

**MAURITANIA'S DECLARATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAMILY PLANNING
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Mauritania is strongly committed to achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. This commitment falls within the framework of the government's priorities, as defined in the Strategic Framework for the Fight against Poverty (SFFP III), the National Health Sector Development Program (NHSDP) and the Presidential Initiative for the Fight against Maternal Mortality.

Enhancing the supply of services and Family Planning indicators reflects a strategic choice by the government, to better position family planning and act on recommendations from the different conferences on "Population, Family Planning and Development" in Ouagadougou, as well as the Conference on Civil Society Engagement in Family Planning, which took place in Sally, Senegal in September 2011.

The government has shown its political commitment by putting in place a unit to accelerate achievement of the health MDGs (MDGs 4, 5 and 6), by advocating the mobilization of resources for maternal, newborn and child health, and by working to reduce the total fertility rate (TFR) from 4.7 to 4.2 children per women by 2015.

Building on its political commitment, in 2013, Mauritania developed a national action plan for accelerating progress on family planning for the 2014-2018 period, through a participatory and inclusive process. The plan lays out the government's priorities in this area and creates a framework for partnership and resource mobilization.

This plan clearly illustrates the government's ambition to increase the Contraceptive Prevalence Rate from 11% to 18.5% by 2018.

A national strategy for health commodity security was approved in 2009 and has since been in effect, meaning that there is no legal barrier to accessing family planning products and services.

Financially, the government has committed to allocating health commodity security funds for family planning, starting in 2014. It has also committed, along with its partners, to mobilizing additional resources for the implementation of the national action plan to accelerate progress on family planning.

From a programmatic perspective, the national action plan features an operational plan, with implementation detailed at the departmental ("Moughataa") level. The plan thus gives a clear vision of key interventions and structural problems the country aims to resolve.

Committed to accelerating progress on family planning, Mauritania invites its partners and donors to help it achieve the objectives of its national action plan; reaffirms its membership in the Ouagadougou Partnership, since February 2011; affirms its commitment to the principles and objectives of Family Planning 2020; and will work to mobilize the resources necessary to meet these objectives.