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# Introduction



Parliamentarians' work on population and development commenced in Japan by the forerunners who established the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPFP) in 1974 as the world's first all-party parliamentary group dealing with these issues. In their efforts to encourage such undertaking to take root in other parts of the world and enhance parliamentary networking, Japan created the Japan Trust Fund (JTF) in the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in 2000.

Since its establishment in 1982, the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA) has served as the Secretariat of JPFP and has actively engaged in supporting parliamentarians' activities nationally, regionally and inter-regionally. APDA launched the Asian and African Parliamentarians' Project in 2009, spurred by the hurdles and difficulties faced by African parliamentarians in accessing information about Official Development Assistance (ODA) received by their governments which had consequently hampered their work to properly fulfil their functions as parliamentarians. From 2009 onward, the JTF projects executed by APDA successfully underlined parliamentarians' important roles and responsibilities and developed a theoretical framework to strengthen their capacity and effective monitoring schemes to achieve good governance, transparency and accountability for ODA programmes related to population and development issues.

Building upon their success, Part I, II and III of the Asian and African Parliamentarians' Capacity Development on the Integration of Population Issues into National Development Frameworks was organized to equip parliamentarians, through theoretical learning and practical field experiences, with the necessary knowledge and skills to play a substantial role that goes beyond legislation, policy-making and budget allocation and take concrete measures to advance the issues of population and development. Part I was jointly held by APDA and the Cambodian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (CAPPD) in January 2013 in Cambodia, with Part II being organized by APDA and the Uganda Parliamentarians Forum on Food Security, Population and Development (UPFFSP&D) in February 2014 in Uganda. The third and final part of the project was co-hosted by APDA and the Zambia All Party Parliamentary Group on Population and Development (ZAPPD) in September 2014 in Zambia, and offered an important occasion to synthesize 6 years' results achieved and discuss the way forward.

The 6 years' projects have seen significant progress and triggered successful developments in countries such as Cambodia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Lao PDR, Malawi, Malaysia, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam and Zambia following participants' initiatives toward improving good governance, transparency and accountability in the field of population-related ODA and incorporating population issues into their national development policies and programmes.

Participants unanimously affirmed that it was crucial to further enhance parliamentarians' and National Committees' capacities in addressing population issues and continue and expand such activities supported by APDA. APDA would like to take this opportunity to express its deep gratitude and appreciation to all the participants and National Committees involved in our projects, as well as UNFPA, the Government of Japan and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), for their irreplaceable contributions and support that produced remarkable achievements.







## OPENING CEREMONY

**MC:** Mr. Anthony K. Mpolokoso, Senior Public & International Relations Officer of the National Assembly, Zambia

### Address of the Host Organization

**Hon. Boniface Mutale, MP; Vice-Chair of ZAPPD, Zambia**

This project, co-organized by APDA and ZAPPD, would not have been possible without the support of UNFPA, JTF and IPPF. The continued enhancement of the capacity of Members of Parliament will help us formulate legislation that supports the achievement of sustainable development. I may, therefore, reiterate the need for programmes of this nature, which equip us with the necessary information to play our role in fostering the integration of population issues into the development agenda.



### Official Opening

**Hon. Mkhondo Danwood Lungu, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Zambia**

This project is timely given the growing need of placing population matters as key determinants of development of our country. I will, therefore, be failing if I do not thank APDA for their keen interest in building the capacity of African parliamentarians in the area of population and development. The last project in Uganda contributed to Africa's position at the 6th International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action (IPCI-ICPD) that was held in Stockholm, Sweden, in April 2014. I am aware that Zambian parliamentarians have greatly benefited from this capacity development project.



Sustainable development has become a singular challenge to humankind in the 21st century. The poor bear the force of environmental burdens. The accustomed models for improving living standards, expanding opportunities and guaranteeing dignity and human rights are proving unsustainable. This in itself is one of the major ethical quandaries in human history. Therefore, an integrated and comprehensive approach to population and development based on resolutions from gatherings such as today's are essential to achieve sustainable development.

### Address

**On behalf of Dr. Mary Otieno, Country Representative of UNFPA Zambia**

UNFPA would like to take this opportunity to commend the Asian and African parliamentarians for their ongoing efforts to advance advocacy, policy and legislative actions on population-related issues at the national and regional levels. We are pleased to see that the issues of poverty reduction and sustainable social development are incorporated in the agenda of this programme and we expect parliamentarians to extensively discuss and share lessons and experiences in these areas. UNFPA works closely with parliamentarians as a strategic partner so that collectively we can deliver to the world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

### Keynote Address

**Hon. Teruhiko Mashiko, MP; Vice-Chair of JPFP; Member of APDA Board of Directors, Japan**

ZAPPD has taken the lead in parliamentary work on population and development in Africa. JPFP members are proud of our direct and indirect involvement with this work. As representatives of the people, it is of primary importance to mobilize the laws and budgets, which are required to implement population programmes to prevent unwanted pregnancies and build a sustainable society. When APDA-JPFP's present project began 6 years ago, African parliamentarians had complaints

that there had been no explanation of ODA received by their governments, and that they had been unable to explain it to the voters. According to APDA's recent survey, through its 6-year capacity development projects, the participants tackled these issues to the extent that many of them no longer expressed dissatisfaction with it. I am pleased that APDA-JPFP have made serious contributions to furthering parliamentarians' activities with great assistance from all of you.



