

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING BOARD FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016-2017

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The National Family Planning Act, 1970 established 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 OBJECTIVES FOR 2016 - 2017

2.1 For the reporting period, the NFPB pursued strategic objectives in the areas listed below through the implementation of various programmatic initiatives:

- Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Policy development
- Revision of National HIV/AIDS Policy
- Sexual and reproductive Health Services and Programmes
- Family Planning Strategies and Programmes
- Behaviour Change programmes and initiatives
- Health Promotion and Public Relations
- Monitoring and Evaluation framework
- Surveillance and data management
- Health worker capacity building

3. ACHIEVEMENTS

3.1 Some of the achievements over the financial year included:

- The completion of thirteen (13) island-wide public discussions to inform the development of a situation analysis towards the development of the national Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy and the revision of the National HIV/AIDS Policy.
- Approved GOJ funds were used to procure contraceptives. They were distributed through sales to private and public entities, the Outreach programme and the Counselling service. Distributions were also conducted through donations from the Global Fund and USAID Projects to their NGO partners and the Regional Health Authorities (RHAs).

- The NFPB hired a Nurse to administer Depo-Provera to clients. This has allowed female clients visiting the Marge Roper Counselling Unit for family planning to have immediate access to an option other than oral contraceptive pills and condoms.
- The HR Training Plan was implemented and 40% staff trained in accordance with strategic objectives (i) to strengthen the capacity of staff to execute duties efficiently and effectively supported by the Performance Evaluation Report for 2015/2016, (ii) to broaden the capacity of the senior management in Strategic and Corporate Planning, (iii) to increase the capacity of the Outreach Team to be better able to work with members of the key populations, (iv) to build a strong team through the various team building activities and (v) to strengthen the supervisory capacity of senior managers.
- Over 50% of staff trained in order to build human resource capacity of health workers for administration and implementation of integrated service delivery of HIV and family population planning services.
- The Marge Roper Counselling Unit surpassed the stated target and 12 rap sessions and conducted 20 sessions in schools which collaborated with the Ministry of Education (MOE) for Safer Sex Week. This service reached 2,518 students and the sessions covered the topics of HIV/STI basic facts, abstinence, sexual abuse, mental and emotional health and child abuse.
- The target of conducting 2 parenting workshops in low income, high prevalence communities through coordination with the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) was surpassed when 3 workshops were held with 171 parents from March Pen, Central Village and Greendale in the parish of St. Catherine.
- 5 one day workshops in Sexual Reproduction were held in Westmoreland for teen mothers. This initiative was aimed at changing the attitudes and behaviours towards improved sexual lifestyle by preventing unwanted pregnancy, abortion, STIs, including HIV/AIDS and other SRH problems by empowering the youth to learn from each other.
- The proportion of contraceptive use by males versus females increased resulting in the organization achieving this target and surmounting a decrease in sales experienced toward the middle of the year.
- 3 workshops were undertaken reaching 58 men from Westmoreland, St. Elizabeth and St. James. The goal of each of the workshops was to involve men in decision-making about family planning and to improve their knowledge about contraceptives.

4. KEY CHALLENGES

4.1 Some of the challenges faced by the NFPB during the year under review included:

- The research for the next Reproductive Health Survey could not commence as the organization was unable to secure the necessary backing from either the Government or external sources.
- Co-ordination between Health Authorities and Clinics – coordination between clinics and Regional Offices with regard to ordering and retrieval of goods, for example, stock-outs. Some clinics reported that they had not received either one or both of the log book and register.
- Implementation of the referral mechanism – Some of the challenges to implementation of the referral mechanism included tracking of cases referred, maintaining confidentiality, poor documentation in the formal health system. Client buy-in and the ability of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to manage a referral system.
- Lack of adherence to Antiretrovirals (ARVs) with the Correctional Services – The medication administration policy to administer ARVs daily instead of bi-weekly or monthly can result in lack of adherence as the inmates will be easily recognized as having HIV since they visit the Lab/Medical Unit every day. This can lead to attempted suicides by inmates.

5. DECLARATION OF COMPENSATION

5.1 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.

6. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

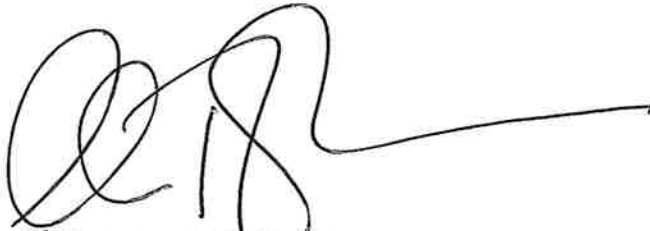
6.1 Total Operating Income to the entity, amounted to Two Hundred and Fifty Five Million, Seventeen Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$255,017,315.00.) Operating expenses amounted to Two Hundred and Twenty Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Forty Two Thousand, and Eighty Six Dollars (\$227,742,086.00). The Board had an Operating surplus of Twenty Seven Million, Two Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Nine Dollars (\$27,275,229.00) but realized a net surplus of Sixteen Million, Eight Hundred and Fifteen Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty Eight Dollars (\$16,815,748.00.)

7. AUDITOR'S REPORT

7.1 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, 2017 and of its financial performance

and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

7.2 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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