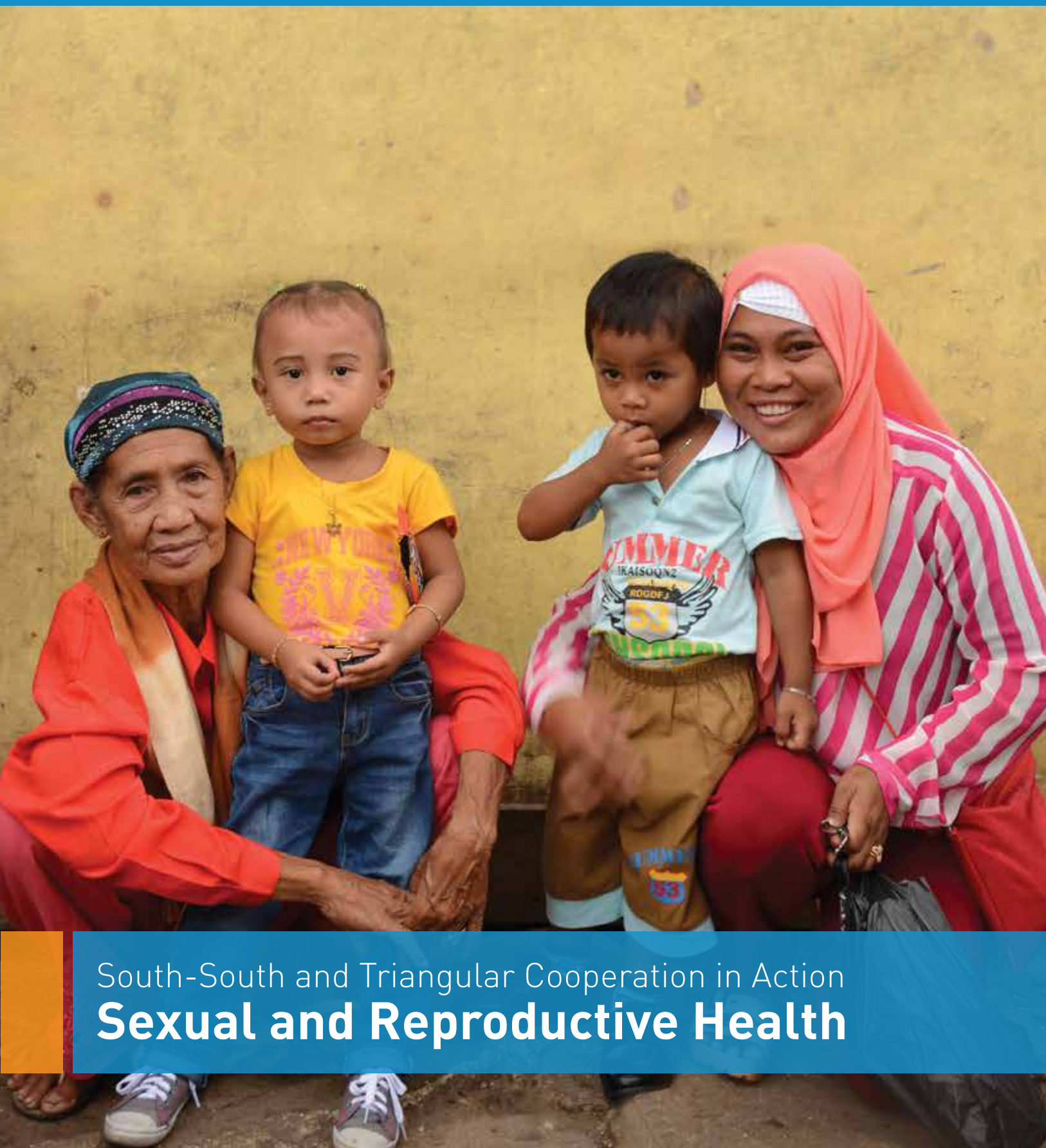




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Foreword

UNFPA, the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency, and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) are pleased to jointly present this edition of South-South in Action (SSiA). Launched in 2016, these reports are intended to be a platform where South-South and triangular cooperation partners can present and share their successful development solutions.

This edition highlights a sample of UNFPA's good practices of actual SSC partnerships in the areas of its mandate. This set of 24 documented cases features practices in sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and reproductive rights, gender equality, youth empowerment, and population data for development, which include family planning, maternal and child health, midwifery, obstetric fistula, HIV and AIDS, SRH in humanitarian settings, population data and population ageing. Through publishing them, we are not only celebrating the successes of UNFPA and its partners in promoting South-South and triangular cooperation but, more importantly, also providing information of who is doing what and where, thus helping to facilitate more partnerships.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development identifies partnerships, including South-South and triangular cooperation, as a cross-cutting goal that supports the implementation of all the other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Similarly, the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and

Development (ICPD) underscored that South-South cooperation is an important instrument of development by harnessing technical cooperation to improve programming and by mobilising resources. In response, UNFPA's Strategic Plan 2018-2021 elevated partnerships and coordination, including South-South and triangular cooperation, as a cross-cutting programming modality that will strengthen the other modalities such as advocacy and policy dialogue/advice, capacity development, knowledge sharing and service delivery. Programmatically, this is to tap into the increasing interest of programme countries to provide support to other countries. From a management perspective, this approach enables the organisation to have a clearer view of its return-on-investments in South-South and triangular cooperation, as both expenditures and results are firmly linked to the programming modalities.

As a United Nations agency working in more than 150 countries and with a global network of country and regional offices, UNFPA is well-positioned to locate where the best technical knowledge exists and to broker national agencies and other stakeholders that are willing and ready to share with and learn from each other. The agency's close collaboration with UNOSSC will ensure that the United Nations' role as a convener of expertise is exercised in the most effective and efficient manner, aligned with the best practices in the United Nations system. This collaboration ensures

that Member States are given the best possible strategic advice on South-South and triangular cooperation at the policy, programmatic and technical levels.

This joint publication serves as an illustration of successful South-South and triangular practices not only across thematic areas, but also through the wide range of means and arrangements that is the hallmark of these cooperation modalities. It clearly identifies success factors that drive partnerships while also identifying lessons learned that may be useful for effective replication.

While this is only a sampling of UNFPA's South-South and triangular activities, we hope that this will motivate interested parties to seek potential partners and inspire more exchanges of successful solutions. In the lead up to the Second High-Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation in March 2019 to mark the 40th anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA+40), we hope that this publication contributes to the discussions around a common understanding of the type of South-South and triangular partnerships that work, in what conditions and contexts, their drivers, and the challenges that remain as we work to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.



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