## SESSION 1: Taking Stock: Progress and Challenges for Transparency and Accountability for Aid Implementation

**Chair:** Hon. Dr. Florian Bodog, MP, Romania

**Hon. Christowaja Mtinda, MP, Tanzania**

Tanzanian parliamentarians including myself formed a Parliamentary Family Planning Club in 2011 with an aim to advocate to increase funding for family planning and demand for more government accountability in ensuring equitable access to family planning services. For the past year, the Club Members voiced concern

on family planning funding during debates in parliamentary committees and sessions, which stimulated the government to increase its own resources for family planning from 0.5 billion to 1.2 billion Tanzanian Shillings from 2010/2011 to 2011/2012.



**Hon. Avinash Rai Khanna, MP, India**

Transparency and Accountability are two pillars of good governance. Parliaments are responsible for ensuring accountability and openness of government through oversight of activities of the executive and its auxiliary bodies in order to curb corruption and effect good practices. Japan is the largest bilateral donor to India. Japan believes that steady development of India is a key to maintaining stability in Asia and that

improving the economic condition of the poor, who constitute 30% (approximately 300 million) of India's population is important to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). I specially thank APDA for its initiative to organize such meetings where we can discuss and acquaint ourselves deeply about these matters and enhance our knowledge of these.



*"APDA's 2009 Project prompted IAPPD to bring ODA issues at the Parliament for the first time. IAPPD succeeded in involving the President, who expressed strong interest in ODA processes, and is working with parliamentarians toward legislation on ODA".*

**Mr. Manmohan Sharma, Executive Secretary of the Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IAPPD), India**



*"I reported back what we had learned from the 2009 Project to the Steering Committee and they decided to amend the standing order of the Tanzanian Parliament. This means that the Planning Committee requests the Government to provide all ODA information every four months".*

**Hon. Jenista Joakim Mhagama, MP, Tanzania (Participated in the 2009 & 2010 projects)**



## SESSION 2: Advocacy and Policy Intervention for the Integration of Population Issues into National Development Frameworks

**Chair:** Hon. Lemlem Hadgu Yifter, MP, Ethiopia

**Hon. Tissa Karalliyadde, Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs, Sri Lanka**

Annually the world population increases by approximately 77.7 million, and 90% of children born annually belong to developing countries. A very high percentage of these births are either unplanned or due to ignorance. As such it is believed that stabilization of the global population can be achieved by preventing unwanted pregnancies, and stabilizing the global population is the most essential and effective

measure to sustainable development. The population policies adopted in Sri Lanka over the past few decades have resulted in positive changes such as declining fertility, free and easy access to reproductive health (RH) services including family planning, which in turn has influenced the demographic changes. Sri Lanka is on track to achieve, or come close to achieving, most of the health-related MDGs by 2015.





#### Hon. Fredrick Outa, MP, Kenya

APDA for the last 6 years organized high-level meetings and my first attendance was from the onset of the projects with the first meeting taking place in Japan. I have seen this project shifting to Asia and to our continent Africa, especially to the Sub-Saharan countries. We want to thank APDA and hope this project will continue as a lot of things have changed because of this. We learned valuable lessons and most of the participants utilized them in their countries. I want to congratulate you

for your efforts and may you continue to advise and direct legislators on their role in oversight in their various countries. Kenya enacted the new Constitution, in which transparency and accountability are of paramount importance in attaining good governance and economic prosperity. The Parliament has done a lot to ensure its openness and accessibility to the public on a number of issues through a click of the button.



Session Chair

*"I applied a poverty reduction scheme we observed in the Cambodia project to my own country and already have my initiatives in youth skills training and income generation projects running. It is my great pleasure that this year I am able to give all of you silk scarves made from the project as a gift".*

Hon. Dr. Elioda Tumwesigye,  
Minister of State for Health, Uganda



*"We submitted a legislative motion to disclose all ODA information to the constituencies in order to improve accountability and transparency".*

Hon. Fredrick Outa, MP, Kenya



### SESSION 3: Learning from Zambia's Experience

**Chair :** Hon. Mariany Mohammad Yit, MP, Malaysia

**Mr. Temwa Nyirenda, Acting International Relations Officer & ZAPPD Desk Officer  
On behalf of the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Zambia**

The population of Zambia now is estimated to be about 14.1 million. Between 1992 and 2007, the contraceptive prevalence rate in Zambia increased significantly. In order for the Government of Zambia to address the issue of population, we have adopted the National Population Policy. It is encouraging to see that population factors have actually been included in our current development plan

called the 6th National Development Plan. Members of Parliament have been calling for a proper institutional mechanism that can handle population and development issues at the national level. I would like to urge the Members of Parliament to continue advocating for the integration of population issues into development plans and programmes.



