

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING BOARD FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2013/2014

The Ministry intends to table in Parliament, the Annual Report of the National Family Planning Board for the financial year 2013/2014.

### 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 2013/2014

2.1 For the reporting period, four (4) strategies as outlined in the Organization's Corporate Plan 2013/2014 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 Maintain a Healthy Stable Population

This strategy pursued using various programmatic approaches included the dissemination of information and information packages on Sexual and Reproductive Health Services. This was carried out through new and traditional media to empower individuals to make better Reproductive Health choices;

workshops for capacity building of health providers and caregivers/parents; Public Service announcements and the print media were also used to promote the enhancement of reproductive health services of the FPP/HIV Programmes in communities and schools across the island; and Island wide condom distribution of 25 cartons was done during the NFPB's Safer Sex Week.

Promotion of Father's Day essay competition and 5K run was opened to public ages 9 to 24 years. Launch of the State of World Population Report was also among the initiatives used to implement the strategies.

### 3.2 **Strengthen the Health Promotion Approach**

This strategy empowers adolescents and youth to take responsibility and reduce sexual risk taking behaviour. A total of fifty (50) Grade 7 students benefitted from two groups covering: anger management, peer relationships and self-esteem.

The Agency conducted four one-day workshops for agencies working with high risk adolescents and youth with a view to identify appropriate messages for curriculum development. Six (6) Rap sessions were held with three hundred and sixty six (366) students and teachers from six (6) schools.

During the period, the Agency created the Information Communication Technologies (ICT). A multiagency steering committee was established to provide oversight and management of the ICT platform.

### 3.3 **Build strong alliances with key stakeholders to support healthy lifestyle**

During the period under review, four hundred and eighty nine (489) persons participated in family planning workshops islandwide. The Agency, in support of the merger of the National HIV programme and the NFPB, conducted a series of training sessions with staff members.

### 3.4 **Establish and implement a Sustainable Mechanism for supporting Human Resources**

New Adolescents Acceptors (first time contraceptive users) 10-19 years within the Public Sector Family Planning Programme, increased by 5.5%. There were 3,312 new acceptors in the reporting year, compared to 3,138 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.

During the period under review, three hundred and eleven thousand, two hundred and seventy nine (311,279) family planning visits were received at public health facilities, an increase of 6.2% over the previous year.

New Acceptors of Family Planning by Method registered an overall decrease of 0.7% when compared with the previous year. New acceptors for all methods of contraception decreased except for the condom.

#### **4. DECLARATION OF COMPENSATION**

4.1 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.

#### **5. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

5.1 Total Operating Income to the entity, amounted to One Hundred and Fifteen Million, Five Hundred and Sixty Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty Four Dollars (\$115,569,954) while Operating expenses amounted to One Hundred and Ten Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Ninety Four Dollars (\$110,629,294). The Operating surplus stood at Four Million, Nine Hundred and Forty Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$4,940,660).

5.2 The Auditors, Smith and Associates, concluded that the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the position of the National Family Planning Board as at March 31, 2014.

  
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