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ABOUT CFPA

The Caribbean Family Planning Affiliation (CFPA) is a network of nineteen (19) local organizations across the Caribbean, working to secure the sexual and reproductive health and rights of all. These rights are anchored in people's right to know, their right to decide and their freedom to act on matters concerning their sexual and reproductive health. These rights include access to sexual and reproductive health information and services; equity and equality in gender relations; respect for all sexual orientations and sexual and reproductive relations free from fear and physical, psychological and institutional abuse.

CFPA'S VISION

We envision a world where all people – even in the smallest islands of the Caribbean – have access to non-discriminatory high quality sexual and reproductive health services, and have the power to make their own informed decisions about their bodies and their health as well as assert their Sexual & Reproductive Health Rights.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To the CFPA, access to sexual and reproductive health services is more than a strategy for development; it is an end in itself rooted in people's right to high quality information and services, to safe and effective maternal and child health services, to equity and equality in gender relations and to sexual and reproductive relations free from stigma and discrimination and from physical, psychological and institutional abuse. These rights are anchored in people's right to know, their right to decide and their freedom to act on matters concerning their sexual and reproductive health. CFPA will:

- empower Caribbean peoples to make informed decisions regarding their sexual and reproductive health through public education programmes and improve the ability of health professionals to deliver holistic health care and counselling services competently and confidentially through its training programmes.
- promote the provision of services within contexts that recognize sexual and reproductive services as a legitimate right of all males, females and adolescents and ensure that access to these services are based on informed consent, choice, privacy and confidentiality.
- Increase regional awareness of and action against domestic violence and sexual abuse and the patterns of unequal gender relations that make these possible.
- promote the involvement of males in family planning and family life and in all other areas related to sexual and reproductive health.
- advocate with parliamentarians, religious leaders, parents and the public to remove all social, legal and cultural barriers to the provision of sexual and reproductive health care information and services for all.
- CFPA's mission makes the human being the centerpiece of its development strategies. We stand for making prominent the human dimension of development and, in the process, celebrate the value of the man, the woman and the child in the Caribbean.

CFPA'S MISSION STATEMENT

Building a healthy and empowered Caribbean thru the provision of high quality Sexual & Reproductive Health services as well as the promotion of Sexual & Reproductive Health Rights.



Welcome to the 42nd Annual
General Meeting of the Caribbean
Family Planning Affiliation (CFPA)
– an opportunity for us to reaffirm
our vision, purpose and commitment
to Sexual and Reproductive Health
& Rights for all.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

This meeting marks my first year as your President—a year which can be described as rewarding, challenging, trying and refreshing.

The year 2015 is the year that was set as the target to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The United Nations General Assembly has recognized the importance of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in achieving development goal number 4—reducing maternal mortality. To aid the achievement of this goal, the United Nations committed to taking steps to realize the right of everyone to enjoy the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, inclusive of sexual and reproductive health. Likewise, the United Nations committed to addressing reproductive, maternal and child health, through the provision of family planning, prenatal care, skilled attendance at birth, emergency obstetric and newborn care and the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections. All of these deliverables are to be provided within strengthened health systems that provide accessible and affordable integrated health-care services. The Assembly emphasized the need for the provision of universal access to reproductive health by 2015, including integrating family planning, sexual health and health-care services into national strategies and programmes. Further the General Assembly made a commitment to ensuring that all women, men and young people have information about, access to and choice of the widest possible range of safe, effective, affordable and acceptable methods of family planning. Finally, the United Nations General Assembly pledged to expand family planning within local communities and to upgrade training in sexual and reproductive health and family planning for all health-care providers, health educators and managers, including training in interpersonal communications and counseling. With regard to combating HIV—Millennium Development Goal number 6, the UN General Assembly committed to integrating HIV information and services into programmes for primary health care, sexual and reproductive health, including voluntary family planning and mother and child health.

We as advocates for SRHR have from the beginning understood how SRHR issues are in fact central to the achievement of all the MDGs, not just those related to maternal mortality and HIV.

We cannot expect to reduce poverty and hunger, empower women, or achieve primary education without SRHR as a central component in these achievements. While it is unclear how we have done globally with regard to meeting the

MDGs, as we move through 2015 it is most certainly time to take stock of where CFPA is as an organization in this region. What is our role? How are we performing? How can we improve? One thing is sure. We are charged with holding our governments accountable and for ensuring that we continue to advocate for sexual and reproductive rights even in the most challenging circumstances.

The Caribbean Family Planning Affiliation has positioned itself well as a major driver of the sexual and reproductive health and rights agenda. In this regard, the CFPA continues to agitate for the implementation of the CARICOM Framework for the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy in the Caribbean. It is incumbent upon each and every one of us to advocate for the establishment of Commissions to ensure that the strategies set out in the Framework are translated into action. While implementation in each territory will be varied, Member Associations (MA) must be front and center in promoting the tenets of the Framework. I want to place on record my thanks and appreciation to our CEO for his work toward establishing a Commission in Antigua and for the support he has lent to Member Associations in establishing Commissions in other territories.

The theme of this year's Annual General Meeting, 'Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for All' is a very fitting one. Related to the CARICOM Framework for the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy, is the OECS Reproductive Health Care Services and Protection Model Bill which seeks to provide access to the full range of reproductive education and healthcare services, to facilitate the making of decisions concerning reproduction free of coercion or violence, and for the protection of children, amongst other related matters. Such lofty goals are in keeping with IPPF's Declaration on Sexual Rights and CFPA's vision and mission. The adoption of this legislation will be a tough sell in our territories but what this Bill seeks to accomplish is central to our movement and therefore worth the fight. The political mapping exercise which began in 2014 and will continue into 2015 will be a key component of CFPA's advocacy related to the Framework and the Model Bill.

The implementation of the Framework and the enactment of the Model Bill are just two of the challenges that lie ahead for the CFPA. While the economy is slowly improving we are not yet out of the woods. We therefore welcome the Advocacy Grant which will enable CFPA to augment lobbying initiatives as well as the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities – MACAIDS Grant to support interventions that target marginalized youth in Antigua. Even with these

small grants, funding to support our cause remains a challenge. This challenge is further exacerbated by the fact that the majority of our small islands developing states are not considered low income. The result of which is that in an already resource constrained environment, the small pool of funds are being re-directed to regions and countries that are considered more needy. For many years our Associations were the beneficiaries of HIV-related grants which supported many of our Sexual and Reproductive Health activities. As funding for HIV in the region begins to dry up, it creates yet another deficit that will need to be filled. Our challenge therefore will be to remain relevant and efficient. This means being accountable and results focused.

This year's focus on Strategic Planning will provide the opportunity to critically examine how we deliver services, work toward our targets and live up to our mandate. During the course of 2015 each Member Association is expected to review its strategic plans with a view to aligning it with IPPF's strategic framework. MA Boards must ensure that plans are clearly defined and must monitor the execution of these plans. The accreditation process which CFPA is currently undergoing is another such opportunity to assess performance. The CFPA Board had the opportunity at our November, 2014, Board Meeting to meet with representatives from the accreditation team to discuss CFPA's accreditation report. The discussions were fruitful and provided the Board with a clear understanding of what is required to fully comply with all of the IPPF standards.

In considering the theme - Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for All - there is still a lot of work we as a region must undertake. We continue to struggle with homophobia, a phenomena that adversely affects one's ability to exercise his/her sexual rights and undermines the services that we provide. Moreover, we as a region have virtually ignored the emerging transgender community. If we are to be true promoters of sexual rights we will need to ensure that we are inclusive and consider the special needs of all of the populations we serve.

The negative socialization not just of women and girls but of boys and men is another issue we need to address. With increased use of technology and social media there are increased opportunities for exploitation in the form of "sexting," electronic sharing of photographs, cyber bullying, and sexually explicit music videos and lyrics to name just a few examples. The influence of all forms of media greatly impact how young people in particular see themselves and in turn affects sexual decision making. We as champions of SRHR must constantly adapt to an ever changing world. In this age of technology, how can we use the very media that creates negative images to counteract the negatives trends? How do we work to ensure the policies and legislation in our territories address exploitation in these forms? In many of our territories the legislation on the books has not kept pace with technology. There are no laws that impose sanctions for violations like cyber bullying and the various forms of electronic sexual exploitation.

Against the backdrop of all of our challenges, we are faced with opposition from conservative groups and religious fundamentalists who constantly seek to erode the work that we do. These groups influence our policy-makers and

politicians which often lead to laws and policies that hamper SRHR. We have to ensure that our voices are louder than the fundamentalists and that our messages are ones based in facts and supported by evidence.

As we work to develop our strategic plans in the coming months, we need to bear in mind all of these issues. Our plans must in fact be strategic. They must address how we will face challenges such as limited funding, conservative opposition, Board recruitment, targeted and effective programming, involvement of youth, working with vulnerable communities, and evolving technologies among other challenges. These challenges are not insurmountable and I am confident that we are up for the task.

In closing, I would like to thank our CEO, Mr. Adler Bynoe, for his stellar leadership over the year as well as my fellow Board Members for their steadfast service. While our work is challenging it is equally refreshing to strategize with this dedicated group of SRHR champions. I extend gratitude to Dr Carmen Barroso, IPPF WHR's Regional Director and her team for their continued support. Finally, I would like to thank all of you for the hard work that you do and for allowing me to serve as your President.



CEO'S ADDRESS



It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you all to the 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Caribbean Family Planning Affiliation (CFPA) Limited. Permit me to reflect on the work of the CFPA for the year 2014.

IPPF Strategic Framework Goal of **ADVOCACY**

CARICOM Integrated Framework for the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy in the Caribbean

Following the participation of CFPA's CEO in a Multi-Stakeholder High Level Consultation in Trinidad and Tobago on December 9th, 2013, CFPA continued efforts to sensitize key stakeholders to the existence of the CARICOM Integrated Framework for the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy in the Caribbean. As a result of the CARICOM Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) approval of the CARICOM Framework in July, 2014, the CARICOM Framework became a central plank of the Caribbean Advocacy Workshop convened by IPPF, with the support of CFPA, in Barbados on July 4th, 2014. During the Advocacy Workshop, Caribbean Executive Directors agreed to lobby for the establishment of National Multi-Stakeholder Commissions to drive the implementation of the CARICOM Framework in each territory. CFPA placed tremendous emphasis on supporting Affiliates in lobbying efforts, so as to ensure the establishment of National Multi-Stakeholder Commissions.

The process of ensuring the establishment of the Commissions has been a somewhat slow process, given that in almost every territory investments had to be made in advising officials of the existence of the document; since many officials claimed to be unaware of its existence. As a result, the very progressive deadline of December 31, 2014, that Caribbean Executive Directors had set (during the Caribbean Advocacy Workshop) to have the National Multi-Stakeholder Commissions established in each territory was not met. The message of CFPA and its Affiliates which highlighted the critical need for the implementation of the CARICOM Framework did, however, resonate with a number of partners; resulting in a number of partners agreeing to support the advocacy efforts. Additionally, the Affiliates in Anguilla, Dominica and St. Lucia were able to support the establishment of National Multi-Stakeholder Commissions in these territories, although the Commission in Dominica is yet to become operational.

Political Mapping & Advocacy Grant

Given CFPA's clear intent to direct a significant amount of its advocacy efforts and that of its Affiliates to ensuring the implementation of the CARICOM Integrated Framework for the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy as well as the passage of the still Draft OECS Reproductive Health Bill, during 2014 discussions were held with the advocacy team within IPPF/WHR with regards to the provision of support

to aid the efforts of the CFPA as well as the efforts of the Executive Directors of the family planning associations across the Caribbean to engage in advocacy initiatives. As a result of those discussions, CFPA was tasked by IPPF/WHR with being a focal point for advocacy initiatives directed towards CARICOM and the OECS. To this end, the CFPA benefitted from a small grant of US\$14,000.00 in 2014, to bolster advocacy initiatives. As part of the collaboration between CFPA and IPPF/WHR, emphasis was placed during 2014 on the execution of a political mapping of the Caribbean. Work on the political mapping commenced in 2014 with the support of an IPPF/WHR Consultant. This work is due to be completed in 2015.

Governance and Regional Integration

The Governance processes of CFPA are designed to ensure CFPA's ongoing commitment to the policies of the IPPF while Management is responsible for organizing the resources of the CFPA to meet the institutional objectives of the member association. During 2014, the institutional mechanism of the Annual General Meeting continued to serve as the single most important occasion for reaffirming the mission of the CFPA and for giving cohesion to the regional family planning movement in the Caribbean. At the level of the Annual General Meeting the Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) challenges facing the Caribbean were reviewed and common approaches for addressing these challenges at the regional level were developed. The Resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting held in Barbados on July 6th, 2014, serves as testament to this. At the Annual General Meeting in Barbados, the Resolutions passed addressed the need for all family planning associations across the Caribbean to work towards the implementation of the CARICOM Integrated Framework for the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy in the Caribbean, in addition to agreeing to the need for CFPA to be tasked with the development of a coordinated and innovative approach towards regional and national marketing strategies.

The Board of Directors oversee the execution of policies, monitors the work of the CFPA Secretariat, as well as serves as a source of guidance for family planning associations in need of such assistance. The Board is tasked with playing a key role in promoting ACCESS to Sexual and Reproductive health services as a basic human right. In this regard, the Board continued during 2014 to devote a portion of its meetings to a discussion of all pertinent SRH issues. Further, Board members would have been tasked with ensuring that Affiliates, particularly Affiliates in their respective territories, understood and supported efforts to ensure compliance with IPPF principles, inclusive of the IPPF Declaration of Sexual Rights.

IPPF Strategic Framework Goal of **ADOLESCENTS**

CVC – MACAIDS Grant

CFPA noted, as did other regional entities, a clear unmet need with respect to the SRH needs of adolescents in the Caribbean. To this end, CFPA sought and was successful in its application for Grant funding from Caribbean Vulnerable Communities – MACAIDS. Caribbean Vulnerable Communities is a regional non-government organization based in Jamaica, while MACAIDS is the fund set up by cosmetics giant MAC to address AIDS initiatives. It is important to highlight that the successful grant application represents a restricted Grant, limited to activities related

directly to interventions that target marginalized youth in Antigua. As such, the Grant of US\$15,000.00 will be allocated in tranches to the Antigua Planned Parenthood Association by CFPA, for the execution of a work programme in 2015. This is an initiative that is in keeping with CFPA's mandate to not only directly address as well as assist our Affiliates to address existing SRH challenges, but also to build the capacity of our Affiliates.

IPPF Strategic Framework Goal of ACCESS

Commodities

Given the concerns expressed by both CFPA Affiliates as well as IPPF/WHR, with respect to commodities in the Caribbean, a Caribbean Commodities Workshop was convened on July 2nd – 3rd, 2014, in Barbados. This workshop was fully funded by IPPF/WHR and facilitated by the Senior Program Advisor – Logistics within IPPF/WHR.

The Commodities Workshop was convened with the following objectives:

1. To improve the Executive Directors' capacities to analyze and utilize commodities data for decision making on a regular basis and to ensure program initiatives are informed by reliable data.
2. To ensure that member associations are equipped to monitor for adequate levels of supplies, as well as to respond to client demands.
3. To reduce losses of income based on poor commodities management and over/under stocks.

The participants for the Commodities Workshop included the Executive Directors from the CFPA Affiliates as well as Associate members, in addition to the dedicated staff member responsible for commodities from seven of the associations.

While the Workshop was able to deliver a wealth of information, some of the CFPA Affiliates continued to complain of the limited range of commodity supplies available through IPPF as well as the inconvenient turn-around time (from the placement of commodity orders to delivery). In an attempt to address these concerns, CFPA explored the possibility of the associations continuing to source their commodity supplies through IPPF (as has been done over the years) in addition to sourcing other supplies from other suppliers who can potentially offer products not offered by IPPF. Such efforts, however, were unsuccessful. CFPA was unable to locate any such suitably qualified supplier.

UNFPA Condom Donations

During 2014 UNFPA directly donated condom supplies to a number of our Affiliates. Apart from the donations to some of our Affiliates, UNFPA also made a donation of 86,400 male condoms to the CFPA Secretariat. The supplies received by the CFPA Secretariat were distributed to Affiliates which had not benefitted from the direct donations from UNFPA and were distributed based on the needs expressed. The distributions were made as follows: Anguilla - 3,000 condoms; Antigua - 30,700 condoms; Aruba - 10,000 condoms; Curacao - 10,000 condoms; and Martinique - 32,700 condoms.

IPPF Supporting Strategy of GOVERNANCE AND ACCREDITATION

Governance (Annual General Meeting)

The 41st Annual General Meeting of the CFPA was held on July 6th, 2014, at the Barbados Hilton Resort in Barbados under the theme 'Adolescent Access'; with the Guest Speaker being Ms. Sheila Roseau, Director of the UNFPA Caribbean Office based in Jamaica. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was also graced with the presence of Dame Billie Miller of Barbados. It was during this AGM, that a new Board of Directors was elected.

Governance (Board of Directors Meetings)

During the period under review, the Board of Directors fulfilled its mandate by ensuring regular communications with the CFPA Secretariat. Constitutionally required Board of Directors meetings were held a total of four (4) times for the 2014 period: May 17th, 2014 – Online; July 5th, 2014 – Barbados; July 6th, 2014 – Barbados; and November 23, 2014 – Antigua.



Caribbean Youth Meeting

Given the importance of youth representation in the decision making processes of the Affiliation, on June 18, 2014, CFPA convened its first ever online meeting of Caribbean youth representatives. As an outcome of this meeting, Ms. Khadijah Moore of Dominica and Mr. Casron Greenidge of Antigua were selected by their peers to attend CFPA's 41st AGM as the two youth nominees. During the AGM on July 6th, 2014, the two youth nominees presented a report on the online youth meeting as well as lobbied Delegates for support in being voted to sit on the CFPA Board of Directors as the regional youth representative. Ms. Moore was eventually identified as the youth representative after having secured the greater number of votes.

Accreditation

As part of the IPPF Accreditation process, which CFPA last underwent five (5) years ago, the CFPA Secretariat as well as the Affiliates in Antigua and Grenada (representing a sample of the CFPA Affiliates) was visited by an IPPF Accreditation team comprising of Professor Christine Barrow, Dr. Vincente Diaz, Ms. Lucella Campbell and Mr. Felipe Leonardo. The Accreditation visit formed part of the assessment required for the renewal of CFPA's IPPF accreditation.

The Accreditation team visited the Affiliate in Grenada on November 17th – 18th, while the Affiliate in Antigua was visited by the team on November 19th – 20th. The CFPA Secretariat, meanwhile, was visited by the team on November 21st. On November 23rd, a session of the CFPA Board of Directors Meeting was dedicated to receiving the findings of the IPPF Accreditation Team. Based on the findings presented, the CFPA Secretariat as well as the Affiliates is required to address a number of issues, in keeping with the recommendations of the Accreditation team. The required follow-up action on the part of the CFPA Secretariat and the Affiliates is due to be completed during early 2015.

Nevis

As part of the Accreditation process, CFPA was forced to reexamine the CFPA membership of Nevis. CFPA discussions with Dr. Patrick Dias, who headed the association in Nevis, revealed the following: IPPF did not approve of the association's distribution of commodities to drug stores; the local hospital in Nevis ceased sourcing any of its commodities supplies through the Nevis association; IPPF had previously indicated to the association a preference for the association to set up a depot in Nevis, so as to have distributions made via this depot, something that the association found challenging given the population in Nevis; and as a result of the foregoing challenges, the association was forced to wind up its operations and disband. Given the foregoing, the non-functioning of the association as well as the IPPF accreditation standards, it was agreed that a discussion on the continued CFPA membership of Nevis will be slated for the first meeting of the CFPA Board of Directors in 2015 as well as the AGM to be held in 2015.

IPPF Supporting Strategy of RESOURCE MOBILIZATION/SUSTAINABILITY

CFPA Property

Beginning in 2013 and continuing through 2014, efforts were made to explore viable options that may allow the CFPA

to benefit from a regular stream of income from the CFPA property in Antigua. An alternative course of action that has also engaged the attention of CFPA is that of disposing of the present property and the subsequent acquisition of a smaller property requiring less maintenance; thereby allowing for a significant portion of the proceeds of the sale to be invested in a Sustainability Fund to be established by CFPA. Efforts will continue during 2015 to identify and arrive at an acceptable and viable solution that will address the sustainability of the CFPA.

IPPF Supporting Strategy of CAPACITY BUILDING

Technical Assistance

By virtue of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed between the CFPA and IPPF/WHR, the CFPA during 2014 continued to provide technical assistance to all of the associations covered by the MOU Agreement. This strategy represent a collaboration between selected associations, CFPA and IPPF/WHR, to provide technical assistance to associations in meeting the planning, programming and reporting standards of the IPPF. This project strengthens the institutional linkages between the associations, CFPA and IPPF/WHR. For 2014, the associations covered by the MOU were: Antigua, Aruba, Curacao, Dominica, Grenada, and St. Vincent. From 2015, this will also include St. Lucia.

MA Remodeling

As a result of the performance based culture in which the IPPF currently assesses the performance of all associations, the IPPF has had certain enhanced expectations of our associations with regards to the delivery of services. These expectations require a proactive public stance on sexual rights issues as well as increases in the volume of S&RH services provided by each association. To this end, some of our associations, particularly the associations in Antigua, Dominica, and St. Vincent have been asked to re-examine their operational model presently in use and to explore new ways of addressing existing Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights needs.

An IPPF/WHR Consultant (Ms. Petrina Lee Poy) visited the association in Antigua (during the period April 28 – 30), visited the association in Dominica (during the period May 1-3) and visited the association in St. Vincent (during the period May 5-7). The reports provided by the Consultant, following visits to these associations, allowed for initial discussions between the associations, CFPA and IPPF/WHR, regarding possible remodeling. These discussions are on-going and it is hoped that the Strategic Framework development process, which is due to be executed by each association during 2015 so as to realign each association to the new IPPF Strategic Framework, will allow for the discussions to be further advanced.

Branding/Remodeling/Strategic Positioning

During 2014, as a consequence of efforts to examine the possible remodeling of a number of our associations, CFPA reopened the discussion with respect to the possible rebranding of our associations. It is accepted that our associations offer much more than just family planning and that in some instances the work of our associations is misunderstood due to term "family planning" being used to describe our associations and the work of our associations.

Further, given the changed funding environment, it also in some instances limits the potential revenue streams that our associations are able to access. The CFPA Secretariat is of the view that our associations can leverage the strength of their present identity and history whilst highlighting their broadened focus as seen by the more comprehensive services many of our Affiliates presently provide.

A detailed analysis of the market we serve should address this issue, allowing us to be guided by the populations we serve; particularly given the need for our associations to address the issue of sustainability. How exactly our associations will accomplish such an undertaking will require much thought. There is certainly much to consider on this issue. CFPA has advanced the view that perhaps it would be best for our associations to consider, providing that we are able to source funds from a donor, the possibility of having a Consultant hired to make such assessments so as to aid both the Affiliates as well as CFPA in the decision making process. CFPA is of the view that such an assessment is needed at both the level of the CFPA as well as at the level of our Affiliates. Such a process can be conducted hand-in-hand with our continued efforts to explore how best our Affiliates can be remodeled as well as with the strategic framework development process that we will need to undertake for CFPA and our Affiliates during 2015.

Funding

The CFPA Secretariat was provided with a renewed grant from IPPF/WHR to provide technical assistance and project management for selected Caribbean affiliates; Antigua, Aruba, Curacao, Dominica, Grenada and St. Vincent. The 2014 grant was for the amount of US\$97,000.00 (\$77,000.00 for technical assistance and \$30,000.00 for the convening

of the Caribbean Executive Directors Meeting). The amount allocated for technical assistance remained unchanged when compared with 2013 while the amount allocated for the Caribbean Executive Directors Meeting increased by US\$10,000.00 to accommodate increased expenses related to the convening of the meeting. For the 2014 year, the CFPA Secretariat also benefitted from a renewed core Grant Agreement with IPPF for the amount of US\$89,304.00.

This Grant allowed for costs related to the operations of the Secretariat as well as costs related to governance, such as, Board of Directors Meeting costs and Annual General Meeting costs to be funded. The funding amount provided remained unchanged when compared with 2013.

Apart from the aforementioned funding amounts, Agreements were signed with IPPF/WHR which allowed CFPA to receive US\$14,000.00 to cover costs related to the convening of the Caribbean Commodities Workshop as well as an amount of US\$4,831.00 to cover costs related to the convening of the Caribbean Advocacy Workshop.

2015 IPFs

During 2014, the IPPF/WHR Board of Directors approved the 2015 Indicative Planning Figure (IPF) for the CFPA Affiliates. Relevant data from each association was analyzed and feedback related to this analysis was subsequently provided to each association. Based on the analysis conducted, the 2015 IPF grant for the CFPA Secretariat and our IPPF Grant receiving Affiliates are as follows:

Antigua: US\$48,828.00 – 1% higher than the 2014 IPF
Aruba: US\$26,463.00 – 11% lower than the 2014 IPF
Curacao: US\$47,289.00 – 10% higher than the 2014 IPF

Dominica: US\$63,566.00 – 2% higher than the 2014 IPF

Grenada: US\$65,283.00 – 16% lower than the 2014 IPF

St. Lucia: US\$164,838.00

– 1% higher than 2014 IPF

St. Vincent; US\$37,759.00

– 14% higher than 2014

IPF

CFPA: US\$90,925.00 –

2% higher than the 2014

IPF

As was the case in 2014, the association in The Bahamas did not benefit from an IPF grant for 2015. The data analysis reflected significant declines in the performance of the associations in Aruba and Grenada due to certain constraints experienced by those associations.

Services

The family planning associations of the Caribbean have

Associate Member	SRH (Contraceptive & Non-Contraceptive)		%	Non - SRH		Total (SRH & Non-SRH)		%
	2013	2014		2013	2014	2013	2014	
Barbados	38,850	50,102	29%	8,496	7,476	47,346	57,578	22%
Belize	47,263	74,214	57%	19,596	76,694	66,859	150,519	125%
Guyana	82,870	85,538	3%	2,192	2,913	85,062	88,451	4%
Haiti	260,508	332,283	28%	3,981	1,583	264,489	329,512	25%
Jamaica	36,961	45,654	24%	15,308	18,044	52,269	63,527	22%
Suriname	115,990	131,147	13%		9,308	115,990	140,457	21%
Trinidad & Tobago	67,064	49,456	-26%	36,999	39,865	104,063	89,321	-14%
Totals	649,506	768,394	18%	86,572	155,883	736,078	919,365	25%
Affiliates	2013	2014	Increase	2013	2014	2013	2014	Increase
Antigua	7,253	9,317	28%	9,358	8,222	16,611	17,539	6%
Aruba	18,903	20,773	10%			18,903	20,773	10%
Bahamas	6,673	8,612	29%	1,788	2,157	8,461	10,769	27%
Curacao	89,442	71,692	-20%			89,442	71,692	-20%
Dominica	6,427	8,291	29%	8,282	7,669	14,709	15,960	9%
Grenada	18,125	27,188	50%	1,843	2,443	19,968	29,631	48%
St. Lucia	138,244	19,910	-86%	26,662	6,161	164,906	26,071	-84%
St. Vincent	11,494	11,101	-3%	664	3,341	12,158	14,442	19%
Totals	296,561	176,884	-40%	48,597	29,993	345,158	206,877	-40%
Caribbean Totals	946,067	945,278	0%	135,169	185,876	1,081,236	1,126,242	4%



collectively provided more than a million services in 2014. It is worth mentioning that with the inclusion of the service statistics from the associations in Anguilla, Bermuda, Guadeloupe, and Martinique, the service figures would be even higher than those highlighted overleaf. In spite of the overall increase from 2013 to 2014, however, there is still room for improvement, particularly among the CFPA Affiliates. Importantly, it must be noted as well that the significant declines being reflected for the Affiliate in St. Lucia is as a result of an ongoing IPPF mandated process to streamline the data collection processes of that Affiliate. It is anticipated that the service statistics data of the Affiliate will be much more favorable at the end of 2015.

Population Services International (PSI)

Population Services International (PSI), an entity which was outstanding in its programmatic and financial support to the work of many of our Affiliates as well as Associate Members, commenced the winding up of its operations in the Caribbean during the later part of 2014. It is anticipated that the operations of PSI will draw to a complete close during 2015. The departure of PSI represents a major loss to the Caribbean SRHR movement and will require redoubled efforts on our part to fill the void that this departure will certainly create.

The departure of Caribbean HIV/AIDS Alliance (CHAA), which occurred in early 2014, as well as PSI, highlights another issue that our Affiliation will need to be mindful of. It is quite possible that when funding for the national HIV programs in many Caribbean territories end, free testing may no longer be available. Considering this, our Federation will need to be very vigilante in ensuring that our respective Governments provide the necessary funding to ensure that needed services are available.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Audit

I am pleased to advise you that the Auditors have once again presented an unqualified opinion on the audit of CFPA's financial statements for the year 2014.

As a result of the tremendous efforts of the CFPA Secretariat, the CFPA recorded a surplus of EC\$127,822.00

or US\$47,549 for 2014. It is worth noting that a significant portion of this is due to the pension recovery amount of US\$29,861.00. It is worth highlighting that during 2014: CFPA Grant income increased; CFPA total income for the year (non-cash) increased; CFPA Secretariat expenses declined; the significant deficit from the prior year was erased; pension and gratuity expense declined; and a sizable non-cash surplus was achieved.

CONCLUSION

As indicated last year, as a movement – in pursuit of sexual and reproductive health and rights for all – we continue to face numerous challenges, not the least of which remains that of sourcing adequate levels of funding for the provision of our services and programs. Effectively addressing the various challenges we face as a federation will require new innovative approaches to providing the information, education and services that we so richly provide as well as very difficult decisions which may change the way in which we have operated our associations for many decades.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Before closing, I would like to thank Dr. Carmen Barroso and the staff of IPPF/WHR, especially Lucella Campbell, for working so closely with Caribbean associations. Our partnership with our associations is fundamental for the success of our associations.

I thank the Board of Directors of CFPA for conducting discussions within a most congenial framework and I wish to express my appreciation to them and to the President, Dr. Bonnie Richardson-Lake, for giving as much as they do to the region.

I must publicly acknowledge the stewardship of Mr. Allan Bierzynski who, following his last term as President of the CFPA Board of Directors, has served as Ex-Officio Member of the CFPA Board over the past year. Mr. Bierzynski is wished every success. I do look forward to Mr. Bierzynski's continued support to the regional SRHR movement, in whatever capacity he is able to do so.

My heartfelt thanks are also expressed to the hard working staff of the CFPA Secretariat.

I wish us all success in our quest to attain Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for All! Thank you.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CARIBBEAN FAMILY PLANNING AFFILIATION LIMITED

We have audited the Statement of Financial Position of the Caribbean Family Planning Affiliation as at December 31, 2014, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenses, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year ended. The audit was conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. In our audit report dated 19th May, 2015, we expressed an unqualified opinion on the above noted financial statements.

In our opinion, the above information provided in the accompanying Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2014, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenses for the year ended, when read in conjunction with the financial statements from which they have been extracted, is fairly presented in all material respects.



Chartered Accountants



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at December 31, 2014

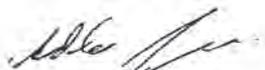
(Expressed in Eastern Caribbean and United States Dollars)

	2014						2013	
	UNRESTRICTED		RESTRICTED		TOTAL		TOTAL	
	Local Currency (\$)	US\$	Local Currency (\$)	US\$	Local Currency (\$)	US\$	Local Currency (\$)	US\$
Assets								
Current assets								
Cash:								
Current account and cash in hand	91,720	34,119	22,399	8,332	114,119	42,451	75,412	28,053
Savings account	56,666	21,080	-	-	56,666	21,080	132,828	49,412
Receivables:								
IPPF Non Core grant	-	-	111,894	41,624	111,894	41,624	-	-
Staff advances	6,984	2,598	-	-	6,984	2,598	8,105	3,015
Prepaid expenses	5,177	1,926	-	-	5,177	1,926	3,582	1,332
Other	2,521	938	-	-	2,521	938	-	-
Total Current assets	163,068	60,661	134,293	49,956	297,361	110,617	219,927	81,812
Non Current Assets								
Property, plant and equipment (Note 4)	222,551	82,788	3,896	1,449	226,447	84,237	225,861	84,019
Total Assets	385,619	143,449	138,189	51,405	523,808	194,854	445,788	165,831
Liabilities and Fund Balance								
Current Liabilities:								
Accounts payables and accrued expense	15,419	5,736	14,189	5,278	29,608	11,014	26,118	9,716
Deferred income IPPF non core grant	-	-	43,011	16,000	43,011	16,000	-	-
Non current liabilities:								
Gratuity payable	54,120	20,133	-	-	54,120	20,133	100,861	37,520
Pension payables (Note 5)	71,439	26,575	-	-	71,439	26,575	124,227	46,212
Total liabilities	140,978	52,444	57,200	21,278	198,178	73,722	251,206	93,448
Fund Balance:								
Designated (Note 6)	216,008	80,354	(93,668)	(34,844)	122,340	45,510	77,401	28,792
Donor restricted (Note 7)	-	-	174,657	64,971	174,657	64,971	91,774	34,140
Emergency Relief Fund (Note 8)	28,633	10,651	-	-	28,633	10,651	25,407	9,451
Total Fund Balance	244,641	91,005	80,989	30,127	325,630	121,132	194,582	72,383
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	385,619	143,449	138,189	51,405	523,808	194,854	445,788	165,831

Approved and authorized for issue on behalf of the Affiliation on 18th May, 2015.



Treasurer



Chief Executive Officer

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENSES

For the year ended December 31, 2014

(Expressed in Eastern Caribbean and United States Dollars)

	2014						2013	
	UNRESTRICTED		RESTRICTED		TOTAL		TOTAL	
	Local Currency (\$)	US\$						
Grant Income:								
IPPF/IO cash grant	240,049	89,297	-	-	240,049	89,297	240,030	89,290
IPPF/WHR cash grant	-	-	357,261	132,900	357,261	132,900	287,637	107,000
Total Grant Income	240,049	89,297	357,261	132,900	597,310	222,197	527,667	196,290
Other Income:								
Interest	2,826	1,051	-	-	2,826	1,051	1,409	524
Release of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,016	1,122
Pension and gratuity recovery	141,086	52,483	-	-	141,086	52,483	-	-
Total Other Income	143,912	53,534	-	-	143,912	53,534	4,425	1,646
Total Income	383,961	142,831	357,261	132,900	741,222	275,731	532,092	197,936
Supporting Strategies:								
Governance and accreditation	90,694	33,738	-	-	90,694	33,738	96,200	35,786
Capacity building	-	-	274,378	102,067	274,378	102,067	285,185	106,088
Total Strategic Goals	90,694	33,738	274,378	102,067	365,072	135,805	381,385	141,874
Administrative and general	248,328	92,377	-	-	248,328	92,377	274,495	102,111
Total Expenses	339,022	126,115	274,378	102,067	613,400	228,182	655,880	243,985
(Deficit)/ Surplus	44,939	16,716	82,883	30,833	127,822	47,549	(123,788)	(46,049)



PROMOTING IPPF'S MISSION IN THE CARIBBEAN

ANGUILLA

Anguilla Family Planning Association (AFPA)

During 2014 the Anguilla Family Planning Association was able to successfully strengthen as well as expand its partnerships. This saw the Association partnering with a number of groups and organizations in Anguilla, inclusive of the Health Authority of Anguilla and the National HIV/AIDS Programme. The partnership with the Health Authority of Anguilla allowed for the provision of a variety of contraceptive products to residents of Anguilla. Through the partnership with the Health Authority of Anguilla, a variety of contraceptive methods, in addition to reproductive health counseling services, are now available at all public health clinics on the island. Through its partnership with the National HIV/AIDS Unit, meanwhile, the Association has been able to aid efforts to provide information and education on HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases to individuals in Anguilla. During the period under review, the Association also continued its efforts to engage the Government authorities on ways to improve Reproductive Health services on the island. Discussions on enhancing the user-friendliness of health centres in Anguilla were advanced by the Association. Special events, such as the annual Carnival in August, provided members of the Association an excellent opportunity to reach various vulnerable groups. Additionally, the Association's work through Primary and Secondary Schools, with the provision of information and education on reproductive health, continued during the period under review.

ANTIGUA

Antigua Planned Parenthood Association

The Antigua Planned Parenthood Association partnered with the School of Nursing and the Ministry of Health in providing lectures on contraceptive methods to Student Nurses as well



as Pupil Midwives at the school of Nursing. Through this partnership, the Student Nurses and Pupil Midwives were also able to acquire clinical hours through their participation in the Community Health Fairs of the Association. The Community Health Fairs conducted by the Association during 2014 allowed for many individuals residing in various rural communities to be reached through

the delivery of information, education and services offered at the Association. During the Community health Fairs, the Association was assisted by its social partners, thereby strengthening its various partnerships.

ARUBA

The Foundation for the Promotion of Responsible Parenthood (FPRP – Aruba)

The Foundation for the Promotion of Responsible Parenthood continued during 2014 to enhance its well respected adolescent programme. A highlight of the programmes offered by the Foundation for the Promotion of Responsible Parenthood in Aruba was the Foundation's



ability during 2014 to expand its information and education programme targeting adolescents. While at the end of 2013 the total number of students reached by way of school presentations stood at 3378 students, for 2014 this number climbed to 4095 students. These numbers represent students within the 10 – 23 years age group.

BAHAMAS

Bahamas Sexual Health & Rights Association (BaSHRA)

Using the “Its All One Curriculum” guidelines and the IPPF Declaration on Sexual Rights, the Bahamas Sexual Health & Rights Association (BaSHRA), also known as Bahamas Family Planning, continued to advance comprehensive sexual education, inclusive of sexual rights, across The Bahamas. During the past year, the Association participated in several health fairs. BaSHRA is especially proud to report of a training exercise done in collaboration with three local hotels and resorts, where in a series of workshops usually spanning two days, both management and line staff were given intensive training on sexual health inclusive of family planning, sexually transmitted infections, HIV prevention and diversity training. To date, over 250 hotel workers have been trained and the Association has been invited back to two hotels for further follow-up training. Participants and managers alike have expressed satisfaction with the professional and thorough sexual health and rights training provided by the BaSHRA facilitators.



*Good Touch/Bad Touch
BaSHRA Educator, Mrs.
Kate Gardiner at Hilton
Employee Health Fair*



*BaSHRA Board Director,
Ms. Lowena West
facilitates sexual and
reproductive health and
rights workshop at local
hotel*

BARBADOS

Barbados Family Planning Association (BFPA)

The BFPA continued to implement programmes which positively impact the wider Barbadian Society:

- **Fight Like A Girl Campaign**
This campaign seeks to provide the HPV Vaccine to those who cannot afford but wish to utilize the vaccine.
- **Adolescent Young Mother’s Seminar**
This seminar now in its fifth year continues to be a shining light, highlighting the impact of the BFPA in

the lives of our young people. Efforts were made to significantly expand this programme during 2014 so as to allow for the provision of not only the family life education needs, but also the provision of academic and other practical skills for employment.

- **Family Life and Community Development Training Programme**

Now in its 24th year this programme has evolved from simply a peer support programme to one which is a beacon in the community development in Barbadian society.

The year 2014 was also a year of significant change for the Association as the BFPA bid farewell to its longest serving Executive Director, Mr. George Griffith, who retired after 23 years of service. **Ms. Juliette Bynoe-Sutherland** has since been appointed as the Executive Director of the Barbados Family Planning Association.

BELIZE

Belize Family Life Association (BFLA)

During 2014, BFLA youth programmes such as the Peer Education Programme & Bigg Chatz continued to feature prominently among the programmes offered by the association.

The BIGG CHATZ show is on national television and has been well received by the TV/Radio audience. The format caters to both the viewing and listening audience simultaneously as it is simulcast on Love TV and More FM from 3pm to 4pm on Saturdays. Bigg Chatz is now a fully interactive medium through which young persons are given the opportunity to express their views and concerns regarding sexual and reproductive health and rights issues and needs, as well as a medium through which these issues and concerns are being addressed by the relevant stakeholders responsible for the delivery of quality clinical and non-clinical sexual and reproductive health services to young persons. The show has been described as a sizzling blend of entertainment and SRH education, also known as “Edutainment.”

From the text messages, facebook, verbal feedback and e-mails received, it is believed that a significant number of adults view the show also. The MA views this as being encouraging since adults are being engaged in an indirect and informal way in the discourse necessary to support and facilitate the increase in access to services by young persons. Allowing young persons a space to express their views empowers other young persons and also helps service providers in their efforts to create environments and services that are responsive to the needs of young persons.

BERMUDA

Teen Services/Teen Haven

The Affiliate in Bermuda continued its efforts to address the needs of the adolescent segment of the population in Bermuda. The Affiliate continued to offer its Precious Gems program, which has its mission stated as: “to inspire and empower young girls to recognize their true value, so that the greatness within can shine.” As part of the Precious Gems program summer camps serve as a female empowerment program that helps young girls between the ages of 11 to 14 strive towards a healthy approach to living their lives. The program also seeks to help girls discover



and understand their inner value, build self-confidence and improve self-esteem, as well as develop leadership skills.

The Affiliate also operates a Teen Haven 24 hour residential program, which offers transitional housing, counseling, as well as parenting and life skills training to teen mothers and young women, aged 16-24 years, and their children. The goal of the program is to prepare the residents for effective parenting and successful independent living. During 2014, Teen Services continued its counselling and support program. Counseling was provided by social workers to at-risk girls and young women aged 11-25 years old. Group counseling was also offered to pregnant teens, teen parents and at-risk girls. Further, Teen Services provided prevention-focused outreach services to teach young individuals how to make healthier life choices. Another highlight of Teen Services year was the convening of the Bermuda Outstanding Teen Awards presentation, which is held to honor and salute the island's outstanding senior high school students in eleven (11) areas of excellence including academic achievement, leadership, community service, sports, perseverance, most progress, performing arts, visual arts, spiritual leadership, vocational/technical arts and overall outstanding.

CURACAO **Foundation for the Promotion of Responsible Parenthood (FPRP – Curacao)**

As one of its highlights for 2014, during the 2014 Carnival Famia Plania held an information, education and communication campaign titled “Chup On”. The campaign focused on safe sex behaviors as well as condom use in the prevention of STI's. Foundation staff, volunteers and members of the Board of Directors participated in several activities which targeted both the youth population as well as adults. At events such as the Carnival Queen Elections, the school youth parades and the Grand Parades, the Foundation distributed flyers and condoms (both male and female). These efforts were supported by commercials on radio and television, in addition to appearances on several talks show to educate the public on STI prevention, HIV prevention as well as the prevention of unwanted and unplanned pregnancies during the carnival period. To support the Carnival programme, the Foundation was able to secure sponsorship from commercial entities to address costs related to printed materials as well as airtime on television and radio.



“Chup On” Campaign Merchandising

DOMINICA **Dominica Planned Parenthood Association (DPPA)**

The Dominica Planned Parenthood Association made efforts during 2014 to ensure successful community outreaches. One such outreach, the Sexual and Reproductive Health Outreach Caravan in the community of Grand Bay, was held by the Association, in collaboration with Population Services International (PSI), the Caribbean HIV/AIDS Alliance, the HIV/AIDS Response Programme, and the Health Team of Grand Bay. Such outreaches allow for the provision services such as the following: prostate screening; manual breast exam; pap smears; HIV/AIDS pre and post test counseling; HIV/AIDS testing; blood pressure checks; pregnancy tests; and family planning counseling.



GRENADA **Grenada Planned Parenthood Association (GPPA)**

Throughout 2014 the Grenada Planned Parenthood Association conducted a number of outreaches to schools, workplaces, communities, social events, among others. Such outreaches were done in an attempt to educate individuals on the correct usage of contraceptives, as well as to encourage individuals to access the various Sexual and Reproductive Health services offered through the clinics of the Association. A highlight for the Association during 2014 was the Association's success in having a registered mass band on the road for Carnival. The mass band was named 'D Pac.' Through the various outreaches conducted by the Association, the Association has seen increases in



the contraceptive products and services being accessed by members of the public as well as an increase in the number of younger individuals accessing the services of the Association.

PSI Educator conducting a condom demonstration with a group of individuals

GUADELOUPE **La Maternite Consciente: Association Guadeloupennee pour Le Planning Familial (AGPF)**

The year 2014 was a very challenging year for the Association. During 2014, the Association was forced to make a number of major decisions with respect to its sustainability. This was as a result of slashes to the funding usually allocated to the Association by the Government; whilst still seeking to fulfill its mandate to provide its services to the public. As a result, the Association

commenced a restructuring exercise. Negotiations were also undertaken during 2014 with the Government authorities, so as to secure a three-year Government subvention which will define new conditions of financing and expectations of the association. Apart from the restructuring exercise, the sexual and reproductive health programmes of the Association continued during 2014 to focus on the provision of information, education and communication to the public, the provision of information and education sessions to schools, the provision of medical services, as well as the provision of training to professionals within the healthcare system.

GUYANA

Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association (GRPA)

During 2014, the Association continued efforts to strengthen as well as expand its peer educator as well as volunteer programs. Following is an extract from a feature which appeared in the IPPF/WHR 2013 Report:

If you go to Michelle's beauty salon in Georgetown, Guyana, you might leave with more than a new hairstyle. Inside the small shop, the walls are covered in posters about gender-based violence, and bowls full of female and male condoms are free for the taking. Michelle, who is a volunteer with the Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association (GRPA), first became interested in sexual and reproductive health and rights at her church. "They said we couldn't talk to kids about condoms," said Michelle. "But I said, 'We all have to live in the world, the good and the bad, and that means we can't only teach one side of things.' So, I began to bring information and condoms to teenagers in [the church's] youth program."

Realizing she could do more to help her community, Michelle began to talk to her beauty salon patrons about sexual and reproductive health and provide referrals and vouchers for GRPA clinics. Often, gay or lesbian clients talk to her about the discrimination they face. Many women confide in Michelle about the abuse they experience at home. Others seek basic health information, which Michelle provides, in addition to lively condom demonstrations. "If people ask me about things I don't know, I will take their number and do a follow up with GRPA," said Michelle. "There are so many clients that I refer to GRPA. If a person wants to do family planning economically, she needs to go somewhere that she can afford. That's why, for me, GRPA is doing a good thing."

JAMAICA

Jamaica Family Planning Association (FAMPLAN)

The Association has clinics located in three of Jamaica's busiest towns: Kingston (the capital), Montego Bay (the second city), and St. Ann's Bay (located next to Ocho Rios). Worthy of note is the fact that the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) +20 national report identifies FAMPLAN's three clinics and only two others, operated by Government as service delivery points providing youth-friendly services. All three clinics offer a wide range of sexual and reproductive health services, inclusive of paternity testing, which was recently introduced. During 2014, the Association continued efforts to strengthen its various partnerships, inclusive of its partnership with the Ministry of Health as well as Population Services International; which has affirmed its commitment to expand the reach of the services

offered by the association. Further, the Association has been integrally involved in mobilizing with civil society to discuss current and emerging sexual and reproductive health and rights issues.

MARTINIQUE

Association Martiniquaise pour L'information et L'Orientation Familiales (AMIOF)

AMIOF provides an impressive range of SRH services from nine family planning centres. The centres offer SRH information and education, counselling, contraceptives, overall health examinations, pap smears, pregnancy tests, emergency contraception, STI screening, infertility treatment and other gynaecological problems to all residents on the island including migrants from St. Lucia, Dominica and Haiti many of whom work on the island illegally. AMIOF also provides pre and post consultations on abortions and refers clients to the hospital for the termination procedure. The data available indicate that abortions occur most often among women between 20 and 30 years of age who were single, employed or students. AMIOF also conducts an outreach education program to motivate people in need to visit the centres for services.

ST. LUCIA

St. Lucia Planned Parenthood Association (SLPPA)

Availability of affordable and accessible contraceptive supplies and health services is an essential part of a well functioning health system which is able to serve persons in an equitable manner. St. Lucia Planned Parenthood Association (SLPPA) over the years has maintained this view. Therefore, in 2014 the association continued to focus on five strategic areas: Adolescents, Access, Advocacy, HIV/AIDS and Abortion.



Youth Clinic Bus

With reference to Advocacy, the association was able to utilize several opportunities to advocate for individuals' right to access sexual and reproductive health information, education and services. The Association was able to give particular attention to the plight of vulnerable and marginalized populations on the island who lack access to services. Further, the Association continues to lobby for continuing discussions which will allow for the decriminalization of sex work in the country as well as for adherence to the HIV/AIDS work policy for HIV positive individuals. Quite notably, the St. Lucia Planned Parenthood Association, along with nine (9) other stakeholders, was successful in having a **National Multi-Stakeholder Commission** established in St. Lucia to address the implementation of the CARICOM Integrated Framework for the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy in St. Lucia. This

National Commission was launched on December 08, 2014, with the St. Lucia Planned Parenthood Association serving as co-chair of this body.

ST. VINCENT

St. Vincent Planned Parenthood Association (SVPPA)

Members of staff, along with PSI educators, joined with Government entities to provide sexual and reproductive health services via outreach activities, particularly to disadvantage persons in hard to reach areas. The services provided via such outreach activities were inclusive of: HIV / AIDS counseling and testing, breast examinations, blood and pressure checks, Pap smears, and PSA (s). Such medical services were provided to members of the public, in addition to information and education sessions. An additional aspect of the outreach activities conducted by the Association, were demonstrations to highlight the correct usage of condoms as well as the distribution of condoms at no cost to individuals. The communities that benefitted from such outreach services were: Sandy – Bay, Owia, Spring Village and Bequia.



SURINAME

Stichting Lobi (LOBI)

Lobi has been involved in work on three major projects: a project with the Global Fund targeting key populations (commercial sex workers and men who have sex with men); a project with Population Services International (PSI), which seeks to reach youth, women and men in the provision of



sexual and reproductive health services; and a project with USAID which also targets commercial sex workers and men who have sex with men.

The Adolescent-IEC-Program implemented, involved education sessions in schools as well as out of school activities and training for drop-outs and non school youth through outreach activities, field visits, fairs and dissemination of printed information & education materials, production of audio visual materials such as pamphlets, posters, etc. During 2014, Lobi continued its efforts to train youth in sexual and reproductive health issues, to improve their communication skills, to be able to deal better with difficult situations (such as sexuality issues) and to be able to discuss these issues with their peers. Social media greatly aided the work of the association, in delivering desired messages to potential clients and clients alike.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Family Planning Association of Trinidad & Tobago (FPATT)

One of the Association's core objectives is to expand young people's access to sexual and reproductive health care in Trinidad and Tobago. In 2001, FPATT was able to fulfill a long standing commitment to the young people of Trinidad and Tobago when the Association opened the first and only youth sexual and reproductive health care facility in the country. The waiting area of the clinic is set up like a typical Trinidadian living room, with couches, tables and a television set, hence giving the clinic its unique name 'De Living Room'. Informational literature on sexual and reproductive health topics including contraception, puberty, adolescent sexuality, pap smears, HIV/AIDS, STIs and cancer prevention are available for clients to browse while they wait. They also have the option of using a small cybercafe service.

De Living Room provides youth clinical services five days a week and on Saturday mornings. Services include: Contraceptive counselling and services, reproductive health care (pap smears, breast/pelvic examinations, pregnancy tests, blood pressure tests), VCT and STI testing, and counselling on personal and interpersonal issues.

De Living Room, is staffed with trained nurses and Social Worker and a Doctor is available twice weekly. It is also supported by a network of young people who comprise the Youth Advocacy Movement (YAM), a group of spirited volunteers who dedicate their time and resources to the organization's vision.

Since its unveiling De Living Room has been a model to the rest of the Caribbean.

CONDOLENCES

The CFPA extends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of **MS. PEGGY SCOTT** Former Executive Director of the Jamaica Family Planning Association

Suriname's Official Delegation, inclusive of LOBI's Executive Director, to the Beijing +20 Special Session of the Bureau of the Regional Conference on Women in Santiago, Chile.

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