**Dr. Mary M. Zulu, Chair of the Planned Parenthood Association of Zambia (PPAZ), Zambia**

PPAZ was formed in 1972, known as the Family Welfare Association of Zambia at that time. It then became affiliated with IPPF in 1974 and had its name changed to PPAZ in 1979. There was a lot of opposition to our activities at the beginning because people used to say that family planning was unbiblical and that the population of Zambia was still small at 3 million. PPAZ is very proud to be the leading organization in the provision and

advocacy for integrated RH services in Zambia. We would like to cover the entire country, but we have limited capacity to spread out to hard-to-reach areas where services are the most needed. We need to continue to advocate for a conducive environment for comprehensive sexuality education, strengthening resource mobilization and expansion of our services.



### SESSION 4: A Business Solution for Women's Empowerment and Sustainable Development

**Chair :** Hon. Kasamba Mathias, MP; Publicity Secretary of UPFFSP&D, Uganda

**BANANA PAPER: A Business Solution for Sustainable Development**

**Mr. Billy Nkhoma, Director of One Planet Café, Zambia**

Our Banana Paper production is supportive to protecting the environment. The product itself, called One Planet Paper®, aims towards a new tree-free, fair trade, organic and sustainable high quality paper. With our activities we enabled more than 140 children to go to school. We also

provide adults with the basic education such as math, writing, reading, and also education on malaria safety to strengthen basic knowledge and skills.



**Mr. Peo Ekberg, Director, Environmental Manager of One Planet Café, Japan**

We are in the business of creating solutions that deal with environmental pollution and I believe that finding business solutions for population issues is an important matter to Members of Parliament. In fact, our business aim is to empower women and strengthen sustainable

development. We produce Banana Paper not only in Japan but also in Zambia, which creates additional employment, empowers more women and ceases poverty. It might sound very exaggerated, but we can change the world with Banana Paper!



Session Chair

*"After attending the project in Tokyo, I advocated my colleagues to pay more attention to ODA and in some sessions of the budget committee they are now discussing ODA with their partners in the Government".*

Hon. Ledia Hanifa, MP, Indonesia (Participated in the 2011 project)



## DAY 2/3 Study Visit

### The University Teaching Hospital

The University Teaching Hospital is the largest hospital in Zambia and has approximately 1655 beds and 250 baby cots. It provides a full range of primary, secondary, and tertiary health and medical services on both an inpatient and outpatient basis. This visit introduced Asian and African parliamentarians to the hospital's activities and enabled them to learn good practice and challenges in their efforts to improve primary health, maternal and child health care, infection control and so on. Within the hospital, participants visited the Cancer Disease Hospital, which provides special treatment and appropriate pain control in order to improve quality of life.





## PPAZ

PPAZ was established in 1972 as a voluntary, non-profit and non-political organization advancing sexual and reproductive health (SRH) in Zambia. It is a Member Association (MA) of IPPF, which is a worldwide network of more than 150 MAs, active in more than 170 countries. Participants were introduced with the vision of PPAZ in which all citizens, including young people, can enjoy equal sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and have access to quality and affordable SRH information and services.



## The National Assembly of Zambia



This visit was a valuable experience for participants from various countries to compare legislative procedures in Zambia and their own. Most of the participants spoke highly of this visit and highlighted that the debates were transparent and democratic.

ZAPPD arranged a visit to the National Assembly, where the Asian and African parliamentarians were warmly welcomed by their Zambian counterparts. They had an opportunity to follow a policy discussion on health and population issues, as well as a discussion on technical assistance by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in areas of agriculture, health and infrastructure development. Although ZAPPD members faced a lack of ODA information 6 years ago, they successfully institutionalized a reporting and monitoring system to ensure that ODA programmes be reported to the Parliament.

## The Kariba North Bank Power Station

The Kariba North Bank Power Station is owned and operated by the government-owned electricity supply company, Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (ZESCO), powered by water from Kariba Dam that forms Lake Kariba, which is Africa's largest man-made lake situated on the Zambezi River between Zambia and Zimbabwe. The delegation received an overview presentation and conducted a site visit. JICA has provided a Japanese ODA loan to the Government of Zambia, with ZESCO as an executing agency, for improving the living environment for rural communities through better access to electric power. Approximately 60% of the Zambian population lives in rural areas with an electrification rate of just 3-4%. Zambia's national long-term plan known as the Vision 2030 targets to increase rural electrification rate to 51% by 2030.



