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12TH OUAGADOUGOU PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

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SYNTHESIS REPORT



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ABOUT THE OUAGADOUGOU PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The Ouagadougou Partnership Annual Meeting (OPAM) is of great importance to family planning (FP) stakeholders in the region. It is a forum for dialogue between stakeholders, designed to assess progress made in the use of Sexual Reproductive Health/Family Planning (SRH/FP) services, discuss challenges encountered, and share lessons learned and best practices. This year, the twelfth edition of OPAM was held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from December 11 to 13, 2023.

This major event brought together all stakeholders, including government delegations from the nine member countries of the Ouagadougou Partnership (OP), youth, donors, implementing partners, civil society including religious leaders and journalists, and the private sector.

The OP countries have set themselves the ambitious target of reaching **13 million users of modern contraception by 2030**. By 2022, they had reached 7.1 million, thanks to the joint efforts of governments and their partners. Despite progress in access to and use of SRH/FP services, there is still room for improvement, especially given the youth of the population, with 23% aged between 15 and 29 (Source: 2022, Population Pyramid). On average, the region has an adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women aged 15 to 19) of 107, ranging from 170 in Niger to 66 in Senegal. This fertility rate contributes to the total fertility rate, whose

regional average was 4.49, ranging from 6.8 in Niger to 4.3 in Togo in 2021. It also contributes to high maternal death rates, ranging from 520 deaths per 100,000 live births in Niger (source: [Global Financing Facility](#)) to 424 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births in Mauritania (source: EDS). In response to these challenges, and to best support initiatives in the region, the OP chose "Gender and Reproductive Health: Strategies for Social and Behavior Change for Youth" as the theme for the 2023 meeting.

In view of the success of this 12th Annual Meeting of the Ouagadougou Partnership, the Coordination Unit (OPCU) and all OP donors wish to express their warmest and most distinguished thanks to the Côte d'Ivoire Prime Minister's Office, the Côte d'Ivoire Ministry of Health, Public Hygiene and Universal Health Coverage, the Côte d'Ivoire Ministry of Women, Children and the Family, and all members of the National Organizing Committee. Côte d'Ivoire shone not only through its encouraging results and ambitious commitments, but also through the fact that the reproductive health of women and girls in the OP region, and the well-being of its young population, is being taken into account at the highest level of the Ivorian government.

MESSAGE FROM THE OPCU

This year, our theme "Gender and Reproductive Health: Strategies for Social and Behavior Change for Youth" reflects the socio-economic realities of our region and highlights persistent issues. It is a crucial focus for integrating gender equality and equitable access to FP services into a comprehensive strategy for social and behavioral transformation.

We have already made significant progress, notably in increasing funding for family planning in some member countries, and in successfully integrating new approaches to reach young people. However, we remain fully aware of persistent challenges, such as unequal access to family planning services, socio-cultural barriers and the specific needs of vulnerable groups such as young people.

Over the three days, we drew on our successes, lessons learned and failures to identify innovative strategies for advancing our common mission.

We proposed sessions and panel discussions centered on access to quality family planning services for young people through various themes that complement each other to improve our intervention strategies and respond to the complexity of our objective.

We express our deep gratitude to the Ivorian government through its Prime Minister, Head of Government, Minister of Sport and the Living Environment, and the Minister of Health, Public Hygiene and Universal Health Coverage, for co-organizing and hosting this important meeting. Our sincere thanks also go to the entire OP community, Technical and Financial Partners and civil society organizations for their growing commitment.

OPAM 2023 brought together some 500 guests, as well as numerous online participants. We are encouraged by these fruitful moments of sharing and are convinced that this meeting will continue to be a catalyst for concerted action towards a more promising and egalitarian future.

—**Marie Ba**, Director of the Ouagadougou Partnership Coordination Unit (OPCU)



MESSAGE FROM CÔTE D'IVOIRE



Pierre N'Gou Dimba
Minister of Health,
Public Hygiene and
Universal Health
Coverage

On behalf of the President of the Republic, His Excellency Alassane OUATTARA, I am delighted to see government delegations, young people, civil society and technical and financial partners meeting in our country for the 12th Ouagadougou Partnership Annual Meeting.

Côte d'Ivoire, in its quest for optimal socio-economic development, has placed family planning at the heart of its concerns. We recognize that youth is a key player in this development, which is why this year's theme has been specifically focused on young people.

Following on the commitments made in 2021 in favor of family planning, we are determined to make free family planning effective for adolescents and young people in all public and community health facilities. This national drive resonates harmoniously with that of OPAM 2023's theme, "Gender and Reproductive Health: Strategies for Social and Behavior Change for Youth." It creates a significant link between our commitment to addressing the specific reproductive health needs of young people at a national level, and global strategies to influence social and behavioral change within our region. Youth are the future of our nations, and it is by investing in their well-being, education and access to quality reproductive health services that we will build a prosperous future. I am convinced that our exchanges during this meeting will enable us to explore innovative approaches to achieving these common goals.



