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Introduction

The current phase of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (EKN) programme is designed to run from 2021 to 2026 based on a revised framework developed for this period with multi-annual objectives that seek to protect, promote and fulfil universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), including HIV/AIDS (Results Frame).

The EKN has supported various development programmes in Eswatini, focusing on health issues and socio-economic challenges. These initiatives are implemented by a consortium of agencies, including the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and Ready+ (CANGO).

From May 15 to 17, 2024, Mr. João Chongo, the EKN Policy Officer for Regional (Southern Africa) SRHR & HIV/AIDS Programme, and representatives from the regional offices of the participating UN agencies embarked to a field mission to visit the projects. The mission included a courtesy call on the United Nations Eswatini Resident Coordinator, **George Wachira** and a meet and greet with the Minister of Health **Honourable Mduduzi Matsebula** at the commemoration of the International Day of the Midwife themed "*Midwives: a vital Climate Solution*".

The delegation visited SRH/HIV Knows No Borders in Maphiveni where they were joined by the **Deputy Prime Minister Honourable Thulisile Dladla**, READY+ Programme at the Mafutseni Nazarene Clinic, SRHR in entrepreneurship initiative – Junior Achievement in Manzini, Teen Mom’s initiative – Sivusative Nengcebo at the Luyengo campus of the University of Eswatini, Health Plus 4 Men with Rock of Hope in Mbabane, Commission on Human Rights & Public Administration in Mbabane and the Ministry of Education guidance and counselling technical team responsible for drafting the life skills education instructional materials for secondary schools.

Objectives

- Building relationships
- Feedback and evaluation
- Transparency, credibility and accountability
- New funding opportunities
- Project monitoring
- Storytelling and advocacy
- Donor engagement
- Networking opportunities



The Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Thulisile Dladla poses with Mr. João Chongo, UN delegates, government officials and Maphiveni Primary School pupils at the school.



The Minister of Health Hon. Mduduzi Matsebula welcomes Mr. João Chongo at the Day of the Midwife commemoration.



The Ministry of Home Affairs handled civil registration at Maphiveni Primary School during the joint mission.

1 SRHR-HIV Knows No Borders II



[LEFT] The DPM Hon. Thuli Dladla admires some of the produce by the Change Agents during her tour of the stalls alongside EKN representative João Chongo. [RIGHT] Vuvulane Clinic stall where locals received clinical services during the visit.

Focus area

Lubombo region, covering seven tinkhundla (constituencies) - Mhlume, Lomahasha, Lugongolweni, Matsanjeni North, Nkilongo, Lubulini, and Somntongo and four targeted migration border areas (Lomahasha-Namaacha, Mhlumeni-Goba, Mananga-border, and Lavumisa-Golela).

Aim

The project aims to improve Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) outcomes and quality of life among young vulnerable people (YVP) aged 10-29 years, including migrants and sex workers in Southern Africa.

Project Update

- Since 2021, IOM and Save The Children International have been implementing phase II of the SRHR-HIV Knows No Borders Programme. The project has **reached 31 555 people** of which **16 135** are **migrants, 14 047 sex workers** and **1363 young vulnerable people** in Eswatini.
- Through the work of the **86 change agents**, the need for a primary school and support for high school dropouts was identified in Maphiveni upon discovering that over 100 children of school-going age were not in school.
- Some challenges raised by parents, mainly migrants, was the lack of transport money to the nearest schools located at least 10km from the area as well as unregistered births of these children.
- This awareness led to collaborative efforts between the Deputy Prime Minister's (DPM) Office, the Ministry of Home Affairs and Lubombo Regional Administrator's (RA) Office, who ensured that the pupils acquire personal identification numbers (PIN).
- The parents are seasonal workers who could not afford the E10 about USD0.55 daily bus fare. The United Nations Population Fund International (UNFPA) is paying school fees and bus fares for the high school dropouts while the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) sponsored them with shoes and school bags.
- During the field visit, beneficiaries and Change Agents from the KNB Project who had completed vocational skills training through the programme shared their small businesses while government departments such as the Ministry of Home affairs and Ministry of Health were also present to share their collaborative activities and to provide services such as documentation services at the site.

