Asia and the Pacific

Financial Resource Flows and Revised Cost Estimates for Population Activities

"The [ICPD] Programme [of Action] is critical to achieving the Millennium Development Goals. It is especially important for goal number five: to cut maternal mortality and achieve universal access to reproductive health care... To fully carry out the Cairo Programme of Action means providing women with reproductive health services, including family planning."

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, General Assembly Commemoration of the 15th Anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, October 2009

Why Fund Population Activities?

Population dynamics and reproductive health are central to development and must be an integral part of development planning and poverty reduction strategies. The Millennium Development Goals, especially the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, will not be achieved if issues of population and reproductive health are not adequately addressed. Implementing the ICPD Programme of Action, especially the reproductive health goal, is essential for meeting the Millennium Development Goals directly related to health, including child mortality, maternal health and HIV/AIDS prevention, and social and economic outcomes, including gender equality and poverty eradication.

What Did Cairo Say About Funding To Achieve the ICPD Objectives?

At the ICPD in 1994, the international community agreed that US \$17 billion would be needed in 2000, \$18.5 billion in 2005, \$20.5 billion in 2010 and \$21.7 billion in 2015 to finance programmes in the area of population dynamics, reproductive health, including family planning, maternal health and the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, as well as programmes that address the collection, analysis and dissemination of population data. Two thirds of the required amount would be mobilized by developing countries themselves and one third, or \$5.7 billion in 2000, \$6.1 billion in 2005, \$6.8 billion in 2010, and \$7.2 billion in 2015 was to come from the international community.

What Will It Take to Achieve the ICPD Objectives Today: Revised Cost Estimates



To ensure adequate funding for the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) reviewed the existing estimates for the four categories of the ICPD costed population package (ICPD para. 13.14) and revised them to meet current needs. These revised estimates are much higher than the original ICPD targets agreed upon in 1994 because they take into account both current needs and current costs and because they include interventions such as AIDS treatment and care, and reproductive cancer screening and treatment, that were not part of the original costed population package. The revised costs are considered minimum estimates required to finance interventions in the areas of family planning, reproductive health, STD/HIV/AIDS, and basic research, data and population and development policy analysis.

Table 1. Revised ICPD Global Cost Estimates, 2009-2015 (Millions of US \$)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sexual/Reproductive	23,454	27,437	30,712	32,006	32,714	33,284	33,030
Health/Family Planning							
Family Planning Direct Costs	2,342	2,615	2,906	3,209	3,529	3,866	4,097
Maternal Health Direct Costs	6,114	7,868	9,488	11,376	13,462	15,746	18,002
Programmes and Systems	14,999	16,954	18,319	17,422	15,723	13,672	10,931
Related Costs							
HIV/AIDS	23,975	32,450	33,107	33,951	34,734	35,444	36,189
Basic Research/ Data/Policy	1,551	4,837	3,943	2,239	1,181	864	591
Analysis							
TOTAL	48,980	64,724	67,762	68,196	68,629	69,593	69,810

Source: United Nations (2009), Report of the Secretary-General on The Flow of Financial Resources for the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, E/CN.9/2009/5. UNFPA (2009), Revised Cost Estimates for the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: A Methodological Report.

Global Progress Towards the ICPD Financial Commitments

By 2011, international population assistance increased to \$11.4 billion. This includes funding from developed countries, the United Nations system, foundations, NGOs, and development banks. Based on past trends, this number is projected to increase further in 2012 and 2013. However, given the lingering effects of the global financial crisis, it is uncertain whether this will indeed be the case.

The largest proportion of total population assistance – 66 per cent - goes to fund HIV/AIDS activities. In actual dollar amounts, funding for family planning which had plummeted to \$393.5 million in 2006 has begun to increase, reaching a high of \$992.5 million in 2011 and accounting for 8 per cent of total final expenditures that year.

The Resource Flows Project estimates that developing countries and countries in transition mobilized \$55 billion for population activities in 2011. Domestic resources include government, national NGO and private out-of-pocket expenditures.

The global figure of domestic expenditures reflects the commitment of developing countries, regardless of the amount mobilized, although it contains significant variations among countries in their ability to mobilize resources for population activities. Most domestic resources originate in a few large countries. Many countries, especially those in sub-Saharan Africa and the least developed countries, are not able to generate the necessary resources to finance their own population programmes. They rely to a large extent on donor assistance.