Robert Beugré Mambé
Prime Minister, Head
of Government,
Minister for Sport and
the Living
Environment

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and on my own behalf, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all on Ivorian soil; in other words: AKWABA to one and all. Côte d'Ivoire is delighted to welcome you to this 12th Annual Meeting of the Ouagadougou Partnership.

The President of the Republic, His Excellency Alassane Ouattara, in his vision to put youth at the heart of all development initiatives, has decreed with the year 2023 the Year of Youth. OPAM's theme "Gender and Reproductive Health: Strategies for Social and Behavior Change for Youth" is in line with this vision. This theme also aligns with the strategic decision to prioritize family planning in order to contribute to the regularization of population growth and a significant reduction in maternal, neonatal and infant mortality. The aim is to increase the contraceptive prevalence rate among women of childbearing age from 25.5% in 2022 to 32.3% by 2025, in line with the PANB/PF.

For Côte d'Ivoire, I would like to confirm our commitment to FP through the following measures:

1. Women's access to free family planning throughout the country, especially for adolescents and young people, in all public and community health establishments,
2. An increase in the Government's financial contribution from four hundred million to two billion five hundred million cfa francs,
3. Availability of contraceptive products,
4. The institution of national family planning intensification weeks.

These commitments reflect our strong commitment to the OP and our determination to advance the regional agenda on reproductive health and FP issues.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the partners involved in implementing the Côte d'Ivoire Family Planning Plan. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the Ouagadougou Partnership Coordination Unit for facilitating the holding of this 12th OPAM. Finally, I would like to invite all participants to invest themselves fully in the exchanges in order to guarantee a frank and decisive success.

OPAM 2023 BY THE NUMBERS



500
in-person
participants



2,030
virtual
participants



75
in-person
youth
participants



33
countries
represented



21
sessions



544
abstracts
received

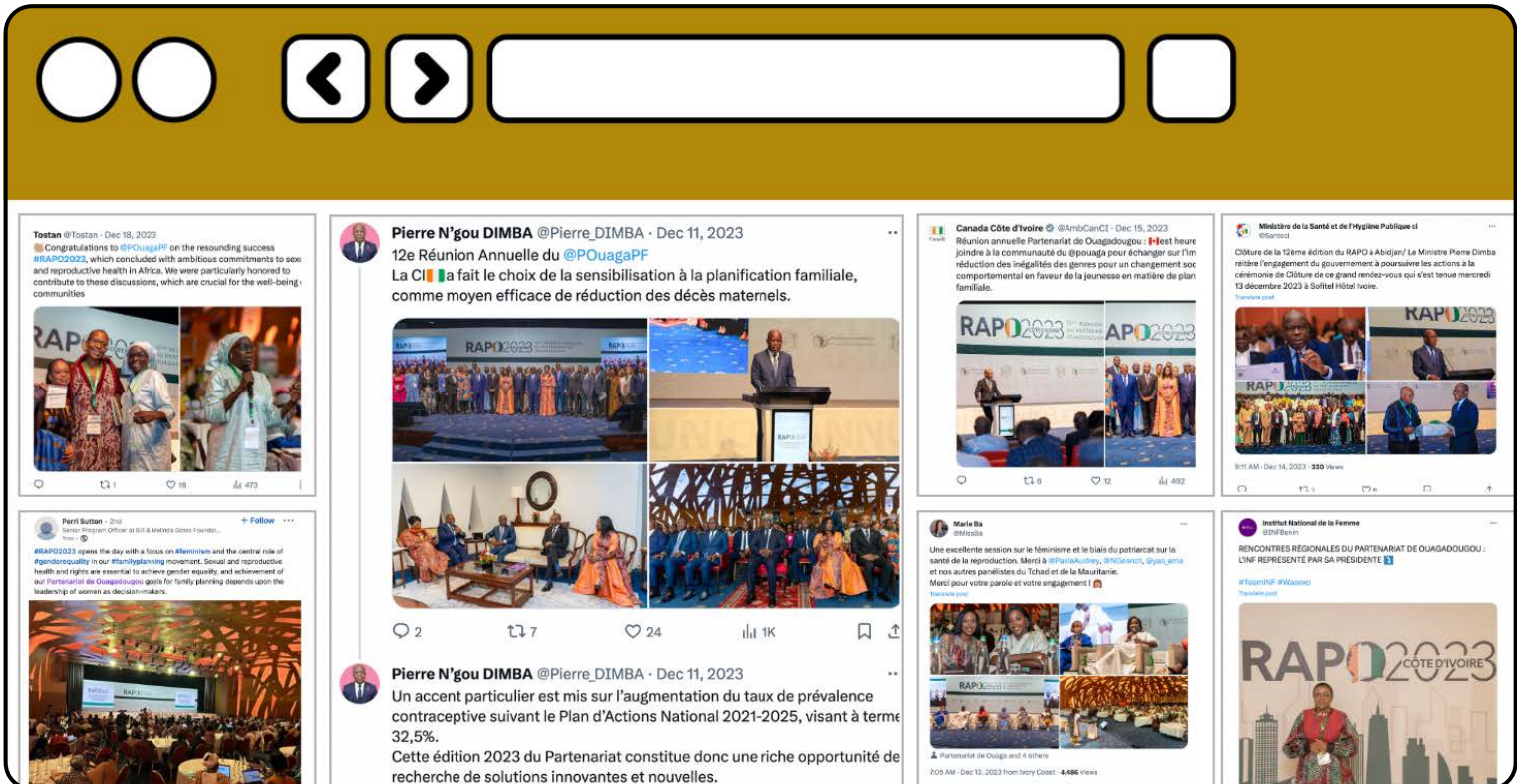


40
articles published by
journalists and
bloggers



3,800
interactions and 208
mentions of #RAPO2023
on social media*

*Source: [BrandMentions](#)





COUNTRY-LEVEL PROGRESS IN FP/SRH

In 2023, **450,000 additional female contraceptive** users were identified, 7,000 more than the target set. The countries that exceeded their annual target for 2023 were Côte d'Ivoire with a total of 103,000 users, Burkina Faso with 95,000, Mali with 67,000, and Senegal with 53,000.

Progress in 2023 is in line with past trends, and while we continue to catch up with the cumulative annual target, remaining challenges in some countries mean that this backlog remains; a backlog that is estimated at 366,000 users. We need to accelerate our pace of growth if we are to reach the OP's target of 6.5 million additional users between 2020 and 2030.

According to Track20, the overall impact since the launch of the OP has been enormous: 24,658,000 unwanted pregnancies averted; 8,766,000 high-risk abortions prevented; and 68,000 maternal deaths averted. Accelerating our progress will enable us to improve these maternal health indicators in our region.

A NOD TO GUEST COUNTRIES

The OP was delighted to be joined at this year's meeting by representatives from the DRC, Chad and Madagascar, as it aims to be a space for learning and sharing within and outside the region. Thus, the three invited countries observed the prevailing dynamics between the 9 countries, the progress made and the persistent challenges. The plenary sessions "Data, Reflecting Our Efforts: Completeness, Quality, and Strategic Directions for FP" and the parallel session "Men's Engagement and Reproductive Autonomy" were an opportunity to share the Ministry of Health and UNFPA Madagascar's journey in routine data collection and use, and positive masculinity in SRHR. Clearly, sharing knowledge with countries outside the 9 OP countries that have similar policies and face similar challenges is strategic. The OP looks forward to this collaboration.



KEY THEMES



Specific needs of youth: Tailored strategies

Young people need to be informed and well-trained on issues related to their sexual and reproductive health. This implies that the various actors involved must listen to their needs, while providing them with the tools they need to use contraceptive methods. A look at the efforts made by RH actors in the OP countries shows that the strategies for securing young people's access to family planning services essentially revolve around capacity-building on issues relating to their sexual health, a proximity approach and communication coupled with concrete actions. The efforts made in all these areas are acknowledged. However, they are still hindered by social norms that make RH services less accessible to adolescents.



Access to services for people with disabilities

The issue of accessibility to reproductive health services for people living with a disability needs further attention. Discrimination against them on the grounds of their physical condition is on the table. Discussions at the 12th OPAM revealed that health services do not have staff trained to deal specifically with people living with disabilities. This considerably compromises the confidentiality of the services provided to them. Secondly, governments do not take enough account of people living with disabilities when drawing up public policies on reproductive health.



From activism to youth employability in FP/RH

In the OP region, young people are encouraged in their activism on FP/RH issues. Beyond their role as advocates and voice-bearers for their needs, this is a real springboard to employability. Activism is a professional experience in its own right. Young activists have the opportunity to learn by organizing various activities and running community projects. However, it's also a milieu that has its challenges, particularly for feminists, who admit to facing recurrent discrimination and a certain viewpoint in society. And today, these activists committed to women's rights believe that good practices and lessons learned on reconciling life as a wife and woman activist should be documented to inform the activism of young people today and tomorrow.



Community health and youth access to FP services

The success of community health and young people's access to FP services hinges on grassroots communication efforts, the use of new information and communication technologies, the accessibility of FP/RH services to facilitate policy adoption, resource mobilization and data exploitation, among other things. However, FP/RH actors recognize that the strong influence of socio-cultural norms and religious leaders on sexual health does not facilitate the achievement of objectives. This is compounded by a shortage of providers equipped to offer services to young people, a lack of understanding by young people of the side effects of contraceptives due to poor management of these side effects by providers, and the high cost of certain contraceptive methods.

"23% of people living with a disability are deprived of FP/RH and 33% of women are less likely to have access to RH services or cervical cancer screening services. This is caused by infrastructural barriers, even though they have the same rights as everyone else and must be included in planning programs."

—Amalie Quevedo, Technical advisor in inclusive sexual and reproductive health and rights, SightSavers



Youth mental health and sexual and reproductive health rights

This year, OPAM took a look at this important theme, which is not often addressed, yet is central to well-being. Mental health problems are seen more in terms of the morality of the act, which explains why addiction to substances or gambling is seen as an act of defiance and not as a health problem, whereas mental health is health. It's difficult to work on young people's behavior without taking into account their beliefs and perspectives, their influences and emotions, because the human being has two pillars: mental health and physical health. Many factors influence mental health, including stigmatization and exclusion, unemployment, lack of access to quality support and services, humanitarian crises and fragile situations, early pregnancy and early parenthood, to name but a few. The more risk factors to which adolescents are exposed, the greater the potential impact on their mental health.



Does the data reflect our efforts: Completeness, quality and strategic orientations for FP

The current state of data and its use (strategy and challenges) was widely discussed at OPAM. Investment in data management solutions is a matter of course for all institutions. However, the completeness, quality and strategic orientation of this data are problematic. Despite the use of DHIS2 by all OP countries for data collection, the quality of FP/RH data (non-disaggregated data, non-compliant data, missing data) still remains a major challenge. Hence the importance of paying particular attention to this issue.



Integration of FP into HIV and CSU sector programs

The importance of integrating FP into HIV sector programs and monitoring the integration of FP and Universal Health Coverage was one of the key points of discussion at the OPAM. According to USAID, five French-speaking West African countries benefit from PEPFAR funds: Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Senegal and Togo. Côte d'Ivoire, which took part in the exercise in 2020, should be noted for its integration. To better integrate FP into HIV programs, it is important to involve people living with HIV, national and local program managers, adolescents and civil society, as well as to train health professionals in FP/HIV integration.

"SRHR are taboo in OP countries. Behavior in health services creates frustration, which leads young people to adopt risky behaviors. Our mental health suffers. We need to integrate mental health into all our programs."

—Kadiatou Idani, Youth Focal Point, Niger





Monitoring the integration of FP and Universal Health Coverage

Universal health coverage (UHC) remains a major challenge for African countries. These countries have begun to implement public policies that can improve access to healthcare for populations in general, and the impoverished in particular. Achieving UHC could be a reality, provided that there is strong political involvement and, through a holistic, integral approach to all sectors (health, infrastructure, demand for care, financing, civil society, etc.).



Gender-based violence

Gender-based violence (GBV) is a real problem in today's world. Some people living with certain types of disease are direct victims. And it has to be said that decision-makers and public figures still fail to appreciate the extent to which GBV affects the physical and mental health of the population (men, women and children). According to the Forum-Génération-Egalité (FGE) of UN Women, an international initiative promoting equality between women and men, the education and training of young people is an obligation for all countries. They need to be at the heart of the action and trained in the various techniques to prevent GBV, because they will be the voice of tomorrow, and will have the power to make decisions.



Men's engagement and reproductive autonomy

Male involvement and participation are very important in FP/RH issues. Data from the World Health Organization (WHO, 2020) reveal that 11% of births worldwide are to adolescents aged 15-19. In Africa, every year, children born to girls aged 15-19 account for 16% of all births (UNFPA, 2012), and the majority of the biological fathers were school children and adolescents. And a study of young and teenage fathers aged 14 to 24 in Benin reveals that in most early or unwanted pregnancies, the emphasis is on supporting the girl, so much so that the father is forgotten when it comes to early fatherhood. In other words, attention needs to be paid to the situation of young fathers, who are often victims of psychological effects detrimental to their health (depression, stress...).

"As long as our advocacy is not based on facts and figures, it will be very difficult to win our case."

—Fatou Yansane Balde, Executive Director of the Coalition des Femmes Leaders de Guinée



Improving policy decision-making through research

While tangible progress is being made in some OP countries towards achieving FP objectives, we note a slowdown or even stagnation in others. This is due to a lack of research and data publication, inconsistency and limited financial resources for research. It is clear that governments must participate effectively in the transformation and use of data, through research. This includes the identification of appropriate research topics for their optimal use. The aim is not just to make research results available, but also to encourage and support decision-makers and other stakeholders to make easy use of them.



Feminism, gender equality, and reproductive health

The feminist commitment of women and young people lends itself to different interpretations. Female actors of change shared their experiences to shed light on the approach of their peers and younger women in this role. A number of points were raised, including the fact that men are the biggest beneficiaries of the system, which accentuates the oppression and exploitation of women and has a considerable impact on sexual and reproductive health. The concern around the role religion can play in justifying the actions of men who hide behind social norms that grant no autonomy to women and always put them under the cover of men was raised. This leads us to reflect on the actions to be taken to encourage a change in behavior and enable women and girls to be autonomous.



Gender inequalities in emergency situations

According to the International Rescue Committee, around 60% of the displaced people in Mali are women, sometimes without means and left to fend for themselves, to the point of becoming heads of household. This creates livelihood challenges and makes it difficult for them to access sexual and reproductive health care. Hence their EMAP (Engaging Men in Accountable Practice) approach, a method that puts men at the heart of prevention against gender-based violence, via male-wife discussions on the themes of violence and gender, promoting the changes desired by women in the community. In Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali, MSI reports that strategies have been redesigned with a gender equality and social inclusion approach, enabling them to provide a more appropriate institutional response to crises. FP2030 adds that the need for FP/RH in crisis situations is great. According to them, this includes almost 25% of the affected population, with around 4% of women pregnant at any one time, and around 15% facing pregnancy-related complications.

"Young people need our commitment, our protection and our support. The statistics are clear and alarming. At least one woman in four gives birth before the age of 18 in sub-Saharan Africa. And in Côte d'Ivoire, 23% of girls aged between 15 and 19 have been pregnant."

—Jessica Davis Ba, US
Ambassador to Côte d'Ivoire



Human-centered approaches to the sexual and reproductive health of adolescents and youth

The parallel session "Our life, our story: Navigating the stages of young people's lives for a better world" was a great opportunity for OPAM participants to rediscover the many challenges and opportunities that exist within the various youth-oriented intervention programs linked to SRH.

Through small-group discussions and the application of the human-centered approach, participants delved back into their teenaged lives and expressed the challenges they faced, as well as their needs. Participants focused on the power of empathy, strengthening their understanding of the principles of the human-centered approach in general, and sharing the initiatives of the network of French-speaking ambassadors of the human-centered approach applied to the sexual and reproductive health of adolescents and young people.

"There is no war between men and women, and no war between Islam and you. Islam came to save women. The Quran says that God chooses to give a daughter to whomever He wishes."

—Imam



Sharing "failures" and lessons learned related to strategies for social and behavioral change in favor of reproductive health for youth

An emphasis was put on the importance of sharing failures (in addition to best practices), and documenting them to avoid repeating mistakes when implementing FP/RH programs. The terms "error" and "failure" were defined, alongside types of avoidable and unavoidable failures. In contexts where using the word "failure" is problematic, "lessons learned" is a good alternative for describing program challenges. Examples including the introduction of Sayana Press in Senegal and the operation of a girls' club were shared respectively by PATH Senegal and the OP Civil Society Focal Point in Burkina Faso. Participants recognized that there are many strategies that haven't worked well in the past and these examples should be shared with others to make the unpredictable predictable. To encourage this, a prize for "Best Failure" was awarded by the OPCU's Director.



The pivotal role of the private sector in advancing family planning: Opportunities, challenges and perspectives

According to UNFPA, almost 100% of contraceptive products come from the private sector, and 34% of contraceptive users use the private sector to access them. In addition, around 57% of young people in Togo and 46% in Benin use the private sector more frequently to access FP/RH services. OPAM's session on the topic demonstrated that the private sector must now be part of the country's FP ecosystem. FP2030 reaffirmed the importance of considering a partnership between FP2030 and UCPO to mobilize the private sector in FP. Based on its experience, Speak up Africa believes that collaboration with the private sector is motivated by a win-win partnership based on a relationship of trust. Moreover, strategies are put in place to convince them of the economic return. Civil society spoke of the strategies it is developing to involve the private sector as a fully-fledged player in FP.

"Why isn't FP moving in the right direction? Because we don't want to talk about what's not working... We are the sum of our failures, and talking about them should help us move forward."

—Modibo Maiga, Regional Director for West Africa, Palladium's Propel Health

TOP TAKEAWAYS

8 recommendations

- 1** Integrate mental health issues into SRHR policies, strengthen actions and enable youth to access these services.
- 2** Reinforce digitalization and the use of digital platforms to raise awareness among youth and provide services.
- 3** Encourage the participation of youth from the design to the implementation of projects to facilitate the promotion of community health and guarantee the sustainability of activities.
- 4** Advocate for better integration of family planning into HIV programs.
- 5** Create a center of expertise on men's involvement in maternal and child health, to produce evidence-based data on this topic in French-speaking Africa.
- 6** Favor holistic approaches—multi-component, multi-level and multi-sectoral—to achieve lasting impact.
- 7** Strengthen women's empowerment strategies to build resilience and promote freedom of choice.
- 8** Conduct research based on national FP/RH needs and priorities.

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[Photos: Day 1, Day 2, Day 3](#)

SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

94%

of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with their overall conference experience

91%

of respondents fully or partially agree that the conference theme was sufficiently developed

4.02/5

OPAM 2023's overall score

45%

of respondents found the program a little packed or too packed.

Conducting a participant evaluation of OPAM not only allows us to assess the relevance of each session, but also offers us suggestions for how to improve future meetings.

During the two weeks that the survey was open, we received 194 responses.



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“The session on the role of the private sector - which is not given much consideration, even though it is very important - enabled us to identify challenges and make recommendations for improving collaboration between the public and private sectors, and for making an effective contribution in the FP/RH field.”

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"Data, Do They Reflect Our Efforts: Completeness, Quality and Strategic Directions for FP, because it is imperative to have evidence in order to set appropriate strategies. If the data collected is inconsistent, strategies in favor of SRHR will be inappropriate."

—One respondent's comment on the relevance of the sessions



"This year's meeting has had the merit of putting inequalities on the table for discussion, but given that some organizations have already experimented with projects that have helped transform certain negative norms into positive ones, we can make this visible and value it at next year's meeting."

—One respondent's comment on next year's theme



CONCLUSION

At the end of three days of sharing, discussion and learning, the 12th OPAM stood out from previous editions in terms of the number of participants, both in-person and online. It was also one of the best meetings in terms of active participation in discussions. Each theme discussed in plenary and parallel sessions gave rise to guidelines that could be followed and implemented to bring about behavior change in favor of SRH for youth. We should also mention the frank commitments made by OP countries, such as Côte d'Ivoire, to increase FP funding. In short, the issue of access to

and use of FP/RH services in the OP remains fully relevant and is mobilizing more sectors and actors. It will now be approached both with the knowledge already built up and from the angle of new perspectives, such as mental health, which is rarely taken into account in the context of the OP region.

APPENDIX



Key Resources

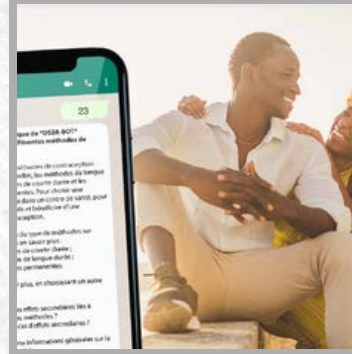
Discover key resources highlighted at OPAM around the meeting's theme.



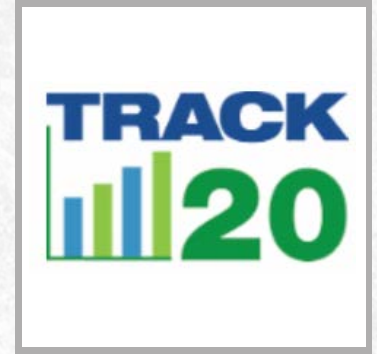
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[Benin's National Women's Institute](#)



[The DSSR-Bot \(Droits et Santé Sexuels et Reproductifs\)](#)



[SS to EMU Tool: Quick Question Guide](#)



[Interview with Christelle Achi, midwife and health activist](#)



[Promoting the rights of women and girls in Benin](#)



[Gouttes Rouges](#)



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The Program

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MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2023

General Facilitator: Marie Syr Diagne, Country Liaison Officer, OPCU

9:30 - 10:00

Participants arrive

10:00 - 10:30

Setting the scene: What are we talking about? Gender and Social Norms

10:30 - 11:30

Opening Ceremony

- **Jean Marc Yacé**, Maire de Cocody
- **Marie Ba**, OPCU Director
- **Ibrahima Diabaté**, President of the National Youth Council of Côte d'Ivoire
- **Anderson Blanc**, Canadian Ambassador to Côte d'Ivoire
- **Jessica Davis Ba**, US Ambassador to Côte d'Ivoire
- **Pierre Dimba**, Minister of Health, Public Hygiene and Universal Health Coverage of Côte d'Ivoire
- **Robert Beugré Mambé**, Prime Minister, Head of Government of Côte d'Ivoire

Video: Powerful 2023 OP Moments

Master of Ceremonies: Konnie Touré

11:40 - 12:40

Focus on Côte d'Ivoire: Pregnancy Among Adolescents and Young People: Solutions and Mobilization of Domestic Resources

- **Pierre Dimba**, Minister of Health, Public Hygiene and Universal Health Coverage, Côte d'Ivoire
- **Nialé Kaba**, Minister of Economy, Planning and Development, Côte d'Ivoire
- **Mamadou Toure**, Minister for the Promotion of Youth, Professional Integration and Civic Service, Deputy Spokesman for the Government of Côte d'Ivoire
- **Mariatou Koné**, Minister of Education and Literacy, Côte d'Ivoire
- **Nasseneba Toure**, Minister for Women, the Family and Children, Côte d'Ivoire

Moderator: Konnie Touré

<p>12:40 - 1:10</p>	<p>Plenary Session #1 OP Progress Marie Ba, OPCU Director</p>
<p>1:10 - 2:30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>2:30 - 4:00</p>	<p>Plenary Session #2: Sustainable Strategies for Adolescent & Youth Access to Appropriate Sexual & Reproductive Health Services</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Dr Samukeliso Dube, Executive Director, FP2030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pr Rokhaya Cisse, Sociologist, Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar • Dr Seydou Ouattara, Coordinating Director, Programme National Santé Scolaire et Universitaire- Santé des adolescents et Jeunes, PNSSU- SAJ Côte d'Ivoire • Toko Chabi Kifayath, Young Activist ROAJELF, Benin • Amalie Quevedo, Technical Advisor on Inclusive Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Sightsavers • Dr Abdoulaye Guindo, Member of the Réseau des Leaders Émergents en Recherche, Mali • Awa Dieng, Regional Director West Africa Amref • Ibrahima Traoré, Youth Programs Manager, PSI Mali <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amour Dieudonné Vodounhessi, Leadership & Personal Development Coach, OP/FP2030 Youth Focal Point, Benin • Sorofing Traoré, Advocacy & Communication Officer, Search For Common Ground, Mali
<p>4:00 - 5:15</p>	<p>Parallel Session # 1: From Activism to Youth Employability in FP/RH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arame Sene Gueye, Executive Director Social Change Factory, Senegal • Zevounou Oswald Evrard, U Report, Porto Novo, Benin • Micheline Wendyam Kabore, Human Rights Activist, OP/FP2030 CSO Focal Point, Burkina Faso • Elodie Tie Lou Tranan, President of Engage & Share, Côte d'Ivoire <p>Moderator: Kaya Sy, Advocacy Coordinator West Africa, Equipop</p>

4:00 - 5:15

Parallel Session #2: Community Health and Young People's Access to FP Services

- **Dr Ayawavi Sitsopé Marie-Reine Toudeka**, Demographic Research Unit, University of Lomé
- **Dr E. Conrad Deguenon**, Director of Community Health, Benin
- **Yaya Zan Konaré**, CSO Focal Point - Mali, President of the Fédération Nationale des Associations de Santé Communautaire du Mali (FENASCOM)
- **Dr Sadio Diarra**, SR/FP Specialist, UNFPA Mali
- **Benoit Renard**, CEO of Tiko, ex Triggerise

Moderator: Djibril Ndoye, Deputy Director ENDA Santé

Parallel Session #3: Youth Mental Health and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

- **Pr Koua Asseman Medard Koua**, Coordinating Director, National Mental Health Program, Côte d'Ivoire
- **Kadiatou Idani**, OP/FP2030 Youth Focal Point - Niger
- **Cheik Tidiane Diop**, Director Centre Jacques Chirac Senegal
- **Carole Dakin**, Clinical Psychologist, Côte d'Ivoire

Moderator: Christian Comlan Agbozo, ABPF Benin Director

TUESDAY DECEMBER 12, 2023

General Facilitator: Carina Ndiaye, Partnerships Director, TOSTAN

8:30 - 9:00

Participants arrive

9:00 - 9:20

Spotlight on the Institut National de la Femme, Benin

Keynote Speaker: **Maitre Huguette Bokpe Gnacadja**, President of the Institut National de la Femme, Benin

9:20 - 10:50

Plenary Session #3: Data, Do They Reflect Our Efforts: Completeness, Quality and Strategic Orientations for FP

- **Dr Oumar Touré**, Maternal and Child Health and FP Specialist, USAID Côte d'Ivoire
- **Dr Thierry Lawale**, Director of Maternal and Child Health, Ministry of Health, Benin
- **Dr Tchaniley Ganiou**, DHIS2 Expert, Health Information System Program West and Central Africa

- **Dr Vololoniaina Rasoanandrasana**, Head of Department, Safe Motherhood - Family Planning, Madagascar
- **Dr Pongathié Adama Sanogo**, Director of Health Information, Ministry of Health, Côte d'Ivoire
- **Nedjma Benzekri**, Regional Director, DKT International
- **Alfred Daré**, Track 20 Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Togo

Moderator: Dr Kevin Njefi Pene, Program Manager, IDinsight

11:00 - 12:15

Parallel Session #4: Gender-based Violence

- **Dr Ndèye Ami Ndiaye**, Doctor in International Criminal Law, Researcher, Senegal
- **Agathe Blanc Kamissoko**, Association of Women Jurists of Côte d'Ivoire
- **Yvette Ouedraogo**, Regional GBV Advisor, West and Central Africa, EngenderHealth
- **Peleman Coulibaly**, Project Manager, Les Orchidées Rouges, Côte d'Ivoire
- **Dr Euphrasie Adjami**, Project Manager, Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene and Focal Point, Forum Génération Égalité

Moderator: Dr Fadima D. Kaba, National Director of Family Health and Nutrition, Guinea

Parallel Session # 5: Male Engagement and Reproductive Autonomy

- **Josiane Yaguibou**, UNFPA Madagascar Resident Representative
- **Dr Géraud Ahouandjinou**, Lecturer at the University of Abomey-Calavi
- **Pr Jean Ramdé**, Lecturer at Laval University
- **Faustin Gonsan Bleu**, Coach at the Keton Gouine Model Husband School
- **Apolline Niamke**, Civil Society Focal Point PO/FP2030, Ivory Coast

Moderator: Marie Paule Okri, Point Focal Jeune PO/FP2030, Côte d'Ivoire

Parallel Session # 6: Research to Inform Policy-making

- **Dr Gnou Tanoh**, Coordinating Director, National Mother and Child Health Program, Côte d'Ivoire
- **Rabiatou Sangaré**, Head of Monitoring, Evaluation and Research, RAES
- **Pr Mohamadou Sall**, Director of IPDSR, IRIS Projet

- **Oulymata Sene**, Pathways Project Research Coordinator at YUX Design
- **Dr Ndèye Seynabou Diouf**, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, Gender, Women's Empowerment, Girl/SWEDD at the World Bank

Moderator: Dr Tiéba Millogo, Associate Professor - African Institute of Public Health (IASP)

1:45 - 3:15

Plenary Session #4: Integrating FP into HIV and CSU Sector Programs

- **Akua Kwato Atteng**, Director of the Health Office, USAID Côte d'Ivoire
- **Dr Saliyou Sanni**, Reproductive Health Programs Officer, WHO Senegal
- **Bineta Ndiaye Mbow**, Director of UDAM Foundiougne, Senegal
- **Dr Sidbéwendé Pierre Yameogo**, Technical Secretary for Health Financing Reforms, Burkina Faso
- **Fatou Yansane Balde**, Executive Director of the Coalition of Women Leaders of Guinea
- **Kathrin Schmitz**, Director of Programs and Technical Support, Mothers 2 Mothers

Moderator: Dr Cletus Adohinzin, Regional Coordinator for RH Programs and HIV Prevention, WAHO

3:15 - 4:15

Award Ceremony for the Journalists' Media Production Excellence Competition

Laureats :

- Abdel Aziz Nabaloum, 1st place - printed press, Burkina Faso
- Dela Tamadaho Agossa, 2nd place - printed press, Benin
- Fachari Aboudou, 1st place - online press and blog, Benin
- Madina Belemvire, 2nd place - online press and blog, Burkina Faso
- Marthe Akissi Bénédicte Kra, 1st place - radio, Ivory Coast
- Fatoumata Boyguile, 2nd place - radio, Mali
- Rodrigue Guel, 1st place - television, Burkina Faso
- Willyam Klikan, 2nd place - television, Benin

Moderator: Théodore Kouadio, Journalist, Ivory Coast

4:15 - 5:15

Poster visit

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General Facilitator: Daoudou Idrissou, Country Liaison Officer, OPCU

9:00 - 10:30

Plenary Session # 5: Feminism, Gender Equality and Reproductive Health

- **Amandine Yao**, President of Gouttes Rouges, Côte d'Ivoire
- **Epiphanie Dionrang Nodjikoua**, Head of the Chadian League for Women's Rights
- **Seniya Aidara**, OP/FP2030 Civil Society Focal Point - Mauritania
- **Paola Audrey Ndengue**, Creative Industries Expert and TV Presenter
- **Nicole Gesnot**, Head of Canadian Cooperation - Ivory Coast and Liberia

Moderator: Olivia Diogo, Expert in Reproductive Health and Sexual Rights, Netherlands Embassy

11:00 - 12:15

Parallel Session # 7: Our Life, Our Story, Navigating the Life Stages of Adolescents and Young People, Using Human-centered Approaches and Better Responding to their Aspirations

- **Ida Ndione**, Health Program Manager, Interim Director PATH, Senegal
- **Emmanuel Diop**, Marketing, Sales and Public Relations Director, MSI
- **Finou Mendy**, Senior Behavioral Designer at ideas42
- **Farmata Seye**, Health Program Manager at PATH
- **Sira Sojourner Touré**, OP/FP2030 Youth Focal Point, Mali

Moderator: Hayathe Ayeva, Activist, MAJ-ATBEF National President, IPPF Board Member

Parallel Session # 8: Oops! Ah-ha! Let's Talk about "Failures" and Draw Lessons from Strategies for Social and Behavior Change to Improve Reproductive Health for Youth

Keynote Speaker: Modibo Maiga, Regional Director for West Africa, PROPEL Heath, Palladium

Moderators:

- **Aissatou Thioye**, Knowledge Management and Partnerships Officer for West Africa- FHI360/Knowledge SUCCESS
- **Dr Ginette Hounkanrin**, Interim Country Director-Pathfinder Burkina Faso
- **Dr Mohamed Sangaré**, SBC Regional Advisor for Francophone West Africa, Breakthrough ACTION, Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs

Parallel Session # 9: The Pivotal Role of the Private Sector in Advancing Family Planning: Opportunities, Challenges and Perspectives

- **Patrick Gaparayi**, Regional Supply Chain Manager, UNFPA WCARO
- **Fatim Diouf**, Program Officer, FP2030
- **Yacine Diop Djibo**, Executive Director, SPEAK UP AFRICA
- **Yaou Moussa**, OP/FP2030 CSO Focal Point, President of La Coalition des Acteurs pour le Repositionnement de la PF du Niger
- **Fatou Samba Diallo**, External Relations and CSR Manager, BIO 24

Moderator: Dr Ben Moulaye Idriss, Director General ONASR, Mali

1:30 - 2:45

Plenary Session # 6: Gender Inequalities in Emergencies

- **Nesrine Talbi**, Consultant in Emergency Preparedness and Response at FP2030
- **Marie Madeleine Ouedraogo**, Director of Gender Promotion, Ministry of Women, Burkina Faso
- **Nangazie Sogoba**, Protection Coordinator, IRC, Mali
- **Beata Musabyemariya**, Deputy Director, West Africa at CARE

Moderator: Dr Djenebou Diallo, Senior Advocacy Manager, UCPO

2:45 - 3:30

Recap, Recommendations and Closing Ceremony

- Imam Arouna Koné, Head chaplain of hospitals and health centers in Côte d'Ivoire
- Reverend Pasteur Isaac Zogbe Zirignon, President of the Board of Directors of *Alliance des religieux pour la santé Intégrale et la promotion de la personne humaine*
- Marie Ba, OPCU Director
- Catherine Brooker, UK Ambassador to Côte d'Ivoire
- Pierre Dimba, Minister of Health, Public Hygiene and Universal Health Coverage, Côte d'Ivoire

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