"Let's leverage our partners' strengths and build upon existing expertise, rather than starting from scratch,"
- Dr. Tasanya Chinsamy (IOM).



"Despite the Deputy Prime Minister's numerous responsibilities, she successfully rallied partners to build a school in just two months,"
- EKN representative João Chongo.



Highlights from the Maphiveni Primary School visit



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The **Deputy Prime Minister, Honourable Thulisile Dladla** expressed her gratitude for the overwhelming support received towards the establishment of the school.

"This collaboration is beyond one's comprehension. The stalls try to address the gaps in outreach programmes and we appreciate as government. This school will expand, the Regional Education Officer (REO) will ensure that it goes up to Form 5," she said. Hon. Dladla added that the country's system of education is a major culprit as studies show that of the 6000 who start preschool, only 2000 make it to Grade 7. *"It's such ills that we're trying to address"*.

"This project shows everyone that it's possible to reduce the prevalence of HIV. Our support is nothing compared to the groups on the ground,"
- **João Chongo (EKN)**



"Chiefs should make it easy for children to be documented. Stop asking them for stamp money,"
Trusty Gina (Programme Ambassador).



Parents speak

"This school has made my life so much easier. My daughter eats a healthy meal in school, I have no stress at all,"
Sibongile Nkambule (43)

"Now I can even save some money in women societies because UNFPA assists with transport for my two children who are in high school,"
Futhi Ncongwane (48)

"We do odd jobs as they come, like seasonal sugar cane harvesting, which is not sustainable if you have school transport responsibilities. So now, I'm always happy even when jobs are dry,"
Philile Dlamini (46) – grand parent.

"I am a BA Primary Education graduate, specializing in Language Arts but I haven't been lucky with finding a job so learning how to bake has kept me afloat as I now run my own baking business and I'm so grateful to this project for the skills training. I'm now conversant on climate change issues and also impart this knowledge to our beneficiaries,"
Ayanda Ntuli (32) – Change Agent.





Following the successful implementation of the READY+ between 2017 – 2020 in the three Regions (Hhohho, Manzini & Lubombo) in Eswatini, the Coordinating Assembly of NGOs (CANGO) was awarded by Frontline AIDS through EKN to implement the READY+ II (2021-2026) to continue to focus on building on momentum gained in the first phase of the READY + project.

CANGO is the lead and provide oversight in project implementation and the project is being implemented through Nazarene Compassionate Ministry Eswatini (NCM-E) and Swaziland Network of Young Positives (SNYP+). The READY+ II targets A&YPLHIV, especially those who are most vulnerable, ensuring they are resilient, empowered, and knowledgeable, have bodily autonomy and the freedom and agency to realise their SRHR. The project is implemented through Community Adolescent Treatment Supporters (CATS), a model adopted from Zvandiri in Zimbabwe amongst consortium partners. The project targets AYPLHIV from 10 -29 years and has upscaled from three regions to four regions (Hhohho, Manzini, Lubombo and Shiselweni).

Mafutseni Nazarene Clinic

The delegation was received by Nomahlubi Mhlongo, the Nurse Manager who shared that the clinic is servicing 18 communities in Mafutseni and the CATS provide treatment support to their peers at the clinic and within the communities. They focus on adherence to antiretroviral treatment, SRHR and provide mental health support as well. The CATS appreciate being part of the programme as it exposes them to opportunities to better themselves.

Challenges

- Distance to the facility as clients sometimes have to walk for an hour.
- Last year the clinic had a stock out of family planning commodities for six months resulting in an escalation in teenage pregnancies even among the teen club.
- Nurses sometimes have to use their own transport to ensure that they conduct home visits.

"Living Positively: *Sibongile's Journey with HIV"

"I've been living with HIV for 18 years, since I was just two years old. My parents told me about my status when I was 10, and it changed everything. Today, I'm 20 and proud to be one of four Community Adolescent Treatment Supporters (CATS) at RFM Hospital in Manzini.

As a young person living with HIV, I understand the challenges first hand. But through this project, I've found support and purpose. I help others like me with adherence and more, and it's incredibly fulfilling. My dream is to finish high school and become a qualified counsellor - I love helping others and can't imagine a more rewarding career. The project is making this possible, and I'm forever grateful."

