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New UK Parliamentary Hearings:

Population Dynamics in the Post-2015 World

The UK All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Population, Development and Reproductive Health invites short written submissions from interested organisations and individuals, on population dynamics in the post-2015 development agenda.

World leaders are likely to adopt a 'sustainable development' agenda in New York in September 2015. The resulting goals, targets and indicators will be widely used to guide funding and programmes for global sustainable development.

Population dynamics will have a major impact on the achievement of socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable economic development, and the promotion of family planning (FP) and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) will be key. FP/SRHR was omitted from the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) in 2000 and only in 2007 was it partially incorporated as target 5B under MDG5. This omission should not be repeated in the post-2015 framework and there is limited time left to ensure the inclusion of FP/SRHR.

Parliamentarians and governments need supporting evidence if they are to advocate for FP/SRHR in negotiations for the post-2015 agenda.

The UK APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health is particularly interested in submissions on the interplay between population dynamics and –

- urbanisation,
- climate change,
- migration and
- conflict

Relevant case studies focusing on specific communities, policies and interventions are particularly welcome.

Written evidence should be submitted by email to kjaerbym@parliament.uk and should be **no longer than 3,000 words**. Submissions should contain the name, organisation and contact details of the submitting person(s)/organisation including e-mail address. Please note that written evidence may be posted on the group's website following the hearings and select organisations/individuals will be asked to give oral evidence in March 2015.

Deadline for written submissions: Friday 16th January 2015