



## Concept Note

Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference Side Event

### **“Scaling up humanitarian financing for SRHR/ FP in emergencies in Asia & Pacific”**

#### **Background:**

In recent decades, international and national initiatives have improved the availability and accessibility of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHRs) among conflict-affected and disaster-affected population groups. As part of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, the availability of SRHR is emphasized as a key component of strengthening the resilience of individuals and communities. Women's empowerment and gender equality in humanitarian interventions were among the priority issues for the sector at the first World Humanitarian Summit in May 2016, with a total of 70 commitments. Although SRHR services have progressed significantly in humanitarian settings, they remain insufficient. To prevent SGBV and respond to the needs of survivors of SGBV, UNFPA estimates that 35 million women, girls and young people needed lifesaving SRHR services and interventions in 2019. Health services are often difficult to access due to socioeconomic and cultural barriers, gender inequality, and a lack of information about available services. As a result of the humanitarian crisis, these challenges are sometimes exacerbated.

Despite some increases in financial support for SRHR in emergencies, funding is still inadequate to meet the needs of the growing number of crisis-affected communities and is rarely prioritized. The budget for SRH services in humanitarian crises falls a long way short of what is needed to save lives, and increased investment, prior to and during an emergency, can effectively mitigate the impact of future crises. Effective emergency response strategies require capacity development, multistakeholder coordination, improved availability of resources — including supplies — and most importantly, funding.

This panel discussion fits neatly during the Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference as we review the implementation of the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development during the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

## Objectives:

- Have an open dialogue with key partners on addressing funding gaps.
- Sharing best practices in scaling up investment in SRHR/ FP in Humanitarian
- The important role of government and development partners in Humanitarian and Development Nexus for Health and Sexual and Reproductive Health

## Expected Outcome:

The expected outcome is greater awareness of the importance of scaling up the quantity and quality of humanitarian financing for Sexual and Reproductive Health in emergencies and how critical it is for the achievement of Health and Wellbeing for all, gender equality and the broader realization of the Sustainable Development Goals. The cross-sectoral dialogue presents both a challenge and an opportunity for SRHR/FP champions to engage and contribute different perspectives, and pathways to investing in SRHR/FP in emergencies.

**Date:** 17 November 2023

**Time:** 12:30pm – 1:45pm BKK / 1:30pm – 2:45pm KL / 5:30pm – 6:45pm Suva

**Duration:** 90 minutes

**Event Registration:** <https://forms.gle/t2Bc1GXXRzT8jfhVA>

### Considerations:

- Accessibility needs – sign language interpretations.

## Program:

Time	Panel Discussion	Facilitator/ Speaker
12:30pm – 12:35pm	Welcome	Sumita Banerjee Managing Director FP2030 Asia and the Pacific Hub
12:35pm – 12:40	Virtual Quiz  (Testing knowledge and awareness on the nexus of Climate Change and SRHR – Mentimeter)	Jofiliti Veikoso Country Engagement Advisor – Pacific FP2030 Asia and the Pacific Hub
12:45pm – 12:53pm	Opening Remarks  Hon. Lynda Tabuya will open the webinar by framing why this discussion is so important at this moment in time for the global health and	Hon. Lynda Tabuya Minister for Women, Children & Social Protection Government of Fiji

	development communities – not only at the midway point of the SDGs, but also as we see so many humanitarian crises and fragile states where access to funding is so limited.	
12:53pm – 1pm	<p>Panelist 1: Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p><b>What are the key policy and resource allocation decisions required in Central Asia SRHR/FP in Humanitarian Emergencies?</b></p>	Representative from the Government of Kyrgyz Republic
1pm – 1:07pm	<p>Panelist 2: Development Partner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>What is the role of development partner champions in mobilizing support for SRHR/FP?</b></li> <li>➤ <b>What are best practices in scaling up focus and investments in SRHR/FP in Humanitarian?</b></li> </ul>	<p>Robyn Drsydale</p> <p>Deputy Director, Humanitarian Programmes</p> <p>International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)</p>
1:07pm – 1:14pm	<p>Panelist 3: Youth Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>What does a youth centered approach mean for our humanitarian work?</b></li> <li>➤ <b>What are some challenges and opportunities in engaging young people?</b></li> </ul>	Pacific Island Climate Action Network (PICAN)
1:14pm – 1:20pm	<p>Panelist 4: CSO Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>What are the human rights priorities to focus on in addressing FP needs in humanitarian work?</b></li> <li>➤ <b>What are the emerging challenges and opportunities in engaging people who are most affected by climate change?</b></li> </ul>	<p>Shelani Palihawadana</p> <p>Program Director</p> <p>Youth Advocacy Network Sri Lanka</p>
1:20pm – 1:40pm	Questions and sharing from the online participants	<p>Jofiliti Veikoso</p> <p>Country Engagement Advisor – Pacific FP2030 Asia and the Pacific Hub</p>
1:40pm – 1:45pm	Closing Remarks	<p>Sumita Banerjee</p> <p>Managing Director</p>

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**Target Audience:**

- The session will be open to all registered participants since it's a virtual event and will be disseminated through flyers, emails, and social media platforms.

**Social Media:**

- Tweets and hashtags will be created and posted prior to and during the event from the FP 2030 social media handles.  
 Twitter: @FP2030AP (<https://twitter.com/FP2030AP>)  
 Facebook: FP2030 Asia and the Pacific (<https://www.facebook.com/FP2030AP>)
- Registration Links on our social media platforms will be shared.