ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING BOARD FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2012/2013

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The National Family Planning Board, empowered by the 1970 National Family Planning Act, is the agency of government responsible for preparing, implementing and promoting sustainable family planning services in Jamaica. The Board envisions that Jamaica will have an engaged and informed society with persons taking full responsibility for their sexual health, and a first class system of health services that facilitates responsible Reproductive Health practices.

2. PRIORITIES FOR 2012/2013

2.1 For the reporting period, four (4) strategies as outlined in the Organization's Corporate Plan 2012/2013 were pursued through various programmatic activities.

These strategies were:

- 1. Maintain a Healthy Stable Population;
- 2. Strengthen the Health Promotion Approach;
- 3. Build strong alliances with key stakeholders to support healthy lifestyle; and
- 4. Establish and implement a Sustainable Mechanism for supporting Human Resources.

3. ACHIEVEMENTS

3.1 The strategies pursued included the dissemination of information and information packages on Reproductive Health Services, through new and traditional media to empower individuals to make better Reproductive Health choices; workshops for capacity building of health providers and caregivers/parents; electronic Public Service announcements and the print media were also used to promote the enhancement of reproductive health services in communities and schools across the island. Island wide condom distribution of 25 cartons was done during the NFPB's Safer Sex Week. Health and Family Life

Education (HFLE) in schools and Youth Forum were also among the initiatives used to implement the strategies.

- 3.2 New Adolescent Acceptors (first time contraceptive users) 10-19 years within the Public Sector Family Planning Programme, increased by 4.3%. There were 8,119 new acceptors in the reporting year, compared to 7,862 in the previous year. All four Health Regions recorded increases in new adolescent family planning acceptors with the South East Region recording the highest number of adolescent family planning acceptors.
- 3.3 New Acceptors of Family Planning by Method registered an overall increase of 2.3%. New acceptors for all methods of contraception increased except for the condom and intrauterine device (IUD). Emergency Contraceptive Pills (ECP) recorded the highest increase of 22.2%, Jadelle 19.4%, Injection 12.6% and Contraceptive Pill 0.9% respectively.
- 3.4 The Board maintains a special library from which both staff and the public can access information on various issues related to sexual and reproductive health services.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES

4.1 The Human Resource and Administration Unit managed the human resources and the general administrative functions of the organization. Staff morale, productivity and efficiency were improved, through training, seminars, workshops and incentives.

5. DECLARATION OF COMPENSATION

5.1 A copy of the compensation package of the Board of Directors and Senior Managers of the organization, for the period under review, has been included in the Annual Report.

6. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6.1 Total Operating Income to the entity, amounted to One Hundred and Thirty One Million, Three Hundred and Thirty Six Thousand, and Nine Hundred and Twelve Dollars (\$131, 336,912), including Government Grants of (77,039,122). Operating expenses amounted to One Hundred and Fifty Two Million, Eight Hundred and

Fifty Seven Thousand and Four Hundred and Twelve Dollars (\$152,857,412). The deficit was funded from reserves.

6.2 The Auditors, BDO, concluded that the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the position of the National Family Planning Board as at March 31, 2013.

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