***Not her real name**

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The Safeguard Young People Programme (SYP)



SYP has been implemented by UNFPA ESARO since 2013 with the aim to empower adolescents and young people aged 10-24 to protect themselves from sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV, early and unintended pregnancies, unsafe abortions, early marriages, harmful cultural practices, and gender-based violence.

The focus of the UNFPA field visit was on three EKN-funded projects: the integration of sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR) in entrepreneurship, implemented by Junior Achievement Eswatini, the "Live, Love and Laugh Again" initiative, implemented by Sivosative Nengcebo, which supports teen mothers' reintegration into the education system through resilience building; and the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) guidance and counselling technical team responsible for drafting the life skills education instructional materials for secondary schools.

Integrating sexual and reproductive health into economic empowerment initiatives - Junior Achievement Eswatini

Junior Achievement Eswatini (JAE) is an international non-governmental organization established in the country in 2009. Over the years, JAE has positioned itself as a pioneer in empowering young people to take control of their economic future through financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness. Junior Achievement addresses the pressing issue of youth unemployment in the country through its four main programmes targeting two groups of young people: in-school and out-of-school youth.

As an implementing partner for UNFPA, JAE is implementing activities aimed at empowering youth participants with practical business and entrepreneurial skills to start or scale up businesses at the community level. This includes incorporating Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and teenage pregnancy into their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Key interventions include:

- Training youth on SRH, teenage pregnancy, and incorporating it into their businesses' CSR.
- Mentoring youth entrepreneurs on selling their businesses, contract management, investment management, pitching, and CSR on SRH/teenage pregnancy.

The project covers the entire nation, aiming to make a significant impact on the lives of young people across Eswatini.

Phetsile Masilela, Executive Director of Junior Achievement Eswatini (JAE),

reported that 60 young people from four constituencies have benefited from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (EKN) funding. Each of their businesses incorporates a Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) component as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), regardless of whether they are in or out of school.

The young entrepreneurs receive SRHR training, integrating entrepreneurship to address the economic gap and high poverty index.

Eswatini faces a significant youth unemployment rate of 58 percent, and Masilela emphasized that the EKN funding enables continued support for these young individuals.

The JAE 9-month business ideation programme is followed by two years of monitoring, offering market linkages and connections to financiers.



A notable success story from the programme is **Skye M (PTY) LTD**, an organic cosmetics company owned by **27-year-old Samkelisiwe Matsebula**. Trained by JAE in 2023, Matsebula received E10,000 (USD 550) in seed capital from UNFPA to launch her operation. Her company now boasts 10 local distributors and has expanded to South Africa and Namibia. With seven products catering to all skin types, manufactured locally at Caritas Catholic Centre in Manzini, Matsebula aims to establish her business as a household name. She proudly supports 10 families and is thrilled with her achievements so far.

Teen Mom Initiative - Sivusative Nengcebo



Sivusative Nengcebo with the joint mission delegates at the University of Eswatini Luyengo campus.

Sivusative Nengcebo, a faith-based non-governmental organization based in Mbabane, was registered in 2011. Its mission is to restore and create a strong human identity, which is crucial for the balanced development of individuals, families, and communities. This identity informs decision-making, understanding, and asserting one's rights. The organization believes that a strong human identity is a precursor to a strong and stable nation, particularly in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

The programming model is centred around a comprehensive 7-pronged development approach, addressing physical, emotional, cognitive, entrepreneurial, educational, Gender-Based Violence, and spiritual aspects. Currently operating in three regions: Manzini (Malkerns and Mankayane), Hhohho (Motshane and Mpolonjeni), and Shiselweni (Mtsambama), reaching approximately 250 young mothers.

Key interventions include:

- Resilience building for teen moms through the implementation of the EUP policy
- Reintegrating teen moms and young women into school through resilience building

By addressing these critical areas, the organization aims to **empower individuals, families, and communities** to build a stronger, healthier, and more stable nation.
Project update

According to **Futhi Khumalo, the Executive Director of Sivusative Nengcebo**, the organization has supported a remarkable transformation in the lives of young mothers. Notably, the youngest teen mom they assisted was just 12 years old, who had been **gang-raped at the tender age of 11**. Thanks to funding from the EKN, this young girl was able to **reintegrate into school**, alongside 39 other teen moms.

