

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING BOARD FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 2015-2016**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The National Family Planning Act (1970) establishes the National Family Planning Board (NFPB), as the agency of government responsible for preparing, implementing and promoting sustainable family planning services in Jamaica. The NFPB 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 and all Jamaicans achieving optimal sexual health in an environment where sexual rights are respected, protected and fulfilled.

2. STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

2.1 For the reporting period, the NFPB identified nine (9) strategic outcomes as outlined in the organization's Corporate Plan 2015 - 2016 which were pursued through various programmatic activities. These outcomes were:

- Increased advocacy for Sexual Health legislative, policy and system changes.
- Reduced stigma and discrimination within the Health Sector to have universal access to sexual health and contraceptive counseling and services in a non-judgmental environment.
- Improved contraceptive commodity security which ensures increased access to contraceptive methods for all persons regardless of age and sexual orientation which reduces unmet family planning needs, unplanned pregnancies and Sexually Transmitted Infections.
- Increased prevention efforts for Key Populations including Men who have sex with men (MSM), commercial sex workers, vulnerable adolescents and youth, and Females 10-19 years to reduce Sexual Risk-Taking Behaviours.
- Increased use of the media and popular culture to promote safer sexual behaviours which increase demand for modern contraceptive methods and the practice of Dual Method Use especially among key populations.
- Reduction in the number of persons who are unaware of their HIV status and vulnerability.
- Increased capacity of internal and external stakeholders to develop and implement an integrated research framework and Monitoring and Evaluation system that informs decision making.

- Increased advocacy to improve quality of services for clients so that they can access and utilize a minimum package of sexual and reproductive health services in a comprehensive way.
- Improved efficiencies in the management of the organization's fiscal resources.

2.1 OBJECTIVES FOR 2015-2016 FINANCIAL YEAR

2.1.1 The objectives of the programme for the 2015-2016 financial year were to:

- Develop, promote and support gender sensitive behavior change strategies that impact sexual risk taking behaviour and cultural norms in order to prevent unplanned pregnancies and reduce transmission of new HIV infections and other STIs.
- Increase the number of persons tested for HIV who are aware of their status and linked to care.
- Increase access to HIV Prevention services and commodities and promoting method use.
- Reduce the number of new infections among key populations.
- Strengthen the capacity of civil society partners to reach vulnerable populations.
- Develop a comprehensive integrated Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system.
- Improve M&E for decision-making and programme management.
- Promote the creation of an enabling environment that promotes gender equity and protects fundamental reproductive and human rights which empower Jamaicans to make healthy choices.
- Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health services and commodities.
- Ensure the availability and existence of a modern and well-functioning information technology system.

3. ACHIEVEMENTS

3.1 Some of the achievements over the financial year included:

- The establishment of the Sexual Reproduction Health (SRH) and HIV Service Level Integration Steering Committee to guide the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation framework related to the integration of the Family Planning and HIV programmes.
- Completion of a comprehensive Procurement Plan.
- Contraceptive Commodities were procured and consisted of two thousand, three hundred (2,300) units of Jadelle, one hundred and twenty thousand (120,000) cycles of Microgynon, one hundred and eighty eight thousand (188,000) vials of Depo Provera and ten thousand (10,000) gross and three million (3,000,000) pieces of SURETEX condoms. Additionally, AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) donated twenty thousand, eight hundred and fifty (20,850) gross of Love condoms.
- The national response partners addressed stigma and discrimination in the health sector with special focus on confidentiality issues by taking a three pronged approach that