*"APDA looks like a locomotive to lead the population development in Asia and the Pacific, mostly in the field of SRHR, gender equality and equity, and prevention of violence against women and girls".*

Hon. Damry Ouk, MP;  
Secretary-General of CAPPD, Cambodia



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# Wrap-up Meeting

## SESSION 5: Parliamentarians' Actions for the Post-ICPD and Post-MDGs Global Development Agenda

**Chair:** Hon. Vincent Mwale, MP; Secretary of ZAPPD, Zambia

**Hon. Dr. Chris Baryomunsi, MP; President of African Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (APF); Chair of UPFFSP&D, Uganda**

In Africa we are behind schedule in terms of implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action (PoA). Unfortunately, the voice of parliamentarians in the last two decades has not been as strong as expected, partially because of the hurdles hampering them to voice their concerns. We need to learn from the Asian counterparts, since once most of the Asian countries were at the same stage we are in here in Africa, but within a period of 30 years they

were able to achieve a lot of transformation in terms of improving the quality of life of their people. We must also enhance the political will and invest in family planning programmes, education and empowerment of women. We want to thank the organizers of this project that enabled Members of Parliament from Asia, Europe and Africa to meet, share experiences and learn from each other.



**Hon. Dr. Florian Bodog, MP, Romania**

The post-2015 sustainable development agenda is set to become the universal framework guiding global and national efforts to support human development in conjunction with environmental durability. Family planning is the essential component in trying to stabilize population growth. It is worth mentioning that parliamentary activity regarding population issues and sustainable development originated in Japan in 1974. Since then, the projects that

have been implemented were of valuable use to the parliamentarians for understanding policy issues through both theory and field visits, allowing for proper result evaluation. Starting from the Japanese model and continuing with the African one we were able to analyze and draw conclusions which have enriched the resources necessary for promoting specific policies meant to offer the best results.



**Hon. Juliana Lunguzi, MP; Chair for Parliamentary Committee on Health and Population, Malawi**

When we talk about population issues there are key issues which we can delineate – fertility, migration and mortality. The issues of population dynamics –human rights, adolescents and youth, HIV/AIDS, poverty, urbanization and so forth – are all within the three elements of the population issue. As parliamentarians we need to analyze and make sense of population trends. For the centrality of population issues, policymakers have a duty to first understand population dynamics

and underlying factors and for that we need to gather information and begin to use population data. We must ensure oversight of programmes and work with our respective governments to promote and facilitate active participation of all constituencies including non-state actors in order to guarantee transparency and rule of law and improved governance at the local, national, regional and global levels.



*"We thank the Government of Japan for the consistent support to the rest of the world to address population issues. We want to thank APDA for the good work and the effort you are putting".*

Hon. Dr. Chris Baryomunsi, MP; President of APF;  
Chair of UPFFSP&D, Uganda

*"I must compliment APDA on the flawless degree of organization and the general themes you have proposed for analysis and debate. This project provided us with an opportunity to witness implementation and effect of population and development policies".*

Hon. Dr. Florian Bodog, MP, Romania



## Hon. Mariany Mohammad Yit, MP, Malaysia

In Malaysia, issues concerning the MDGs have always been raised during parliamentary meetings. We also invite representatives of relevant government ministries and agencies, including the Economy Planning Unit, for briefing and dialog sessions about these issues. We parliamentarians also take initiative using social media to share information about programmes or activities in sustainable development with

our constituents. The MDG Review in 2010 recognized that Malaysia had achieved most of the MDGs ahead of the target year and had also shown progress in moving towards some of the goals and targets that it had yet to achieve. The Government's commitment to the MDG-Plus agenda is reflected in its 10th Malaysia Plan 2011–2015, with 30% of the development expenditure allocated to the social sector.



*"Much progress has been achieved due to APDA's capacity building projects for parliamentary groups on population and development".*

Hon. Highvie Hamududu, MP; ZAPPD Chair, Zambia



*"As a Member of Parliament I feel much more confident in dealing with population issues having had the chance to participate in this project".*

Hon. Vincent Mwale, MP; Secretary of ZAPPD, Zambia



## SESSION 6: Discussion and Adoption of the Parliamentary Statement: Synthesis of Projects 2009-2014

### Chair: Hon. Nidup Zangpo, MP, Bhutan

Participants adopted the Statement, in which they prescribed the preamble, parliamentarians' role, call to action and other important points. The Statement underlines APDA's vital roles "to provide an important platform to recognize the role of parliamentarians to address population issues for a hopeful society".

