfied in 2015 was 64%. Sociocultural values which favour large family size.

	and users' perceived barriers.	Misconceptions about family	
		planning and potential side	
	There is also a high prevalence	effects which are	
	of HIV among female sex	widespread.	
	workers (.5.1 per cent in	Sexual and gender-based	
	2011/2012 in Mainland, and 0.6	violence, including harmful	
	per cent in Zanzibar).	cultural practices such as	
	Early sexual debut,	female genital mutilation (In	
	Transactional and cross-	2014, the prevalence of	
	generational sex	female genital mutilation	
		was 15%) hampering rights-	
		based family planning.	
		Weak institutional	
		mechanisms which fail to	
		prevent violence	
South	Adolescent pregnancies	Highest maternal mortality in	She has localised the SDG and looked for international
Sudan	(Adolescent Birth Rates of 158	the world ((730 maternal	support in terms of financial assistance
	births per 1,000 girls aged 15-	deaths per 100,000 live	

19) predisposing young girls to	births).	The focus areas are delivery of basic health services across
risk of obstetric fistulae,	Very low contraception use	South Sudan
obstructed labour and	for women married or in	
cephalopelvic disproportion,	union (4%), reflecting	
leading to severe birth	➤ Lack of education	
complications, including death to	about reproductive	
mother and child.	health and family	
High levels of unsafe abortion	planning	
Poor Health-seeking behaviour		
(Traditional healers are often	Lack of access to	
sought due to personal beliefs, or	consistently and	
because no other means of health	appropriately stocked family	
care is available or accessible)	planning services and	
Harmful traditional practices	distribution points (unmet	
such as forceful early marriages	need for family planning of	
still exist	30%; Proportion of Demand	
Female Genital Mutilation	Satisfied is 19% as of	
especially among the Muslim	January 2016 [Source:	
communities.	UNFPA Reproductive Health	
Gender-based violence including	Progress and Challenges	
sexual abuse	Report 2016])	
Lack of access to education and	Lack of access to health	

	health services	services and skilled MNCH	
		service providers; most	
		women deliver at home	
		without skilled attendance.	
		Poor Health-seeking	
		behaviour (Traditional	
		healers are often sought due	
		to personal beliefs, or	
		because no other means of	
		health care is available or	
		accessible)	
		Gender-based violence	
		including sexual abuse	
			Comoros support focusing on: eradicating extreme poverty
Comoros	Limited access to sexual and	Gender-related attitudes and	and hunger; improving universal health care coverage; and
	reproductive rights and health	barriers to family planning in	promoting gender equality.
	services for adolescent girls	particular, and sexual and	
	Inadequate existing youth-	reproductive decision-	Comoros also suggests: achieving universal primary
	friendly centres to provide	making by women (major	education; involving youth in creating green jobs; ensuring
	reproductive health services	reasons why fertility is still	environmental sustainability; strengthening civil society
	Early sexual debut	high (4.4 children per	governance and social cohesion; promoting a green
	Unprotected sexual activity	woman).	economy; and developing a global partnership for

Free health care for women girls sustainable development. exposing young provided, yet contraceptive pregnancies unwanted and higher risks of use remains "stagnant" (2012 maternal mortality, obstructed labor and Demographic survey fistula,(Adolescent indicates a sharp drop in obstetric Birth Rates stand at 71 births contraceptive use (from per 1,000 girls aged 15-19) 19.4% in 2000 to Sexually transmitted infections, 14.2%), though according to including HIV/AIDS UNFPA Reproductive Health Unsafe abortions Progress and Challenges Gender inequalities including Report 2016 contraceptive early marriage despite a law use stood at 24% in 2015). which establishes 18 as the High level of unmet need for family planning of 31% due minimum age for marriage (DHS 2012, 11% of adolescent girls to lack of efficient strategies aged 15 to 19 had declared that to stimulate demand for they had been married before the family planning services and age of 18) low Proportion of Demand Growing number of young sex Satisfied (43%) (Source: workers (Female youth) in urban UNFPA Reproductive Health Progress and areas due to poverty Challenges Report 2016)

The Comoros is prone to natural disasters and is periodically confronted with floods, landslides, cyclones and volcanic eruptions-which could have potential negative impact on the sexual and reproductive health of women

High Maternal Mortality rate (172 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births in 2015)

Quality of care remains weak although access to emergency obstetric care has significantly improved.

