



# ACCELERATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (SRH) FRAMEWORKS

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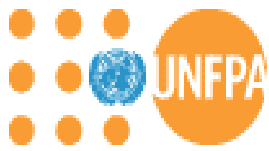
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# *An overview of the characteristics of the health system*

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- The health care system is organized by public or private health institutions.
  - Ministry of Health
  - Agency for Quality and Accreditation of Health Institutions
  - Governmental National Bodies –National Committee on Safe Motherhood
  - National Center for Reproductive Health
- Three levels: primary, secondary and tertiary health care.
- Public Health System- EPHFs (Essential Public Health Functions)
  - Institute of PH,
  - 10 regional and 8 sub-regional Centers of PH,
  - 18 YF for SRH,
  - Institute of Mother & Child Health.



# An overview of the characteristics of the health system “Perinatal health” - structure

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## Human Resources – Health Professionals Profile:

### □ Tertiary Level

- Ob/Gyn specialists
- Neonatologists
- Midwives, nurses
- Microbiologists
- Social worker

### □ Secondary Level

- Ob/Gyn specialists
- Pediatricians/neonatologists
- Midwives, nurses
- Microbiologists
- Social workers

### □ Primary Level

- Ob/Gyn – chosen gynecologists
- Patronage nurses

## Health Care Services:

### □ Tertiary Level

- Delivery
- Management of high risk pregnancies
- Genetic screening/counseling
- Family Planning
- Safe abortion (pre and post abortion counseling)
- Cervical cancer screening/treatment/STI management

### □ Secondary Level

- Antenatal care
- Delivery
- PMCT /HIV testing
- Safe abortion (pre and post abortion counselling)
- Family Planning
- Genetic screening/counseling

### □ Primary Level

- Preconception care
- Antenatal care
- Family Planning
- Nutrition Counseling
- Breastfeeding counseling
- Cervical cancer screening/STI management



# *An overview of the characteristics of the health system - Current Policies*

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- Law on Health Protection;
- National Strategy on Safe Motherhood, 2010-2015 - expired
- **National Strategy for SRH, 2010-2020 – to be revised in 2016 and consolidated into one that has the updated Safe Motherhood component;**
- National Strategy on HIV & AIDS, 2012-2016 – a new Strategy drafting is underway;
- Governmental Action Plan for Reducing Maternal, Perinatal and Infant Mortality 2013-2014;
- National Preventive Programs – Mother and Child Health, Cancer Prevention, HIV&AIDS
- Mandatory Accreditation of Health Institutions;



# Country status/efforts with regards to SRH

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- ❖ **Family Planning**
  - ❖ Family Planning Training Materials Developed (WHO & Human rights);
  - ❖ Training Accredited by the National Chamber of Doctors;
  - ❖ Over 20 TOTs and 150 Family doctors, Roma Health Mediators and Patronage nurses trained;
  - ❖ Discussions with the Ministry of Health for provision of free of charge RHCS for vulnerable groups underway;
  - ❖ Supported by UNFPA and national budget;
- ❖ **Maternal Health**
  - ❖ Clinical Guidelines – capacity building & developing regulatory administrative framework ; PPH Guideline drafted
  - ❖ Emergency Obstetrics Neonatal Care – Draft Action Plan in place;
  - ❖ Introduction of WHO “Beyond the Numbers” Methodology – initial stages;
  - ❖ Some activities are partially supported by the Ministry budget (National Preventive Program for Mother and Child Health)
- ❖ **HIV & AIDS**
  - ❖ Global Fund for Prevention and Treatment of HIV&AIDS is ending in 2016;
  - ❖ Transition Plan is developed;
  - ❖ Accreditation of NGOs is underway;
  - ❖ New Strategy on HIV & AIDS is initiated;
  - ❖ Some activities supported by National Preventive Program for HIV & AIDS;
- ❖ **SRH Cancer Prevention (Breast & Cervical)**
  - ❖ Assessment of Cervical and Breast Cancer conducted;
  - ❖ Action Plans for Cervical and Breast Cancer Prevention drafted;
  - ❖ Screening is funded by the National Preventive Program for Cervical and Breast Cancer Screening;
- ❖ **GBV**
  - ❖ Gender Equality Coordinator appointed by the Ministry of Health;
  - ❖ SOP for multi-sectorial approach to GBV is being drafted;

## ❖ Policy

- ❖ Need for revision of the existing National SRH Strategy to align to new SDGs, changes to regional and national contexts and develop one consolidated Strategy that has the revised Safe Motherhood component, as the Strategy on Safe Motherhood expired in 2015;
- ❖ Drafting of a new HIV & AIDS Strategy;
- ❖ Lack of regulatory/administrative framework for Clinical Guidelines;
- ❖ Lack of SRH clinical guidelines adapted based on international standards;
- ❖ Poor SRH data collection and management (maternal mortality& morbidity; Abortion; connection into a unified system...)
- ❖ Approval of the Action Plan for Maternal Health;
- ❖ Shame & Blame policies/practices;
- ❖ Lack of free RHCS for the most in need;

## ❖ Institutional/Human Resources

- ❖ Lack of clarity and enforcement of the referral system;
- ❖ Delayed start-up of the National Center for Reproductive Health;
- ❖ Lack of Gynecologists in the country;
- ❖ Misconception of health professionals about Family Planning;
- ❖ Lack of coordinated approach among and within institutions;
- ❖ Lack of understanding of BTN methodology;
- ❖ Poor monitoring system in health institutions;
- ❖ Lack of regular focused on-the job training opportunities for health professionals;

## ❖ Clients/Patients;

- ❖ Poor knowledge and understanding about contraception, family planning, STIs (women, adolescents and youth);

**Thank you!**