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Steering Committee:

Dear friends and colleagues,

Boemo Sekgoma
Southern Africa
Development
Community
Botswana

ReProductive Aid invites you to join an online discussion and global video conference about how to increase funding for sexual and reproductive health (SRH) in the new aid environment.

Dale Huntington
WHO
Switzerland

Guided by a Steering Committee of leading civil society representatives from Africa, Asia and Europe, **ReProductive Aid** is launching an internet-based global community of civil society representatives networking, learning, sharing experiences and strategizing effective ways to address SRH in the new development aid "architecture".

Frank Reimann
CARE
Laos

Harry Jooseery
Partners in Population
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Bangladesh

Background: In recent years, donors have significantly changed how development aid is delivered. This new "aid architecture" has been difficult for SRH organizations to access, and the result is stagnant and declining aid for family planning and RH.

Jotham Musinguzi
Partners in Population
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The guiding question: How can civil society organizations - in their roles of advocates, service providers and policy/implementation watchdogs - actively influence donors at country level to increase resources for SRH services?

Karen Hoehn
DSW
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Your knowledge and experiences on this subject are extremely helpful to others working in this field.

Maggie Usher-Patel
WHO
Switzerland

Scheduled online discussions include:

- 8-12 September: "Accra, Aid Effectiveness and Reproductive Health"
- 22-26 September: "Poverty Reduction Strategies and Reproductive Health"
- 6-10 October: "Budget Support and Reproductive Health"

Shiv Khare
Asian Parliamentary
Forum for Population
and Development
Thailand

A web-based Global Video Forum to be conducted at the end of October will connect participants through the internet and in meeting sites in Europe, Africa and Asia to identify important themes, create networks and catalyze human and financial resources.

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Medi-Cam,
Cambodia

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Spread the news! Share this link with colleagues who care about these issues. And watch the [website](#) for updates and additional information on **ReProductive Aid**.

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Regards,

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