

Dear SPRINT trainees,

We hope this message finds you well. Below is the second SPRINT e-update. Please take a second to see what exciting events are occurring in the SRH world!

Echo Training Update

We are happy to report that the first echo training in the Pacific was held in the Solomon Islands from 25-27 May 2009. Congratulations to the Solomon Island's Country Team for hosting such an outstanding event. During the course of the training, 35 participants were trained in the MISp.

Congratulations also to the Country Team in Mongolia for a hosting a successful echo training this June!

We are looking forward to seeing more echo trainings throughout the region in the near future and are happy to support the process. Please contact Amy Collins (ACollins@ippfeseaor.org) or Sarah Chynoweth (SChynoweth@ippfeseaor.org) for any assistance in planning your country's training.

Registration Now Open!: 5th APCRSHR **17 - 20 October 2009; Beijing, China**

Registration is now open for the 5th Asia and Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (APCRSHR) in Beijing, China 17-20 October 2009. The Conference aims to provide a common platform for stakeholders to share experiences and develop strategies in advancing the reproductive health fields in Asian and Pacific countries, to attain greater attention from the international community for reproductive health issues, and to facilitate the attainment of MDGs in the Asian and Pacific Region. If you plan to attend, please register at <http://www.5apcrshr.org/en/zhuce.html>

The conference will consist of symposia, panels, poster display sessions and capacity building workshops. We would like to encourage all of you to attend and submit an abstract to participate in relevant tracks. After completing the online registration, abstracts can also be submitted online. These should be not exceed 300 words and should be written in English. The deadline for submission is *30 June 2009*. If you would like assistance in developing your abstract, please contact the SPRINT Secretariat at: ACollins@ippfeseaor.org

The cost of registration before 31 August 2009 is US\$300 (Delegate) or US\$150 (Accompanying person/student/other). After 1 September 2009 it is US\$350 (Delegate) or US\$200 (Accompanying person/student/other).

The APCRSHR may provide partial or full scholarships to people whose abstracts are accepted. The SPRINT Secretariat can also support a limited number of scholarships for this event. Individuals are eligible for a SPRINT scholarship if they successfully submit an abstract on good practices or lessons learned on the following three topics:

1. Conducting echo trainings on the MISp
2. Advocating to integrate SRH into national emergency response plans
3. Coordinating the implementation of MISp in a crisis or protracted setting

You can find more information on the conference at: www.5apcrshr.org
<<http://www.5apcrshr.org/>>

Save the Date: SPRINT Annual Review Meeting

21 - 22 October 2009; Beijing, China

IPPF and the SPRINT Secretariat welcome you to participate in its Annual Review Meeting to share your expertise and insights!

The first SPRINT Annual Review Meeting will be held immediately following the 5th APCRSR conference in Beijing, China from 21-22 October 2009. The meeting will bring together a wide range of stakeholders, including international humanitarian actors, donors, government representatives, sexual and reproductive health experts and various country teams trained by SPRINT. The objective of the meeting is to review the SPRINT Initiatives' activities over the past 18 months in order to:

- 1) identify good practices in coordinating the implementation of the MISP;
- 2) identify cross-cutting challenges in coordinating the implementation of the MISP and problem-solve ways to address them;
- 3) brainstorm next steps to systemically scale up the MISP in the region.

The findings and solutions will feed into the broader discussion of institutionalizing the MISP into all levels of humanitarian response globally.

Some scholarships are available for SPRINT trainees. Preference will be given to people who successfully submit an abstract to the APCRSR.