The Zambia project was the 6th and last part of the Asian and African Parliamentarians' Capacity Development Project. Session Chair Hon. Nidup Zangpo moderated the discussion and participants highlighted the importance of recognition of each and every participant, who contributed to the success of the project.



## CLOSING CEREMONY

### Address of the Organizer

Hon. Hiroyuki Nagahama, MP; Vice-Chair of JPFP, Japan

This being the final year of the Asian and African Parliamentarians' Capacity Development Project that APDA-JPFP commenced in 2009 has great meaning for us. As parliamentarians, a central part of the work on population and development has been to educate and advocate people in relation to these issues.



Some years ago, JPFP decided to expand its activities "from advocacy to substantial, practical functions and roles". Thanks to the efforts of all concerned, I now believe that Members of Parliaments are quite well aware of the importance of the issues of population. We must work together to accept our responsibilities to the future and our role as parliamentarians is essentially vital in working towards a solution to the population issue and building sustainable societies. I expect JPFP to work hand in hand with all of you to reinforce our roles, continue building networks and work to the utmost to reinvigorate our work as parliamentarians.

### Address

Mr. Emmanuel Obeng, Management Information System (MIS) & Evaluation Advisor of IPPF Africa Regional Office

On behalf of IPPF, I wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to APDA for this initiative. Furthermore, IPPF wishes to congratulate JPFP on the occasion of its 40th anniversary. IPPF and Japan have a long history of collaboration, which dates back to 1952. Between 1985 and 2004, Japan was the largest donor to IPPF and has remained one of our major donors and strongest supporters up to date. IPPF's support

to parliamentary networks on population and development at the continental and country levels has moved a step further and we hope to do more in the coming years. We will continue to empower and equip parliamentarians with the relevant knowledge, skills and advocacy tools necessary to advance population and SRHR agenda, most importantly the post-2015 development agenda on the continent.



### Address

Ms. Junko Sazaki, Director of UNFPA Tokyo Office, Japan

It has been a fruitful parliamentarians' meeting on exchange of population and development issues. I have been honored to participate in this meeting in Zambia, and earlier this year in Uganda and previously in Japan. I have been following this process and the more I participate, the more I am convinced that it is very much important to have this kind of exchange among parliamentarians on population and development issues, especially among the African and Asian countries.

We thank the Government of Japan for funding the parliamentarians networking and advocacy activities as JTF. At this meeting I thank you very much for excellent presentations and very fruitful discussions, as I have learned quite a lot. It would be great if we could have an IT communication network among the fora, where all the participants could continuously communicate with each other and work together.



### Official Closing

Hon. Vincent Mwale, MP; Secretary of ZAPPD, Zambia

I must thank APDA for bringing this project to Zambia. Many countries who had participated in the past projects wanted to host this, and we feel honored and very special about it. This project started in 2009. I want APDA to feel very proud that it invested in a very valuable project that has lifted the capacity of many of us.



In Zambia, we have a number of challenges such as water, maternal mortality, unmet family planning needs, poverty, unemployment, early marriage and HIV/AIDS. Thus, we need to have these kinds of projects to involve parliamentarians to solve these issues. There is so much value that we received from this project, and I am a little worried that it is coming to an end while there is still much work to be done. I feel that all of us should think what we should do next to address the challenges that we still have. I wish also to congratulate JPFP for clocking 40 years. You have been able to share your experience with the rest of us. I do not need to overemphasize our appreciation for this project, and are very grateful to Japan for this contribution.



## Asian and African Parliamentarians' Capacity Development on the Integration of Population Issues into National Development Frameworks - Part III

### Statement

27 September 2014  
Lusaka, Zambia

#### 1. Preamble

(1) We parliamentarians as representatives of 13 Asian, African and European countries<sup>i</sup> gathered in Lusaka, Zambia, commit ourselves to strengthening efforts to maximize aid effectiveness and integrating population issues into national development frameworks through this APDA-ZAPPD Project towards the 2015 deadline of the MDGs and beyond.

(2) We underline the pioneering work of APDA and in particular its groundbreaking projects from 2009-2014 providing an important platform to recognize the role of parliamentarians in addressing population issues for a hopeful society.

#### 2. Parliamentarians' roles

(1) As parliamentarians, we reconfirm that our work goes beyond the representation, legislation, oversight and budget allocation; being accountable to people, we ensure that population programmes are implemented in a way to improve well-being of individuals and achieve sustainable development.

(2) Utilizing the outcomes of APDA's 2009-2011 projects Parliamentarians' Capacity Building Project on Accountability and Aid Implementation for Population and Development with support from the Government of Japan and UNFPA, we are determined to examine and improve transparency and accountability of the population programmes ensuring the adequacy and necessity through a results-oriented approach.

(3) We highlight such positive roles of parliamentarians that can advance the progress of population and development issues and even broaden the scope to other areas to achieve good governance of ODA and accountability to people.

