



RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM: 2017 FAMILY PLANNING SUMMIT SIDE EVENT

Bridging the Gap to FP2020: Evidence to Accelerate Progress Towards Meeting the Need for Family Planning

Monday 10 July 2017

12:00 – 17:00

Kennedy Lecture Theatre, UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health
30 Guilford Street London, WC1N 1EH

To coincide with the 2017 Family Planning Summit, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Population Council, and Marie Stopes International are hosting a research symposium on 10 July 2017 in London, in collaboration with the DFID-funded Research Programme Consortium [Strengthening Evidence for Programming for Unintended Pregnancy \(STEP UP\)](#) and the [Maternal Healthcare Markets Evaluation Team \(MET\)](#) to:

- Share the latest evidence on unmet need for family planning,
- Review evidenced-informed programming for addressing unmet need for family planning, and
- Discuss a research agenda aligned to the global architecture for family planning.

On 11 July 2017, the UK Department for International Development (UK DFID) will co-host the global 2017 Family Planning Summit in London with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in collaboration with Family Planning 2020 (FP2020) and in close partnership with United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Global Affairs Canada.

This landmark event will bring together governments, the United Nations, foundations, the private sector and civil society to galvanize progress to the goals to 2020 that were set at the 2012 London Summit on Family Planning, and strengthen the foundations for universal access to sexual and reproductive health, including family planning, by 2030, a vision set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

While countries have made progress since the 2012 London Summit on Family Planning, additional momentum and action is needed to achieve the shared goal of reaching an additional 120 million women and girls with modern contraception by 2020. Though geographical, informational and economic access have improved in the last five years, an estimated 225 million women in low- and middle-income countries are not using modern contraception despite wishing to avoid pregnancy.

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Research Symposium Programme

Time	Title	Speaker
11:30-12:20	Registration and light lunch	
12:20-12:25	Introduction to the Research Symposium	Kaye Wellings , Professor, LSHTM
Session 1: Understanding unmet need for family planning:		
Session chair: Harriet Birungi , Senior Associate and Country Director, Population Council (STEP UP).		
12:25-12:40	DHS analysis on reasons for unmet need in the developing world	Gilda Sedgh , Principal Research Scientist, Guttmacher Institute
12:40-12:55	Women's perceptions and experiences of family planning by contraceptive methods in Kenya and Bangladesh	Kazuyo Machiyama , Research Fellow, LSHTM (STEP UP)
12:55-13:10	Questions and discussion	
13:10-13:25	Accounting for periodic contraception: lessons from qualitative research in Ghana	Cicely Marston , Associate Professor, LSHTM (STEP UP)
13:25-13:40	Long terms trends in protective behaviour, among single African women aged 15-24: preliminary results	John Cleland CBE , Emeritus Professor of Medical Demography, LSHTM
13:40-13:55	Questions and discussion	
13:55-14:15	Tea break	
Session 2: Addressing unmet needs through programme innovation:		
Session chair: Kathryn Church , Senior Scientific Advisor, Marie Stopes International		
14:15-14:30	Expanding the Method Mix - New contraceptive technologies	Saumya RamaRao , Senior Associate, Reproductive Health Program, Population Council
14:30-14:45	Effect of a supply chain intervention on contraceptive availability and modern CPR in Senegal - implications for meeting the need for family planning	Francesca Cavallaro , Research Fellow, LSHTM (MET)
14:45-14:55	Questions and discussion	
14:55-15:10	Task-sharing for family planning: recent studies to expand access to services	Nkemdidi Wheatley , Senior Researcher (Family Planning), Marie Stopes International
15:10-15:25	Addressing the contraceptive needs of adolescents through health and education sector collaboration	Harriet Birungi , Senior Associate and Country Director, Population Council (STEP UP)
15:25-15:40	Building Back Better: Family planning and post conflict health systems	Sally Theobald , Professor, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (ReBUILD&RinGs)
15:40-15:55	Questions and discussion	
15:55-16:10	Tea break	
Panel discussion: A research agenda and the international architecture for family planning		
Session Moderator: Julia Bunting OBE , President, Population Council		
16:10-16:45	A research agenda for family planning in light of the SDGs and Every Woman Every Child	Ian Askew , Director, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, WHO/HRP
	Evidence based programming: The role of the private sector	Mary-Ann Etiebet , Executive Director, MSD for Mothers
	Evidence to action: an implementer's perspective	Effiom Nyong Effiom , Country Director, Marie Stopes Nigeria
16:45-16:55	Closing remarks	Jo Mulligan , Senior Health Adviser, UK Department for International Development
17:00	Symposium close	

Organising committee: Kazuyo Machiyama, Veronique Filippi, Justine Marshall, Harriet Birungi, Esther Lwanga, Kathryn Church, Caroline Lynch, Francesca Cavallaro, Jenny Cresswell.

Rapporteur: Rachel Scott