

Dear Members of the Executive Committee of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition,

Every year, millions of women die in childbirth and from pregnancy-related causes. While excellent progress has been made in reducing maternal mortality rates in some countries, more remains to be done to achieve the targets set out in the Millennium Development Goals. Reproductive health supplies, including family planning, are essential to achieving these Goals. However, more than 215 million women in the developing world who wish to protect themselves from unintended pregnancy are not using modern contraception. With the announcement of the Secretary General's Global Strategy for Women and Children's Health, we see unprecedented momentum in the global development community to improve women's health.

The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) has been an active member of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition since 2001. We fully support the HANDtoHAND Campaign to galvanize our community's contribution to the Secretary General's Global Strategy and endorse the Coalition's ambitious new goal of achieving 100 million new users of contraception in low-income countries by 2015. Success at meeting this challenge will address the family planning needs of 80% of women in the developing world, and reduce by 110,000 the number of women who die giving birth.

To demonstrate our support to the HANDtoHAND Campaign, we in International Planned Parenthood Federation are proud to commit ourselves to the following:

IPPF will strive to contribute to meeting the needs of the 215 million women with unmet need for contraception by increasing the number of new users of IPPF contraceptive services by at least 50% by 2015, and at least doubling the number of unintended pregnancies averted.

IPPF pledges to build on many years of successful national, regional and global advocacy to support policy and legislation changes which ensure universal access to SRHR, and support the universal right to the highest attainable standard of health, and the advancement of women and girls. We will continue to monitor commitments made to women's and children's health, the SRHR of young people, and HIV prevention, treatment and care. We will hold stakeholders accountable to their national, regional and global commitments, including those made at the International Conference on Population and Development, Beijing and the 2005 and 2010 High Level meetings to review the MDGs.



IPPF commits to scaling up its HIV related services, with the aim of providing integrated SRH/HIV services to at least 10 million people by 2015.

IPPF will provide comprehensive and integrated, rights-based SRH services, including family planning, antenatal, postnatal and newborn care, comprehensive abortion care (where legal) and post-abortion care (in all settings), and those related to sexually transmitted infections, HIV, gender-based violence, and reproductive cancers.

We see the successful achievement of our commitment as having a significant impact on the lives and well being of women and families across the developing world. By 2015 we aim to deliver 80% of our services to the poorest, most marginalized and under served. By scaling up our SRH and contraceptive services we will increase the couple years protection of our services, and reduce the number of unintended pregnancies significantly.

We applaud the Coalition for the HANDtoHAND Campaign and its effort to rally the family planning community in support of the Secretary General's Global Strategy, and we look forward to working with our Coalition partners in bringing family planning to 100 million new users by 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gill Greer". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a solid horizontal line that serves as a separator.

Dr Gill Greer
Director-General