#### 3. Toward the Post-MDGs agenda

(1) We welcome the outcome of the UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) held in New York, U.S., on 22 September 2014.

(2) We reaffirm that achieving universal access to reproductive health is crucial to promote people's welfare and sustainable development as it was agreed at the ICPD in Cairo in 1994, and that it must be given priority attention in the Post-2015 Development Agenda. We endorse reproductive rights defined by UN documents as a key concept and a cornerstone of international development goals.

(3) We reaffirm the importance of the Preamble and Principles of the ICPD that clearly state that population issues are dealt with in the context of sustainable development.

#### 4. Call to action

(1) In order to create a sustainable society where future generations can live in dignity, we parliamentarians, who assume accountability for outcomes, appeal to our own governments, international organizations and other development partners to take coordinated, multi-sectoral actions to produce optimum results.

(2) Placing people at the center of development, population and development programmes need to be planned and programmed from the long-term and global perspectives that are conducive to human rights and people's welfare. We urge implementing governments and implementing agencies to review their programmes to be consistent with such perspectives.

(3) We request national and international institutions including aid organizations to provide concise, persuasive, evidence-based data and information so that we can use it to involve fellow parliamentarians and convince constituents in our activities on population and development.

(4) We promote Triangular Cooperation in which developed nations provide assistance for South-South cooperation to contribute to sustainable rural development, women's and young people's empowerment by developing high-quality merchandise that can enjoy success in the international market.

(5) We parliamentarians make every effort to ensure the incorporation of ICPD beyond 2014 into the Post-MDG agenda.

#### 5. In closing

(1) In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPFP), we recognize the remarkable initiatives that JPFP-APDA have taken in establishing parliamentary fora and committees on population and development and facilitating the parliamentary networking among different regions.

(2) We express our thanks to the co-organizers, APDA and the Parliaments of Cambodia, Uganda and Zambia, the Government of Japan, as well as highlight the invaluable contribution of participants from respective countries and support from UNFPA, IPPF and other partner organizations to mainstream population issues into our development agenda.

(3) Under the success of the APDA-JTF projects, parliamentarians' roles and activities on a firm footing are essential to address the population issues in the context of sustainable development. We commit ourselves to promoting our parliamentarians' activities beyond 2014.

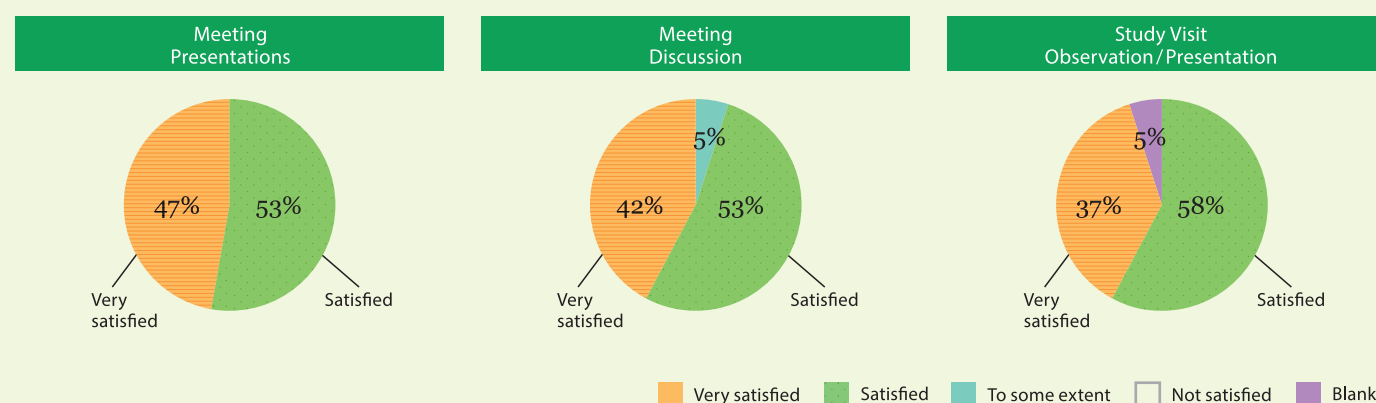
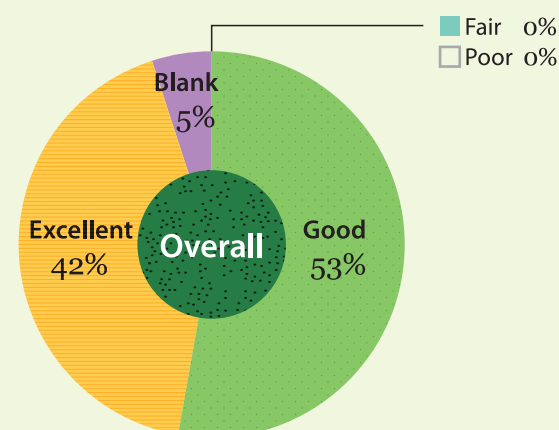
(4) Following our successful process to identify parliamentarians' essential roles in the field of population and development, it is crucial to enhance their capacities to perform substantial functions. We request international aid organizations, governments, the private sector and civil society organizations for their continued support and expansion of parliamentarians' activities such as this, considering the achievements that APDA has made to strengthen Asian and African parliamentarians' activities during the past 30 years.

