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Awareness Level About Reproductive Health Rights In Pakistan

Lahore: Sixty Two (62) percent girls and sixty seven (67) percent boys in Islamabad have heard about their reproductive health rights, as compared to only 39% girls and 50% boys in Lahore and 53% girls and 48% boys in Karachi. Knowledge about contraceptive practices, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), emotional aspects of growing up, gender based violence is low.

Lifeline, a Lahore based NGO, conducted a baseline study. The objective of the study was to “gauge and assess the level of understanding of different key stakeholder”.--

Source: www.dailytimes.com.pk

To Save Woman And New Born In Pakistan Needs Political Will

Pathfinders International, Pakistan organized a seminar on “Spacing for transition” agreed that a strong political commitment is the first step towards family planning. They were highlighting the issues raised at the London Summit on Family Planning. They suggested reaching out to various population groups especially the youth to make sure that attention is paid to their reproductive health needs.--Source: *The Express Tribune, PK*

Population Council Pakistan Initiate To Generate Political Will

The Population Council in Pakistan with UNFPA has kicked out a project aimed at generating political will and commitment within the incumbent and future governments to ensure universal coverage of family planning service in Pakistan.

The project known as “Socho, Badlo, Amal Karo” (Think, Change and Follow) aim to discuss population issues with political leaders and their parties so that they could include it in their manifestos in the upcoming elections. It also will use mass media and social media to promote awareness and deepen understanding of linkages of population issues

with family well-being, poverty, health, education and economic betterment. It is to be noted that Pakistan dissolve Ministry of Population Welfare in 2010.--Source: *The Express Tribune, PK*

India in Dire Need of Family Planning To Avert Rural Poverty: Global Times of China

The Global Times of China while reporting on NPC & CPPCC Sessions 2013 had an article on China's new Health & Family Planning Commissions followed with an article on "India in Dire Need of Family Planning to Avert Rural Poverty". Over 70% of the population are still rural. Many are many illiterate and cannot grasp the national need of Family Planning. The measures instituted by the government are half-hearted and corruption is rampant. Only about 10% of funds actually reached the needy. In India, the population of the poor is rising because they have more than 4 children while the rich are content with one or two. Hopefully India will learn from China before its too late. Wrote, An Indian Business woman in China, Vandana Aggarwal.--Source: *Global Times, China*

Improve Your Policy Advocacy Skills

Policy Advocacy is one of the most effective ways to achieve public health goals by ensuring that necessary resource, policies, a political will are available to support, scale up, and sustain global health programs. PATH has put together a facilitator's guide tool -- Policy Advocacy for health: A workshop on policy advocacy strategy development -- which provides skills and information for experience trainer and advocate to lead a three-day workshop. The goal is to increase the understanding and skills among participants to plan, facilitate and implement policy advocacy strategies to improve health.--Source: *PATH and Women Deliver*

Woman And Leadership Symposium

VADODARA (India), the Woman Studies Research Center (WSRC) of MS University along with federation of Gujarat Industries is working on a project to promote woman leadership. A symposium is being organized jointly on woman and leadership on March 23rd. The objective of the symposium is to bring together distinguished women leaders from different sectors to share their inspiring success stories, challenges they overcame carving a niche and style of leadership. The event will feature women leaders, achievers as well as to endorse academia-industry partnership.

New Cultural Leadership And Innovation By British Council

The British Council has announced its upcoming Cultural Leader and Innovation scheme bringing together artists, policy makers, and creative enterprise forum across the Middle East and North Africa in partnership with Ford Foundation it is committed to engaging

emerging talent and established cultural leaders with policy makers in a part of a world teeming with artistic enterprises. The scheme aims to create a network of passionate cultural ambassadors who can share their individual experience to establish a forum for contemporary arts.—*Source: British Council*

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