Financial Resource Flows in Asia and the Pacific

Resource Requirements for Population Activities in Asia and the Pacific

Table 2. Revised ICPD Cost Estimates for Asia and the Pacific, 2009-2015 (Millions of US \$)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sexual/Reproductive Health/Family Planning	9,055	10,278	11,027	11,753	12,124	12,820	13,533
Family Planning Direct Costs	1,434	1,552	1,675	1,803	1,937	2,077	2,156
Maternal Health Direct Costs	2,799	3,664	4,299	5,110	6,018	7,024	8,054
Programmes and Systems Related Costs	4,822	5,062	5,053	4,840	4,169	3,719	3,323
HIV/AIDS	7,853	10,687	10,848	11,048	11,207	11,409	11,525
Basic Research/ Data/Policy Analysis	641	2,316	2,048	987	530	186	187
TOTAL	17,549	23,281	23,923	23,788	23,862	24,415	25,245

Source: United Nations (2009), Report of the Secretary-General on The Flow of Financial Resources for the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, E/CN.9/2009/5. UNFPA (2009), Revised Cost Estimates for the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: A Methodological Report.

International Assistance for Population Activities in Asia and the Pacific

Population assistance in Asia and the Pacific increased from \$1.6 billion in 2010 to \$1.8 billion in population assistance in 2011. (Table 3). A total of 42 countries in Asia and the Pacific benefited from international population assistance in 2011. India received the most assistance of any country in the region--\$501 million, followed by Bangladesh --\$166 million and Afghanistan--\$148 million. A total of \$174 million was spent on regional programmes. Map 1 shows the per capita population assistance in the region.

Table 3. Population Assistance to Countries in Asia and the Pacific, 2002-2011 (Thousands of US \$)

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Country	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011		
Afghanistan	12,739	21,652	15,074	31,253	45,845	48,360	72,438	153,146	165,789	148,094		
Bangladesh	65,742	85,760	49,044	94,260	87,061	79,053	93,415	104,942	100,392	166,283		
Bhutan	529	870	4,713	3,349	4,289	2,530	2,099	1,120	2,243	976		
Cambodia	29,120	36,969	33,671	29,083	47,442	54,407	65,877	77,757	77,468	99,943		
China	15,590	32,141	14,511	43,725	57,521	78,604	84,084	102,759	46,077	63,694		
Cook Islands	69	161	164	136	726	176	97	29	361	253		
Fiji	312	1,190	1,425	2,387	2,520	719	1,002	623	869	1,230		
French Polynesia	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
India	70,432	99,471	85,116	96,153	142,473	139,007	168,655	298,379	283,776	500,606		
Indonesia	47,720	48,084	51,823	68,400	115,126	43,821	69,229	98,181	100,709	93,097		
Iran, Islamic Republic of	9,111	2,472	2,380	3,096	3,502	2,325	4,727	4,926	5,133	6,920		
Kiribati	48	26	127	294	178	390	918	471	132	1,370		
Korea, Dem. People's Rep. of	3,261	2,550	1,419	1,367	1,120	330	310	5,136	2,179	1,319		
Lao, People's Democratic Republic	3,964	3,351	2,718	12,974	9,882	7,364	8,404	14,884	15,681	20,035		
Malaysia	441	700	3,989	597	381	98	152	243	456	1,388		
Maldives	503	805	579	1,654	1,363	1,454	488	1,770	1,352	431		
Marshall Islands	52	436	517	184	785	945	948	120	99	112		
Micronesia, Federated States of	86	948	928	456	1,708	1,821	1,851	92	78	62		
Mongolia	3,334	3,881	2,115	4,346	4,764	4,822	5,855	7,223	6,762	2,530		
Myanmar	13,097	14,340	5,273	18,643	8,771	8,085	17,910	18,709	40,990	31,813		
Nepal	27,137	26,421	25,368	26,895	53,153	24,483	31,059	46,199	66,436	47,233		
Niue	0	0	103	1,090	229	101	112	86	85	5		
Pakistan	20,520	57,075	9,925	32,312	30,266	75,584	27,963	105,391	111,739	101,944		
Palau	0	158	2,088	147	240	57	227	91	105	82		
Papua New Guinea	4,770	11,287	14,300	19,770	52,325	42,741	51,237	51,237 47,435		72,887		
Philippines	32,188	36,120	43,538	43,804	47,541	43,396	49,566	61,747	57,163	62,381		
Samoa	99	405	325	544	1,048	334	493	627	1,851			
Singapore	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Solomon Islands	120	1,158	2,054	2,165	1,846	1,923	1,723	2,698	3,107	5,515		
Sri Lanka	3,664	15,862	3,164	4,404	7,019	2,354	4,178	8,455	9,808	7,072		
Thailand	5,167	16,109	10,349	12,245	45,630	45,477	45,979	26,828	46,809	48,089		
Timor Leste	NA	1,680	3,546	3,606	0	3,611	7,731	10,605	16,202	9,648		
Tokelau	0	46	86	18	0	0	0	19	1	0		
Tonga	116	226	352	2,191	667	338	383	333	1,239	4,236		
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	0	0	0	0	183	182	94	0	0	0		
Tuvalu	112	518	85	28	0	6	3	30	118	115		
Vanuatu	86	482	467	571	575	698	1,425	2,258	1,625	4,516		
Viet Nam	15,486	21,441	31,479	89,889	77,259	60,877	88,001	105,472	105,708	135,669		
Regional	151,240	40,002	77,222	119,709	126,634	155,229	169,177	276,854	229,800	173,580		
Total	536,855	584,839	500,037	771,745	980,072	931,702	1,077,810	1,585,638	1,551,008	1,813,128		