Gender-based violence; 14 per cent of women aged 15 to 49 declare that they have been victims of physical gender-based violence, during their lifetime, according to the DHS 2012. Social and cultural practices, including traditional notions about a woman's place in Comorian society and religious beliefs, contribute significantly the to

		persistence of gender	
		inequalities.	
		The Comoros is prone to	
		natural disasters and is	
		periodically confronted with	
		floods, landslides, cyclones	
		and volcanic eruptions-which	
		could have potential negative	
		impact on the sexual and	
		reproductive health of	
		women	
Mayotte	High Adolescent Birth Rates	High unmet need for family	
	(106 births per 1,000 girls aged	planning of 30%	Not yet domesticated the SGDs
	15-19) by 2014 (Source: UNFPA	Very small Proportion of	
	Reproductive Health Progress	Demand for Contraception	
	and Challenges Report 2016)	satisfied (less than 20%)	
		No available data on	
		maternal health with its	
		targets for reducing maternal	
		mortality (MDG5a) and	
		achieving universal access to	

		reproductive	health	
		(MDG5b).	(UNFPA	
		Reproductive	Health	
		Progress and	Challenges	
		Report 2016)		
Ethiopia	HIV on girls and young women,	No available data.	•	Have held consultative meeting with government ministers
	stems from range of factors			and were asked to go back and consulate what the focus
	linked to gender inequality and			would be
	human rights abuses such as			
	gender based violence.			
	Some girls do not complete			
	school due to societal attitudes			
	towards pregnancy and marriage.			
	Gender disparity in education.			
	Formal employment			
	opportunities continue to favour			
	men more than women.			
	The use of patriarchal customary			
	laws constrained women's			
	access to resources.			
	Gender and economic inequality			
	drive a number of HIV related			

risks.		
No available data.	Human resources for	Held consultative meeting with stakeholders yet to decide on
	maternal health are limited	the SDG areas of focus
	with only 0.03 physicians per	
	1,000 population.	
	Adolescent fertility rate is	
	high affecting young women	
	and their children's health.	
	Less than a tenth of women	
	use contraception.	
Limited participation of women	High maternal mortality	Focus on gender equality and empowerment of women
and girls in education with	ratios due to unsafe abortion.	eradication of ignorance; rapid, stable and sustainable
female literacy at 45% and male	Pregnancy related mortality.	development regionally balanced development; eradication
literacy at 67%.	Long distances to health	of poverty and hunger; widely shared prosperity; inclusive
	facilities and the high	and participative work ethics; development of an open
	transport costs which prevent	economy; public and private partnership; protection of the
	pregnant women from	environment; and enhancement of democracy and justice.
	seeking care.	
	Low contraceptive use.	
	Female Genital Mutilation	
	and Obstetric fistulas.	
	No available data. Limited participation of women and girls in education with female literacy at 45% and male	No available data. Human resources for maternal health are limited with only 0.03 physicians per 1,000 population. Adolescent fertility rate is high affecting young women and their children's health. Less than a tenth of women use contraception. Limited participation of women use contraception. High maternal mortality ratios due to unsafe abortion. Pregnancy related mortality. Long distances to health facilities and the high transport costs which prevent pregnant women from seeking care. Low contraceptive use. Female Genital Mutilation

NB: You will realize that countries such as Egypt, Libya and Sudan were initially not part of the Eastern African Caucus. They were included as part of region after the landscape study had been done by consultant. So Consultant did not capture data for these three countries.

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