Furthermore, the organization has empowered 210 additional girls with skills and entrepreneurship training, enabling them to generate their own income and regain control over their lives. This comprehensive support has been instrumental in helping these young women rebuild their futures and break free from the cycles of trauma and poverty.



Challenges

- Limited access to a safe house for teen moms who have been forced to leave their homes, leaving them without a secure and supportive environment.
- Insufficient capacity to provide care for the babies of teen moms who lack support at home, making it difficult for them to balance parenting and personal development.
- Inability to continue supporting teen moms beyond the age of 24, despite recognizing that they face new challenges in tertiary education and beyond, such as navigating independence and adulthood.

These challenges highlight the need for additional resources and support to ensure the organization can effectively address the complex needs of teen moms and young women.

***Sindi Goje (21) Empowered to Thrive: My Journey of Self-Discovery**

"I became pregnant at 18, just after completing my Form 3 exams. I had to drop out of school to care for my baby and myself. My mom told me she couldn't afford to support us, and the father of my child denied paternity. Feeling lost and alone, a community health worker introduced me to the Sivusative Nengcebo EKN project. They offered me counselling, paid my school fees, provided a school uniform, and even covered exam fees. Through their SRHR training, I learned about the dangers of unprotected sex, STIs, and HIV. I also found a safe space to share my experiences of gender-based violence and sexual violence, which I had suffered at the hands of older men, including leaders in my community. Thanks to EKN, I've gained confidence in my future and found a supportive community where I can freely express myself. I'm encouraged to attend all the classes and courses offered, and I've discovered a voice, permission to be heard, and a will to live, love, and laugh again. EKN has given me a second chance, and I'm grateful for their support and empowerment."

***Lindiwe dreams of fighting for the rights of abused girls in future**

"I was forced to drop out of school in Form 2 due to pregnancy. My mother's in-laws kicked me out, claiming I brought shame to their home. I moved in with my maternal grandmother, who supported me during my pregnancy, but she couldn't afford to send me back to school due to financial constraints caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. I stayed at home for a year, feeling hopeless. Then, a community worker introduced me to EKN, and they offered me a scholarship. EKN paid my fees, bought me a school uniform, and restored my hope and dignity. I can now finish school and pursue my dream of becoming a lawyer, securing a better life for my baby and me start and a chance to fight for those who face similar challenges. EKN has also helped me obtain an identity card and a birth certificate for my baby, making it possible to send them to school. Thanks to EKN, teen moms like me are no longer left behind in the educational sector. I'm grateful for their support and empowerment, which has given me a new start."

***Not their real names**



"I am so grateful for what you have done for me and my grand daughter. I am a market vendor and I had lost all hope before she was introduced to this project because I can barely make ends meet with what I earn from the market. I now have my smile back and cannot wait to see how far she will go in life, now that she has been given a second chance. I cannot thank you enough EKN". -

Sivusative Nengcebo beneficiary parent

"I struggled to connect with the baby," *Sithembile Dlamini (22)

"At 17, I became pregnant by a 30-year-old man. Now, I'm in my second year of tertiary education, pursuing a Marketing Diploma. After giving birth, the father abandoned us, leaving me to care for our baby alone. I struggled with postpartum depression, feeling ashamed and lonely. I couldn't connect with my baby, and I felt lost and confused.

Just when I thought I couldn't go on, I discovered the EKN programme. They taught me about childbirth trauma and postpartum depression, and I met others who understood my struggles. I joined a supportive sisterhood of girls who encouraged me through tough times. I participated in mental health days with trained professionals, enjoying group and individual therapy sessions. We'd also play outdoor games, which helped me de-stress. The programme provided transport and lunch money, a huge help with no strings attached.

Thanks to EKN, I'm learning to navigate my emotions in a healthier way. I'm not yet my best self, but I see a future where I'm a happy, emotionally healthy mom to my daughter. Thank you, EKN, for believing in me when I had given up on myself. Your support means everything."

****Lungile Sithole (18) He demanded sex in exchange for child support!**

"At 16, I became pregnant in Form 3, and stress and depression consumed me. I lost all hope until EKN intervened, offering a lifeline out of the darkness. As a teen mom, juggling school, motherhood, and being a child myself is challenging, but EKN's support motivated me to persevere.

