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

Yogyakarta, Indonesia
13 - 18 April 2020
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 counseling for in and out-of-school youth and soon-to-marry couples.

The South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) training session first started in 2013 and have since conducted annually.

In 2020, BKKBN-Center for 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/programme 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 22 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 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 SSTC training course will be held on 13-18 April 2020 (excluding travel time) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Training Language

The course will be conducted in English with French and Arabic interpretation. Other than the above languages, participants should make their own arrangements for an interpreter service.

Free Accommodation, Meals, and No Tuition Fees

The government of Indonesia is providing scholarships for a maximum of 22 participants from other developing countries. The scholarships will cover tuition fees, accommodation and meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) during the training course and airport transfer in Yogyakarta. The sending organization, however, needs to cover air-transportation costs from their country to Yogyakarta, and include a partial daily substance allowance (incidental expenses) for their selected participants.
To apply for the training course, visit the following website:

indonesia.unfpa.org

E-mail the completed application form to:

ssc.mrl.indonesia@gmail.com

Applications should be submitted no later than:

5 March 2020
(Please send this application form in English to ssc.mrl.indonesia@gmail.com by 5 March 2020)

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3. Medical Report (to be completed by an authorized physician)

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Is the person examined at present in good health?

Is the person examined physically and mentally able to carry out intensive training away from home?

Is the person free of infectious diseases (tuberculosis, trachoma, skin diseases etc.)?

Does the person examined have any condition or defect (including teeth) which might require treatment during the course?
I certify that the applicant is medically fit to undertake a course in Indonesia.

Name of Physician : ____________________________________________

Address of Clinic : ____________________________________________

Telephone : ____________________________________________

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Signature of Physician : ____________________________ Seal of Clinic:

If you are accepted:
1. Government of Indonesia will provide free hotel accommodation, meals for the duration of the training, secretariat services and airport transfers in Yogyakarta;
2. Sending organization should pay the roundtrip tickets from your country to Yogyakarta, Indonesia and partial DSA (incidental expenses), if you are selected to participate.

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Signature of the applicant