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# Foreword

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The goals of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) are reinforced by the agreements of other global United Nations conferences of the 1990s and, most recently, by the Millennium Development Declaration adopted by all 189 Member States at the Millennium Summit in September 2000. Indeed, the ICPD goals are essential for meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The ICPD challenge cannot be met without the willingness of all stakeholders - Governments, local communities, the non-governmental sector, the international community and all concerned organizations and individuals - to turn the Cairo recommendations into action. And this cannot be done without additional and sustained resources.

The ICPD Programme of Action estimated that in the developing countries and countries with economies in transition, the implementation of programmes in the area of reproductive health, including those related to family planning, maternal health and the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, as well as programmes that address the collection and analysis of population data, would cost \$17 billion by the year 2000. Approximately two thirds of the projected costs was expected to come from developing countries and one third, or \$5.7 billion, from the international donor community.

The present report shows that both population assistance and domestic spending for population not only did not reach the ICPD financial goals but decreased since 2000. Indeed, both donors and developing countries are far from reaching the targets: the international community did not mobilize the required \$5.7 billion for population assistance in developing countries, and developing countries did not meet the required \$11.3 billion in domestic funding for their population programmes. International assistance for population activities is only 44 per cent of the Cairo target. While credit is due to developing countries that, as a group, met a large part of their commitment, it should be pointed out that most developing countries are not able to mobilize sufficient domestic resources to implement their population programmes and are dependent upon international assistance.

Much remains to be done to achieve the ICPD goals and the MDGs, but we do not have enough resources to do it. The HIV/AIDS crisis is far worse than expected and infant, child and maternal mortality are still high in many countries. We cannot ignore these issues.

Higher levels of development assistance, including a commitment by donor countries to implement the target of providing official development assistance (ODA) equal to 0.7 per cent of their gross national product (GNP), and to allocate an increasing level of ODA to population and reproductive health, are essential to eliminate poverty, improve social conditions, raise living standards and protect our environment. Financing for development is more than just a mere phrase. It is an imperative. The Monterrey Consensus stated that achieving the internationally agreed goals demands a new partnership between developed and developing countries and that a substantial increase in ODA and other resources is required if developing countries are to achieve the goals.

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