



Press release

Government of Nepal and UNFPA sign new CPAP for 2013 - 2017

KATHMANDU, NEPAL, 12 February 2013 – Mr. Madhu Kumar Marasini, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, on behalf of Government of Nepal and Mr. Najib M. Assifi, UNFPA Representative a.i./Officer-In-Charge signed today a new United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP), 2013-2017. With this new CPAP, UNFPA has pledged a total of financial support of US Dollar 30.5 million for the period 2013 – 2017.

In the new Country Programme (CP7), the Government of Nepal and UNFPA will further their mutual cooperation for the fulfillment of the Programme of Action agreed to by 179 nations including Nepal, at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in 1994 in Cairo. The new Programme is also linked to other major international agreements such as the MDG framework, CEDAW, Beijing Platform of Action on Women and builds upon the experiences gained and progress made during the previous programmes of cooperation between the Government of Nepal and UNFPA in the past four decades. The CP7 outcomes are also fully aligned with the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for Nepal, 2013-2017 and will particularly support national efforts to improve the sexual and reproductive health of the most marginalized adolescent girls and women. The CPAP will deliver on results in three outcome areas: i) Young People's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education; ii) Gender Equality and Reproductive Rights; and iii) Population Dynamics. The priorities of CPAP stem from UNFPA Strategic Plan 2012-13 and Government's Three Year Plan (2011-2013) and other major sectoral plans of Nepal.

The new CPAP will be nationally led and will use national systems to the extent possible. UNFPA will actively engage in purposeful partnerships to achieve CPAP results with government, Nepali civil society, UN agencies and External Development Partners. UNFPA is strongly committed to delivering a World where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled.