

Feedback from rapporteurs

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Global landscape (1)

- **Commitments not met , in some case decrease in ODA**
- **Women's health needs to be integrated into population and climate change emerging challenges**
- **Economic not acceptable as an excuse (argument to be reversed for women's health and rights being a condition to better/quicker mean to achieve MDG and poverty alleviation)**

Global landscape (1)

- **Family planning as the missing link**
- **New administration in the US as an opportunity**
- **The brain drain as a major constraint for local health systems and human resources management**

Global landscape (2)

- **Economic empowerment of women clearly linked to health and right status**
- **Economic advantages in investing on girls/women and family planning/ most cost effective interventions**
- **Maternal mortality and HIV exposure , the 2 largest health and rights inequities**
- **Women's health both overlooked and underfunded**

Current challenges (1)

Status of women

- **Linking Reproductive Health to all forms of violence against women: a human right issue**
 - **Female genital mutilation**
 - **Early marriage**
 - **Forced abortion**
 - **Exposure to HIV aids (incl. Married women)**
 - **Polygamy**
 - **Gender based violence in general**

Current challenges (1)

Status of women

- **Linking dignity and economic assets of women , not charity**
- **How to involve men?**
- **Strong political leadership and courage needed by all stakeholders**

Current challenges (1)

Status of women

- **Addressing the specific but growing issue of married women being infected by HIV aids (existing mean of self-protection : the female condom ; future means like microbicides)**

Current challenges (1)

Status of women

- **Not to be « paralyzed » by so called cultural/religious specificities ; daring to speak out on unsafe abortion as leading to death, life injury and sterility**

Current challenges (2)

Health Systems

- **Maternal health as a human right is a key entry point for advocates / legislators**
- **Prevention as a key issue in particular when articulating the linkages/integration between HIV /SRH/Malaria**
- **Integration of HIV/SRH/Malaria : a major step towards health systems strengthening**

Current challenges (2)

Health Systems

- **Training and rewarding (salaries) the paramedical and medical staff in particular midwives and community health workers is another challenge faced by health systems**

Current challenges (2)

Health Systems

- **The RH supplies and commodities aspect remain key, emphasis should remain on the demand side, clearly lack of information, socio-cultural factors, family « models »...**

Current challenges (2)

Health Systems

- **Financial barriers to RH and maternal health should be removed and referral systems and gratuity schemes should be implemented, primary healthcare systems should be strengthened**

Current challenges (3)

Youth

- **Youth issue has been widely and repeatedly mentioned by participants in particular in relation with aid effectiveness and policy implementation. Both donors and recipient countries should focus on targeted youth policies (spec. addressing the place, rights, health of young girls in order to really make the difference)**

Current challenges (3)

Youth

- Early marriages to be delayed
- Secondary education for girls to be expanded
- Social isolation to be fought back
- Create specific places for girls
- Operational research based on risk mapping/analysis for young girls
- BUT in keeping the boys involved !