Further information, including scholarship criteria and a draft agenda will be distributed in July. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sarah Chynoweth at: SChynoweth@ippfeseaor.org

International Seminar Support Scheme

The International Seminars Support Scheme (ISSS), administered by AusAID, funds attendance at international development-oriented seminars in Australia and overseas. The scheme helps to develop knowledge and technical expertise in developing countries, and builds linkages between the government, academic and community sectors in Australia and in partner developing countries. Only the seminar organizer can apply for support from the ISSS however the SPRINT Secretariat may be able to build a strong case for support of a number trainee participation in the APCRSR and Annual Review Meeting. The funds under ISSS are limited and competition for them is strong. Please notify the SPRINT Secretariat by 30 July 2009 if you like to pursue this opportunity.

You can find more information at: http://www.usaid.gov.au/business/other_opps/issc.cfm

Regional SPRINT Network

An online network has been established for SPRINT trainees and other interested stakeholders. This network presents a great opportunity to share your experiences, challenges, good practices and to communicate with each other on any subject relating to SPRINT, national advocacy on SRH or the implementation of MISP.

After registering for the network, you will only have to send an email to sprint@my.ibpnetwork.org and it will reach everyone that has joined this community. As well as sharing your own knowledge, we hope that here you will be able to access a range of people working on the same issues that can draw on their experience to answer your queries. Relevant articles and other

documents can be posted on the site as well.

To register go to: <http://my.ibpinitiative.org/public/iawg>, click on 'register' in the top left-hand corner and enter your details. Your request will be sent to the Inter-agency Working Group on RH in Crises (IAWG) for approval. After approval, go into the IAWG site and register for the SPRINT Asia Pacific sub-working group. (For more information on IAWG, see www.iawg.net)

In the future, SPRINT will send its e-updates and other information through the network, so we encourage you to register. If you need assistance, please contact Amy Collins at: ACollins@ippfeseaor.org.

MISP Site Implementation

DPRK

The SPRINT Initiative, in collaboration with UNFPA, is supporting a new project by the Korean Family Planning & Maternal and Child Health Association (KFP & MCHA) to expand and improve the quality of SRH services in DPRK (North Korea). This project will target the remote border area of North Phyongan Province which is plagued by chronic floods displacing thousands every year. The KFP & MCHA project is unique as it will use the MISP as the basis for programming and then build upon these priority activities to provide comprehensive SRH services. KFP & MCHA will establish a new clinic and mobile outreach service team for the provision of SRH to the population of North Phyongan Province. The project will also strengthen the capacity of service providers through training on SRH services including the MISP. In conjunction with these activities, an awareness raising campaign throughout the target area will increase the population's knowledge of SRH and provide practical information on where and how to access these services.

The Philippines

SPRINT will also be supporting the implementation of the MISP in the Philippines in response to the recent displacement in Maguindanao Province. The Family Planning Organization of the Philippines (FPOP) will be supporting eight Rural Health Units by augmenting medical staff, equipment and supplies needed for SRH care. FPOP will employ an SRH coordinator to lead the effort to address SRH and will ensure the timely implementation of the MISP for an estimated 140,000 beneficiaries.

Resources

The SPRINT Facilitator's Manual (as well as the accompanying PowerPoint presentations) is now available in English, French and Bahasa Indonesian. Documents are available for download at: <http://www.ippfeseaor.org/en/Resources/Publications/SPRINTFacilitatorsManual.htm>

SPRINT Secretariat

Toan is soon SPRINTing over to UNFPA! As one of the creative minds behind SPRINT, Toan will still be very much involved in the Initiative. He will be working with Wilma at the Humanitarian Response Branch of UNFPA in Geneva to scale up SPRINT activities on a global level. Don't worry - his smiling face will still be present as we continue to move forward the integration and implementation of the MISP in our region.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work in increasing awareness and improving the quality of SRH in each of your respective countries. Best wishes and keep up the good work!

SPRINT Staffing

The Secretariat welcomes Ms. Maureen Murphy to the SPRINT team. Maureen comes to us from Columbia University in New York City and will be interning with the Initiative through August.

The SPRINT Secretariat

Toan, Sarah and Amy

SPRINT Initiative

IPPF ESEAOR

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

tel: +60 3 4256 6122