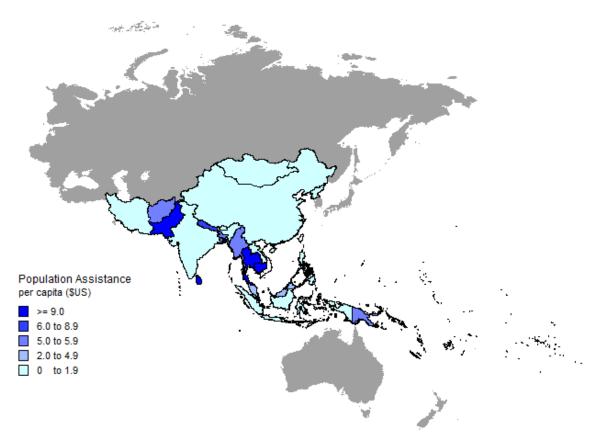
Source: UNFPA/NIDI Resource Flows database and Financial Resource Flows for Population Activities, selected years.

Table 4. Population Assistance to countries in Asia and the Pacific by ICPD category (in percentages), 2007-2011. (Totals in Thousands of US \$) *)

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Country	FP	RH	AIDS	BR	Total	FP	RH	AIDS	BR	Total	FP	RH	AIDS	BR	Total	FP	RH	AIDS	BR	Total	FP	RH	AIDS	BR	Total
Regional Asia and the Pacific	7	21	68	4	155.226	7	19	72	2	168.898	5	44	45	7	291.353	12	41	39	8	249.820	7	41	36	16	169.077
Afghanistan	0	67	1	33	44.632	20	71	1	8	72.438	29	68	3	0	155.112	16	76	4	4	153.189	16	77	1	5	148.094
Bangladesh	11	63	14	12	77.317	10	67	21	2	93.415	11	73	14	3	112.039	12	69	16	3	102.730	10	73	12	5	166.283
Bhutan	0	99	1	0	2.530	0	70	30	0	2.099	11	54	31	4	1.942	12	47	39	2	2.243	0	33	67	0	0.976
Cambodia	1	18	77	3	54.407	2	22	74	2	65.877	6	31	62	1	80.600	11	36	50	3	77.303	8	28	63	0	99.943
China	0	23	76	1	78.604	1	8	90	1	84.084	3	6	90	0	105.278	5	17	77	1	39.674	- 1	5	94	0	63.694
Cook Islands	0	56	44	0	0.176	0	90	0	10	0.097	0	100	0	0	0.029	0	100	0	0	0.361	0	100	0	0	0.253
Fiji	0	99	1	0	0.719	0	56	3	41	1.002	0	96	0	4	0.611	0	99	1	0	0.869	0	100	0	0	1.230
India	3	15	80	1	138.997	11	22	66	2	168.655	9	20	71	1	320.090	12	25	62	1	306.385	12	37	50	1	500.606
Indonesia	1	42	48	9	43.800	7	38	49	7	69.229	19	29	48	5	102.298	9	44	45	2	96.334	. 9	30	61	0	93.097
Iran, Islamic Republic of	0	2	98	0	2.325	0	1	99	0	4.727	3	13	75	9	5.695	2	19	69	10	5.133	0	4	95	0	6.920
Kiribati	0	100	0	0	0.390	0	62	38	0	0.918	0	100	0	0	0.471	0	100	0	0	0.132	4	92	4	0	1.370
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	0	100	0	0	0.330	0	100.0	0	0	0.310	29	59	0	12	5.192	40	39	0	21	2.179	0	100	0	0	1.319
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0	54	43	3	7.364	0	51	47	2	8.404	8	39	51	1	15.548	10	46	40	4	15.609	0	45	54	2	20.035
Macau																					0	94	6	0	0.102
Malaysia	0	94	6	0	0.098	3	69	14	13	0.152	11	56	4	30	0.483	11	53	5	31	0.456	0	4	96	0	1.388
Maldives	0	7	87	6	1.454	0	91	0	9	0.488	0	38	58	4	1.871	0	43	55	3	1.352	0	23	77	0	0.431
Marshall Islands	0	100	0	0	0.210	1	96	1	3	0.948	0	100	0	0	0.120	0	100	0	0	0.099	0	100	0	0	0.112