They gave me a second chance, paying my school fees, providing a uniform, and educating me on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR). EKN's love and support meant the world to me, especially when the father of my child became unsupportive and even abusive. He demanded unprotected sex and questioned my child's paternity when I refused.

*Thanks to EKN, I found the strength to stand up for myself and focus on my education. I now envision myself in that white coat, sitting in my office and referred to as *Dr. L. Sithole, a successful professional, and it's all thanks to EKN's unwavering support. I'm grateful for the practical assistance they provide, including transport fare, sanitary pads, and a stipend, which has freed me from relying on boyfriends for financial support. EKN has empowered me to take control of my life, and I'm forever grateful."*

***Not their real names**



A section of the joint mission delegates engage on the testimonies of the Sivusative Nengcebo beneficiaries.

Life Skills Education (LSE) - The Ministry of Education and Training (MOET)



1. The Director of Educational Testing, Guidance and Psychosocial Services, Lindiwe Dlamini and Mr. João Chongo from EKN share a light moment. 2. A section of the curriculum development team. 3. Mr. João Chongo with UNFPA Eswatini Head of Office, Margaret Thwala-Tembe and Programme Officer – Maternal Health/Family Planning, Thamary Silindza.

Mr. João Chongo, representing EKN, joined the Ministry of Education and Training's curriculum development team, who were developing life skills education materials for secondary schools at the George Hotel in Manzini.

The team is crafting a comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) programme, informed by local and international best practices. This initiative, **backed by SYP since 2013**, aims to equip young people with essential knowledge, attitudes, and skills to protect their health and dignity.

SYP believes that CSE contributes to fulfilling young people's right to **life-saving, age relevant and scientifically accurate information about their bodies**, healthy relationships, SRHR and life skills to plan for their future in a safe and supportive environment. **CSE empowers and equips young people** to safeguard their health and dignity, providing a crucial toolkit of knowledge, the development of health-promoting and gender-transformative attitudes and behaviours, and essential life skills that serve young people beyond their SRHR.

SYP continues to invest in the provision of universal access to CSE for young people in- and out-of-school through the formal education sector and community-based interventions to ensure that no one is left behind, given that about half of the region's young people are not attending school.

The **Director of Educational Testing, Guidance and Psychosocial Services Lindiwe Dlamini** shared that in 2013 there were no formal materials for LSE. "SYP made sure that the materials pass through the loops," she said. Dlamini took the donor through the processes they would take to achieve their goal, including field testing among learners and teachers. She said their plan is to complete and distribute materials to schools that are culturally sensitive and grades appropriate by 2025.

Chongo emphasized the vital role education plays in building a prosperous nation, urging the TWG to collaborate for success".

"We forget that SRHR without education is nothing," João Chongo told the group. He added that their task is not just limited to formal education but they need to make cultural and religious considerations as well.

"I learnt through the DPM that **Emaswati are very proud of who they are** so we need to ensure that they get information on their health," Chongo said.

In conclusion, Chongo noted that **education is essential for a prosperous nation** and urged the TWG to work together for success, which is a part of this great initiative.

"You hold the key for the bright future of our country and this nation".

With EKN's support, this initiative is poised to make a lasting impact on young lives.

4 WeBelongAfrica Project



The EKN is providing financial support of USD350,000, disbursed annually in instalments of USD100,000 per year. For the current year, USD150,000 is available.



Personnel of the HealthPlus 4 Men, a key population (KP) organization providing equitable access to health and SRH services for all KPs, especially young KPs since 2023.

Goal

Improve the quality of life for young vulnerable individuals, including their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and HIV outcomes, by 2026.

Vision

Ensure that state institutions in Eswatini are accountable and responsive to the needs and rights of young key populations, with a focus on the justice, gender, youth, and health sectors.

Project Update

- The drop-in centres in Mbabane and Manzini provide an enabling environment for KPs but the organization is in a position where it needs to scale up.
- The centre currently provides primary health care, STI and VIA cervical cancer screening, TB preventive therapy, HIV testing, ART and psychosocial support three times a week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday).
- They receive 20 patients per day through an online booking system.
- It has achieved a 95 percent viral load suppression rate.

