



**ZIMBABWE SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR
COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON
POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (ICPD) 25 AT THE NAIROBI
SUMMIT**

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COMMITMENTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE NAIROBI SUMMIT TO COMMEMORATE THE TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (ICPD) 25 TO BE HELD FROM 12—14 NOVEMBER 2019

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Zimbabwe has been implementing the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action (POA) adopted by 179 countries in 1994, Cairo. Regular reviews have been done since then to assess progress, identify gaps and challenges, and to advocate for policy change in order to achieve national development objectives and priorities in line with commitments reflected in the ICPD POA.
- 1.2 One such review for Zimbabwe was undertaken in 2018 with full participation of all key stakeholders and for which a country review report was produced and submitted to the African Union Commission (AUC). The 2018 review was on the implementation of the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development (AADPD), which was endorsed by African Heads of State at the 2014 AU Summit as the foremost set of commitments on population and development issues on the continent that provides region- specific guidance on the full implementation of the ICPD Beyond 2014 in Africa.
- 1.3 In November this year, the international community will be commemorating twenty-five years of implementation of the ICPD POA in Nairobi, Kenya. The Nairobi Summit on ICPD@25: *“Accelerating the Promise”* is about renewing and reinvigorating the global commitment to the full and accelerated implementation

of the ICPD POA, within the overall context of Agenda 2030 and the SDGs to ensure that no one is left behind.

1.4 The Summit will offer an inclusive platform for a broad range of public and private sector stakeholders, Heads of State, Ministers, civil society and youth leaders, parliamentarians, business representatives, and others, to come together and agree on a set of **twelve global commitments** that would, collectively, advance the ICPD agenda and would finish the unfinished business. The global commitments, which have been developed by a Steering Committee at the global level, are organized around the following five themes:-

- Universal sexual reproductive health and rights in the context of universal health coverage;
- Creating financing momentum;
- Demographic diversity and sustainable development;
- Gender Based Violence (GBV) and harmful practices against women and girls; and
- Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in humanitarian and fragile contexts

1.5 Countries have been requested to come up with **country-specific commitments** that are aimed at complementing and responding to the global commitments outlined above, and which would be read out at the Nairobi Summit.

1.6 Based on the 2018 AADPD country review report and other relevant national and sectoral policy documents, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

and key Stakeholders, with the support from UNFPA, which is the lead UN Agency on this process, has come up with a set of *country-specific commitments*. They are outlined below.

2. COUNTRY-SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

The country-specific commitments under each of the twelve global commitments and five ICPD themes are as follows:-

1.7 Global Commitment (GC) 1: Intensify our efforts for the full, effective and accelerated implementation and funding of the ICPD Programme of Action, Key Actions for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action of the ICPD, and Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

1.7.1 Government of Zimbabwe commits to:-

- Revise the Population Policy;
- Put in place and capacitate a high level National Coordination Board for implementation of the National Population Policy;
- Capacitate the responsible Department in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development; and
- Conduct the Population and Housing Census in 2022.

Theme 1: Achieve universal sexual and reproductive health as part of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), by committing to strive for

1.8 Global Commitment (GC) 2 - Zero unmet need for family planning information and services and universal availability of quality, affordable and safe modern contraceptives

1.8.1 Government of Zimbabwe commits to:-

- Curb teenage pregnancies from 21.6% to 12% by 2030;and
- Avail comprehensive short and long term; and permanent Family Planning methods at all Family Planning service provision points by 2030.

1.9 Global Commitment(GC) 3 – We commit to strive for zero preventable maternal deaths, and maternal morbidities, such as obstetric fistulas, by, inter alia, integrating a comprehensive approach of the essential sexual and reproductive health package, including measures for preventing and avoiding unsafe abortions, and post-abortion care, into national UHC strategies, policies and programmes, and to protect and ensure all individuals’ right to bodily integrity and autonomy, and to provide access to essential services in support of this right.

1.9.1 Government of Zimbabwe commits to:-

- Increase by 50% the maternal mortality reduction from the current 651 / 100000 live births by 2030;
- Develop a comprehensive national SRHR package and integrate it into the national UHC strategies, policies and programmes; and
- Deploy 2 trained midwives to provide maternity services at all eligible primary health care facilities by 2030.

1.10 Global Commitment 4- Ensuring access for adolescents and youth to comprehensive and age-appropriate information, education and adolescent-friendly comprehensive, quality and timely services to be able to make informed choices about their sexuality and reproductive lives, to adequately protect themselves from unintended pregnancies, gender-based violence, sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS, and to be able to transition safely into adulthood

1.10.1 Government of Zimbabwe commits to:-

- Support all SRHR service provision points provide youth-friendly services;
- Support all schools, public and private, are delivering a quality-assured Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) package, including HIV information, by 2030; and
- Ensure hard to reach populations such as Persons With Disabilities(PWD), PLRA, emergency areas, prisons, sex workers, young people in conflict with law have immediate access to comprehensive Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) services.