<sup>i</sup> Bhutan, Burundi, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Japan, Malawi, Romania, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia

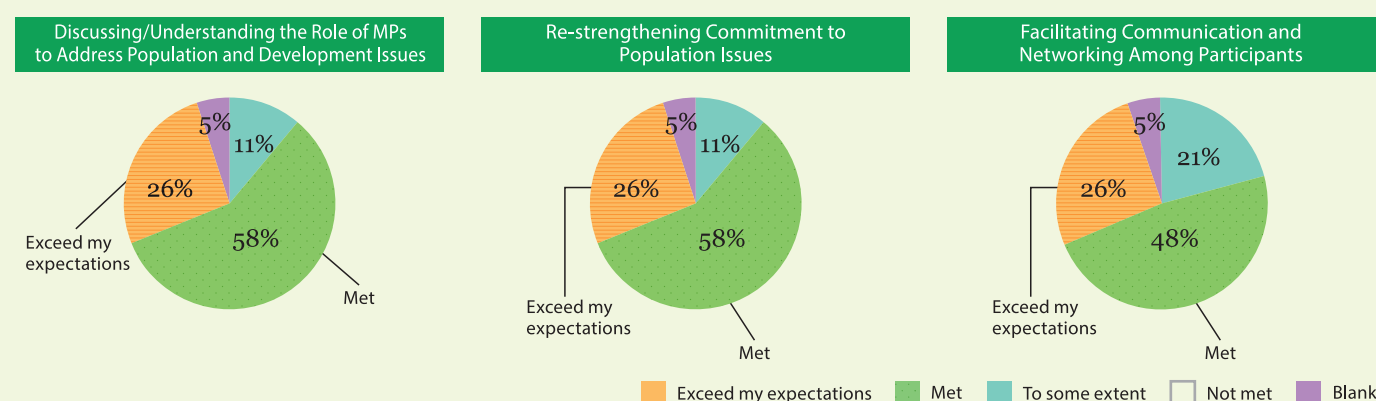


# Evaluation Results

Questionnaires were administered immediately after the project. Overall, it was highly rated by participants: 42% rated it as *Excellent*, 53% as *Good* and 0% *Fair* or *Poor*.



The participants' high satisfaction with the project can be seen in the results of the Meeting Presentations, Meeting Discussion, and Study Visit Observation/Presentation.

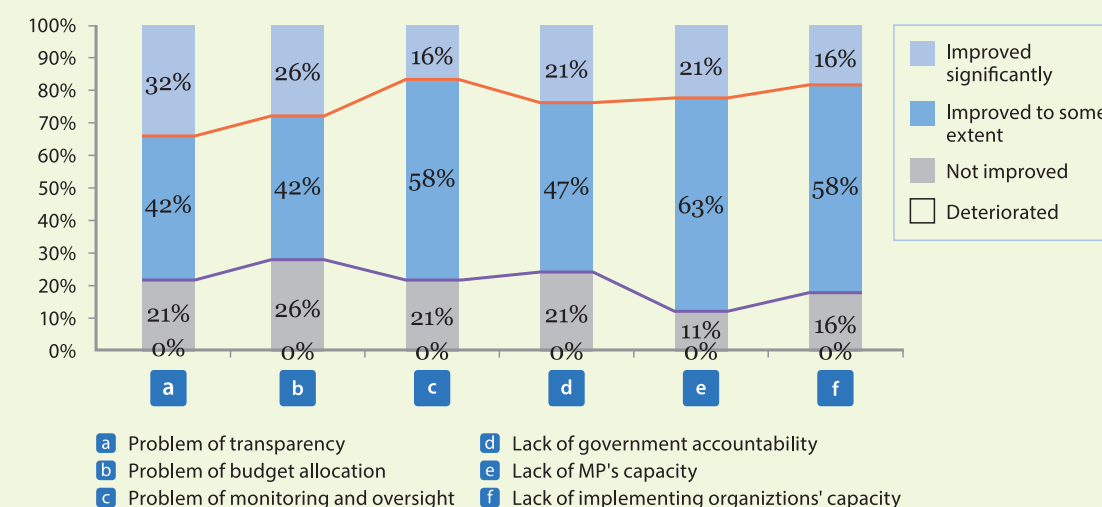


Participants also expressed that their expectations were *met* or even *exceeded* in many respects, especially discussing/understanding the role of Members of Parliament to address population and development issues; re-strengthening commitment to population issues; and facilitating communication and networking among participants.