Challenges

- Only **two linkage case managers** work in Manzini and Mbabane, handling large numbers of KPs.
- Small office.
- Only offer screening of cervical cancer.
- Need a **sustainability plan** to see services continue post donor funding.
- **Capacity building** for the team, most learn as they go, mainly through the Internet.
- Two clients **seroconverted** while on Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) due to stock outs, which interrupted their adherence.
- MoH needs to learn and assist on how best to provide **care to KPs**.
- There's a gap in addressing issues pertaining to **people using drugs**. Young talent is lost through recreational drugs.

UNDP is also **implementing a capacity-building initiative** with the Eswatini Commission on Human Rights & Public Administration to enhance their understanding of Key Population Issues. It aims to yield medium to long-term results. In the short term, the Commission has already been **empowered to better comprehend and address reports related to Key Populations**. Moving forward, UNDP plans to **harness the Commission's connections with various government structures** to integrate the **Leave No One Behind** Principle, promoting inclusive and equitable development.

Challenges

- Human resource gaps within the Commission
- Lack of enabling legislation to enforce compliance with constitutional provisions or address violations.
- The Commission can only offer recommendations for remedies or solutions to human rights violations, highlighting the need for further support and empowerment.

Conclusion



UN Resident Coordinator George Wachira poses with the joint mission delegates at the UN House in Mbabane after the debriefing.

Based on the testimonies shared during the joint mission, the key takeaways are:

Empowerment: Teen moms and young people living with HIV are empowered to take control of their lives, education, and health.

Education: Beneficiaries of the various projects have been afforded the opportunity to pursue their education, despite challenges, and aspire to become professionals like doctors and counsellors in future.

SRHR: The SRHR education has raised awareness and understanding among young people, enabling them to make informed decisions about their health and well-being.

Support System: Supportive communities where beneficiaries can share experiences, receive encouragement, and find solidarity have been created.

Resilience: Beneficiaries have demonstrated remarkable resilience in overcoming adversity, including gender-based violence, abandonment, and stigma.

Gratitude: All beneficiaries expressed heartfelt gratitude for believing in them and providing life-changing support.

Impact: The interventions have had a profound impact on the lives of beneficiaries, enabling them to break free from cycles of poverty, shame, and marginalization.

Sustainability: The support received by beneficiaries has equipped them with skills and confidence to become self-sufficient and contribute positively to their communities.

These takeaways highlight the transformative power of support and the resilience of the beneficiaries.

Recommendations and next steps



The joint mission delegates pose with the Minister of Health Hon. Mduduzi Matsebula and senior health officials at the Day of the Midwife commemoration in Ezulwini.

- 1.** Need for EKN partners to strengthen collaboration. Regular quarterly or bi-annual meetings among EKN partners in Eswatini are crucial to share programme progress and ensure effective collaboration. EKN has committed to attending these meetings as needed.
- 2.** UN partners must prioritize beneficiary representation in mid-year review, such as HealthPlus 4 Men, to enhance their capacity and empowerment.
- 3.** Given the high teenage pregnancy rates in Eswatini, all partners must join forces to address this critical issue.
- 4.** The Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration faces staffing challenges, and UNDP should identify the gaps and provide support to strengthen their capacity.
- 5.** Implementing partners must adapt their programmes to specifically meet the needs of their target groups. For instance, HealthPlus 4 Men serves a diverse population with various specialties, requiring tailored support and a focused approach to enhance their capacity.
- 6.** UN Resident Coordinator Mr. George Wachira emphasized the importance of acknowledging the broader context in which partners operate. This includes addressing climate change, drought, and starvation, and empowering beneficiaries to build resilience in the face of these challenges.
- 7.** For future field visits, meetings with government should be planned for one day for a more structured focus on the projects.
- 8.** Prioritising beneficiary stories is crucial to provide firsthand feedback to donors. The visit to UNFPA's teen mom initiative was mentioned as a best practice, with beneficiaries and their families sharing their powerful stories.
- 9.** Need to translate promotion/information materials into local language.
- 10.** UNFPA and other partners to collaborate with regards to shortages of commodities.

Photos



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