- included (1) building awareness of Health Care Workers (HCWs) and their clients on a human rights approach to the delivery of health services which included treatment of key populations and people living with HIV; (2) strengthening the Ministry of Health's (MOH) Complaint Management System to increase demand for accountability and redress to reduce stigma and discrimination, and (3) advocating for a systematic approach to monitoring the implementation of policies, protocols and guidelines.
- A total of two hundred and forty four (244) nurses as well as fourteen (14) Social Workers were sensitized in the reporting period on stigma and discrimination, the human rights approach to service delivery, confidentiality and the MOH's Complaint Management System.
 - Partnership was forged between the MOH and the National Family Planning Board – Sexual Health Agency (NFPB-SHA) to implement activities such as the production of voluntary counseling and testing informational material, the development and production of posters and brochures on the MOH/Regional Health Authorities Compliant Management System and the development of a draft poster on the MOH Access to Information Policy Manual.
 - Thirty eight (38) participants who hold positions as Communications, Policy and Legal Officers as well as Focal Points on HIV within the public sector were trained in two workshops in human rights based approaches to service delivery in public sector entities.
 - Five community representatives of the Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV (GIPA) Capacity Building Programme were engaged by the NFPB-SHA and deployed to the Regional health Authorities as Community Facilitators to support the expanded work of the NFPB-SHA.
 - Cabinet approved the revision of the National HIV/AIDS Policy on June 1, 2015.
 - In response to Parliament's invitation for public submissions on the review of the Sexual Offences Act, Voices for Equal Rights and Justice (VERJ) was established to promote greater protection from sexual abuse.
 - During the reporting period, Jamaica AIDS Support for Life (JASL) completed year 2 of its UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women Project entitled "Expanding Gains to Decrease and prevent Violence against Women in the Context of HIV and Violence Against Women."
 - The Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (the Anglican Church) developed a HIV Policy to enhance the contribution of the Anglican Church to the HIV response, to guide the development of similar HIV policies for other denominations; and to expand the multi-sectoral response to HIV in Jamaica.
 - Interventions were conducted on social media, including Twitter and Facebook, face to face debates and public fora. Social and traditional media were linked to the signature rights activities such as Safer Sex Week, World AIDS Day and the International Day for

the Elimination of Violence Against Women, among others. These spaces provided further opportunities for sharing experiences and discussions on the issues related to all vulnerable populations and the need to protect, respect and fulfill their rights.

- The national response remained focused on reducing stigma and discrimination through effective partnerships and collaborations. A major achievement of these partnerships resulted in the development of a Concept Paper to the Human Resources Sub-Committee of Cabinet to seek approval for the revision and update of the National HIV/AIDS Policy.

4. DECLARATION OF COMPENSATION

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

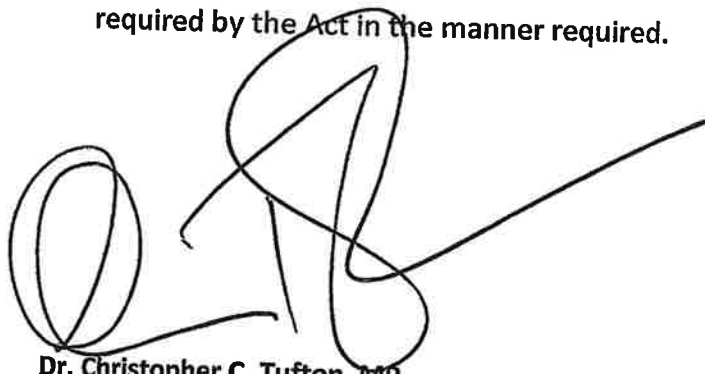
5. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

5.1 Total Operating Income to the entity, amounted to Two Hundred and Forty Seven Million, Four Hundred and Twenty Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty Four Dollars (\$247,424,264.00.) Operating expenses amounted to Two Hundred and Nine Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty One Dollars (\$209,785,421.00). The Board had an Operating surplus of Thirty Seven Million, Six Hundred and Thirty Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty Three Dollars (\$37,638,843.00) but realized a net surplus of Thirty Five Million, Four Hundred and Fifty One Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty Eight Dollars (\$35,451,488.00).

6. AUDITOR'S REPORT

6.1 The Auditors, Smith and Associates, Chartered Accountants, in their opinion, reported that the financial statements gave a true and fair view of the financial position of the National Family Planning Board as at March 31, 2016 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

6.2 The Auditors concluded that the proper accounting records were kept and the financial statements were in agreement with the accounting records and gave the information required by the Act in the manner required.



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