

Programme on:

Strategic Partnership with Muslim Religious Leaders (MRLs) in Family Planning

Yogyakarta, Indonesia

23-28 April 2018



Background

Indonesia's remarkable family planning programme performance in the past four decades has been recognized worldwide as a success story. An important factor to this achievement is the strategic partnership between the government and the religious leaders. The Government of Indonesia's engagement with leaders of Islamic-based organizations has resulted in the development of several fatwa (religious decisions) which were instrumental in the acceptance of family planning by the wider community.

Despite changes in the country's governance system, i.e., from centralization to decentralization, and the ongoing challenges of sustaining the gains of the family planning programme, the support extended by the Muslim Religious Leaders (MRLs) has not diminished. The endorsement of influential MRLs to new ideas about family planning, such as the long-acting methods, has facilitated the acceptance and adoption of these technologies. Furthermore, the MRLs continue to promote family planning through their sermons during religious events and through other activities such as counselling for in and out-of-school youth and soon-to-marry couples.

The first South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) training session was held in November 2013 and it was attended by 22 participants from six countries. The second training session was held in June 2014 and there were 21 participants from eight countries who participated in the course. The third batch of training programme was held on August 2015 and attended by 19 participants from seven countries. The fourth batch was held in April 2016 and attended by 24 participants from nine countries. The fifth batch was held in April 2017 by 15 participants from six countries.

In 2018, BKKBN-Center for the International Training and Collaboration and the Ministry of State Secretariat, with technical assistance from UNFPA will conduct an intensive week-long training course designed to share the Indonesian experience in partnering with Islamic and other faith-based organizations and religious leaders in population and family planning promotion and service provision. It highlights Islamic values and teaching related to family planning and reproductive health, as well as the common ground for collaboration between the government and the religious leaders.

Training Objectives

The goal of the training course is to enhance the participants' knowledge about the Indonesian government-MRL strategic partnership in family planning and to apply lessons learned in designing action plans for their respective countries.

Who should attend the training?

The SSTC training course is open to religious leaders, mid-level managers/program officers in government, faith-based and non-governmental organizations involved in planning and implementation of population, family planning, and reproductive health programmes. A team will select the best 20 candidates to participate in the course.

“The course environment was conducive with an efficient and effective learning experience resulting from the well selected subject content. The emphasis on field experiences and its variety gave practical insight to what we can replicate same in our home country”

- Nigerian Participant



Training Approach

The SSTC course has two components: the didactic and field observation study. The didactic component will include lectures and discussions about the philosophies, policies, strategies and activities of Indonesia's MRL and Islamic-based organizations in participating in the family planning programme. The field observation study will cover visits to Islamic-based organizations, institutions, health facilities, and community-based organizations.

Based on the lessons learned from the training session, the participants will be asked to prepare action plans about how they would engage the FBOs and religious leaders in their respective countries' population, family planning and reproductive programmes.

“The involvement of Ulama, the transformation of Islamic schools and the involvement of men in family planning activities – these all, without a shadow of doubt, have contributed to the success of family planning activities in Indonesia. Muslim countries must learn from such a prolific example of Indonesia”

- Pakistani Participant



Schedule and training venue

The sixth training course will be held from 23-28 April 2018 (excluding travel time) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.



Training language

The course will be conducted in **English**. Non-English speaking participants are welcome but they should make their own arrangements for an interpreter service.

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