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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACWF	All China Women's Federation
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
ASRH	Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health
CFPA	China Family Planning Association
CMCHA	China Maternal and Child Health Association
CNCA	China National Committee on Ageing
CPDRC	China Population and Development Research Center
CYN	China Youth Network
CSE	Comprehensive Sexuality Education
GBSS	Gender-biased Sex Selection
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
IEC	Information Education and Communication
IUD	Intrauterine Device
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MH	Maternal and Child Health
MISP	Minimum Initial Service Package
MMR	Maternal Mortality Ratio
MOFCOM	Ministry of Commerce
NBS	National Bureau of Statistics
NCAIDS	National Centre for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention, China CDC
NCWCH	National Centre for Women and Children's Health, China CDC
NDRC	National Development and Reform Commission

NGO	Non-governmental Organization
NHC	National Health Commission
NHFPC	National Health and Family Planning Commission
NPFPC	National Population and Family Planning Commission
NWCCW	National Working Committee on Children and Women
OCNCA	Office of China National Committee on Ageing
PoA	Programme of Action
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SRB	Sex Ratio at Birth
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
SSC	South-South Cooperation
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infections
UNTG	United Nations Theme Group

ABOUT UNFPA IN CHINA

UNFPA – the United Nations Population Fund – is the UN’s sexual and reproductive health agency. In China and globally, it works to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person’s potential is fulfilled. Since its inception in 1969, UNFPA has led the effort to help women in developing countries overcome socio-economic and cultural barriers to their reproductive rights and choices.

UNFPA’s mission was reinvigorated by the Programme of Action that came out of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo. This landmark event marked a paradigm shift away from population programmes that are mainly about achieving demographic targets and toward programmes where reproductive rights, gender equality, and economic development are mutually reinforcing and interdependent. The Programme of Action agreed upon by the 179 governments – including China’s – at ICPD reinforced the right of individuals and couples to decide freely and responsibly about the number and spacing of their children and underscored how exercising this right can help countries realize their development potential. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development reinforces these principles with the aim to achieve universal sexual and reproductive health and rights by 2030.

During the past forty years, UNFPA has helped strengthen China’s capacity to conduct population censuses and demographic analyses, to make the most of quality data for policy planning, and, crucially, has consistently championed sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights for all.

In the early years, UNFPA focused on boosting China’s capacity to collect and use population data and supporting the manufacture of safe and modern contraceptives. As China rapidly developed, UNFPA’s role has expanded to support the Government and national institutions to address challenges around an ageing population, urbanization, gender-based violence, and young people’s sexual and reproductive health and rights.

The Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China is the coordinating agency for UNFPA's work in China. For programme and advocacy work, UNFPA works with a range of ministries and government institutions, including the National Health Commission, National Development and Reform Commission, All-China Women's Federation, National Bureau of Statistics, and China National Committee on Ageing.

UNFPA also works with other national and international partners to advance shared concerns in population and development, reproductive health and rights, and gender equality – focusing on the most vulnerable, and aspiring to fulfill the vision of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of leaving no one behind.

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