Theme 2: Address gender-based violence and the harmful practices of child, early and forced marriages and female genital mutilation, by committing to strive for:-

1.11 Global Commitment (GC) 5- Zero sexual and gender-based violence, including zero child, early and forced marriage, as well as zero female

genital mutilation, in order to realise all individuals' potential as agents of change in their society – both socially and economically.

1.11.1 Government of Zimbabwe commits to:-

- Align all laws pertaining to marriage to the Constitution of Zimbabwe (Amendment No. 20) of 2013, by 2030;
- Implement the National Plan of Action on Ending Child Marriages, harmonize marriage laws and set age of marriage at 18 years, by 2030.
- Invest resources to provide comprehensive multi-sectoral services for survivors of GBV and to strengthen key institutions;
- Economically and socially empower women and girls to be actively engaged in Country's development; and
- Finalise and fully implement the Disability Amendment Act to support service access by women and girls with disabilities by 2030.

Theme 3: Mobilise the required financing to finish the ICPD Programme of Action and sustain the gains already made, by:-

1.12 Global Commitment 6- Using national budget processes, increasing domestic financing and exploring new and innovative financing instruments and structures to ensure full, effective and accelerated implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action.

1.12.1 Government of Zimbabwe commits to:-

- Allocate at least 15 percent of the national budget to the health sector with specific allocation for SRHR and Family Planning, by 2030;
- Improve allocations from the HIV and Airtime levies to SRHR and Family Planning by at least 5 percent;
- Allocate 10 percent of the Global Fund allocated to Zimbabwe to SRHR and Family Planning as per Global Fund Financing Framework; and
- Finalise and implement the National Health Insurance Scheme.

1.13 Global Commitment (GC) 7 - Doing what is in our power to increase the percentage of official development aid (ODA) specifically earmarked to ensure universal access to SRHR to complement domestic financing of sexual and reproductive health programmes

1.13.1 Government of Zimbabwe commits to:-

- Ensure that Aid Support is aligned to UN National Priorities which includes universal access to SRHR/Family Planning;

Theme 4: Draw on demographic diversity to drive economic growth and achieve sustainable development, by:-

1.14 Global Commitment (GC) 8- Harnessing the demographic dividend by investing in adolescents' and youth's education, employment opportunities and health, including family planning and sexual and reproductive health and services.

1.14.1 Government of Zimbabwe commits to:-

- Improve youth involvement across sectors through enactment of the National Youth Act and its National Youth Commission;
- Proactively invest in post-secondary school skills building to reduce youth unemployment by half, by 2030;
- Define and implement policies that promote youth engagement in relevant developmental issues by 2030;
- Promote health for in school children through implementation of implement the Zimbabwe School Health Policy; and
Support access to contraception for young people to reduce the high teen pregnancy by half by 2030

1.15 Global Commitment(GC) 9- Building peaceful, just and inclusive societies, where all people, including the old and the young, people with disabilities, ethnic minorities and indigenous peoples, build societies where they feel valued and are able to shape their own destiny and contribute to the prosperity of their societies.

1.15.1 Government of Zimbabwe commits to:-

- Promote human rights including for the most vulnerable and marginalized populations (older persons, people with disability, children, the poor, and victims of natural disasters).

1.16 Global Commitment (GC) 10- Providing quality, timely and disaggregated data, investing in digital health innovations and improvement of data systems to achieve sustainable development.

1.16.1 Government of Zimbabwe commits to:-

- Continue strengthening the production of quality, relevant, timely and, where possible, fully disaggregated vital country statistics through the decennial population census programme to inform policy planning, including SDG monitoring and reporting, by 2030; and
- Invest in the statistical lead agency, ZIMSTAT, to offer timely and accurate statistics.

1.17 Global Commitment (GC) 11- Committing to the notion that nothing about young people's health and well-being can be discussed and decided upon without their meaningful involvement and participation ("nothing about us, without us")

1.17.1 Government of Zimbabwe commits to:-

- Legislate for youth consultation in development processes, including budget consultative processes, by 2030.

Theme 5: Uphold the right to sexual and reproductive health care in humanitarian and fragile contexts, by:-

1.18 Global Commitment (GC) 12- Ensuring the basic humanitarian needs of affected populations, including SRHR, are addressed as critical components of responses to humanitarian and environmental crises, as well as fragile and post-crisis reconstruction contexts, through the provision of access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health services, including access to safe abortion where it is legal, to significantly reduce maternal mortality and morbidity under these conditions.

1.18.1 Government of Zimbabwe commits to:-

- Ensure emergency preparedness across all relevant sectors, by 2030;
- Build or strengthen coordination structures for preparedness and response to emergencies ; and
- Support strengthening of the Civil Protection Unit to coordinate humanitarian actors to prioritise Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Gender Based Violence in humanitarian situations.



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