The questionnaire results showed that the previous challenges the Members of Parliament faced 6 years ago improved to a greater or lesser extent. As many as 32% responded that the problem of transparency *improved significantly* and a total of 84% admitted that lack of parliamentarians' capacity *improved significantly* (21%) or *to some extent* (63%) over the past 6 years. A total of 74% considered that the problem of monitoring and oversight has *improved significantly* (16%) or *to some extent* (58%), while 21% is still of the opinion that *no improvements* took place.

APDA's projects from 2009 to 2014 were able to contribute to such improvement since when asked whether APDA's projects from 2009 to 2014 have ever contributed to their personal or parliamentary committees' activities, 12 explicitly answered "yes" and some referred to the projects' effectiveness in sharing experiences and enhancing their capacity.

To what extent have the following challenges been addressed in your country, compared to 6 years ago?



APDA sent follow-up questionnaires to all participants who attended one (or more) of the projects that were implemented over the past 6 years. The results of the questionnaires indicate the participants' progressive improvement in the level of understanding of parliamentarians' roles in ODA through the project. Most respondents assessed that the level of accountability and transparency of ODA projects in their country *improved a great deal*, and they highlighted the APDA-JTF projects' contribution to improving individual/institutional capacity development.

The majority of the respondents expressed that they had in fact fulfilled their commitments under the projects and:

- made recommendations to their Government/Parliament
- promoted parliamentary activities on population issues
- discussed the issues with other parliamentarians
- worked on legislative reforms
- submitted the Statement to their Government/Parliament
- contacted resource persons or parliamentarians from other countries on the issues of population and development

As to the question of how to motivate the Government to promote population issues, most of the respondents pointed to the necessity to:

- provide updated information on population issues to the Government
- urge the Government to allocate more budget for population issues
- participate in or host relevant inter-governmental/parliamentary conferences

The participants requested APDA to organize conferences on sustainable development, women's empowerment, reproductive health for adolescents and women, migration, and aging and study visits on public health and nutrition. There is a strong voice for the continuation of parliamentarians' capacity building on ODA accountability, as well as the skills training of the Secretariats' officers.

The respondents commented on APDA's work as follows:

- (APDA) should have sub-projects in selected countries like Vietnam, India, Lao PDR, Cambodia or Indonesia.
- I think it is important to give us information regularly about ODA in some countries; especially as experiential learning, no matter whether it has succeeded or failed.
- APDA should help National Committees by providing information and capacity building support.
- We will be obliged to create an enabling environment that will provide comprehensive information on all ODA activities and to report its impact in Parliament.
- This is to thank APDA for the rendered support and engagement it has had with UPFFSP&D.



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Acronyms

<b>AFPPD</b>	Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development	<b>MIS</b>	Management Information System
<b>APDA</b>	Asian Population and Development Association	<b>ODA</b>	Official Development Assistance
<b>APF</b>	African Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development	<b>PoA</b>	Programme of Action
<b>CAPPD</b>	Cambodian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development	<b>PPAZ</b>	Planned Parenthood Association of Zambia
<b>CMAC</b>	Cambodia Mine Action Centre	<b>PPD-ARO</b>	Partners in Population and Development Africa Regional Office
<b>ECA</b>	Economic Commission for Africa	<b>RH</b>	Reproductive Health
<b>IAPPD</b>	Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development	<b>RHAC</b>	Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia
<b>ICPD</b>	International Conference on Population and Development	<b>RHU</b>	Reproductive Health Uganda
<b>IPCI-ICPD</b>	International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action	<b>SLPAGPD</b>	Sierra Leone Parliamentary Action Group on Population and Development
<b>IPPF</b>	International Planned Parenthood Federation	<b>SRH</b>	Sexual and Reproductive Health
<b>IRD</b>	International Relief & Development	<b>SRHR</b>	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
<b>JICA</b>	Japan International Cooperation Agency	<b>UNFPA</b>	United Nations Population Fund
<b>JFPF</b>	Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population	<b>UNGASS</b>	United Nations General Assembly Special Session
<b>JTF</b>	Japan Trust Fund	<b>UNICEF</b>	United Nations Children's Fund
<b>LAPPD</b>	Lao Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development	<b>UPFFSP&amp;D</b>	Uganda Parliamentarians Forum on Food Security, Population and Development
<b>MA</b>	Member Association (of IPPF)	<b>VAPPD</b>	Vietnamese Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development
<b>MDGs</b>	Millennium Development Goals	<b>ZAPPD</b>	Zambia All Party Parliamentary Group on Population and Development
		<b>ZESCO</b>	Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation Limited