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	100	0	0	0.090	0	100	0	0	1.851	0	100	0	0	0.092	0	100	0	0	0.063	0	100	0	0	0.062
Mongolia	0	66	34	0	4.822	0	49	50	0	5.855	7	39	49	5	7.628	8	50	33	10	6.367	0	60	31	9	2.530
Myanmar	0	44	56	0	8.085	0	35	65	0	17.910	4	49	45	2	20.774	1	34	64	1	40.890	2	51	47	0	31.813
Nauru						0	100	0	0	0.279	0	100	0	0	0.197	0	100	0	0	0.241	47	34	0	19	1.446
Nepal	3	53	36	9	24.473	6	47	44	3	31.059	16	50	29	6	48.589	14	53	29	3	66.092	2.0	45	32	2	47.233
Niue	0	100	0	0	0.101	0	100	0	0	0.112	0	85	0	15	0.086	0	100	0	0	0.085	0	100	0	0	0.005
Pakistan	71	19	10	0	75.265	6	78	11	5	27.963	21	73	6	1	108.757	20	72	3	4	105.247	20	65	15	1	101.944
Palau	0	100	0	0	0.057	0	100	0	0	0.227	0	100	0	0	0.091	0	100	0	0	0.090	0	100	0	0	0.082
Papua New Guinea	0	16	82	1	42.741	0	16	84	0	51.237	2	24	74	0	48.491	1	27	72	0	48.666	0	40	60	0	72.887
Philippines	35	28	29	9	43.396	47	24	14	14	49.566	52	28	19	1	63.705	38	48	13	1	41.011	63	28	7	2	62.381
Samoa	0	94	1	5	0.334	0	84	16	0	0.493	0	81	0	19	0.627	0	91	0	9	1.847	0	100	0	0	0.732
Solomon Islands	0	85	14	1	1.923	0	98	0	2	1.723	0	81	7	12	2.698	0	98	2	0	3.107	6	92	1	1	5.515
Sri Lanka	0	74	18	8	2.352	0	35	5	59	4.178	0	95	1	3	10.064	0	88	9	3	9.808	0	49	50	0	7.072
Thailand	0	1	96	2	45.477	1	4	93	3	45.979	3	7	87	3	27.783	1	4	93	2	46.756	0	2	97	0	48.089
Timor-Leste	0	40	60	0	3.611	4	83	13	0	7.731	32	34	29	5	10.650	44	34	10	12	16.286	29	53	17	1	9.648
Tokelau											0	100	0	0	0.019	0	100	0	0	0.001					
Tonga	0	97	0	3	0.338	0	68	32	0	0.383	0	97	3	0	0.333	0	100	0	0	1.239	0	100	0	0	4.236
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	0	0	0	100	0.182	0	0	0	100	0.094															
Tuvalu	0	100	0	0	0.006	0	100	0	0	0.003	0	100	0	0	0.030	0	100	0	0	0.118	0	100	0	0	0.115
Vanuatu	0	96	0	4	0.698	0	57	42	1	1.425	0	69	18	13	2.258	0	72	28	0	1.625	0	44	56	0	4.516
Viet Nam	12	29	58	1	60.877	8	16	74	2	88.001	7	17	74	2	108.382	5	19	74	2	105.659	- 1	11	88	0	135.669

Source: UNFPA/NIDI Resource Flows database and Financial Resource Flows for Population Activities, selected years.
*) Percentages have been rounded off and may not add to 100 per cent.

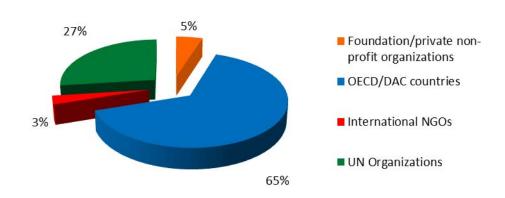
Map 1. Population Assistance Per Capita, Asia and the Pacific, 2011



Source: UNFPA/NIDI Resource Flows database

OECD/DAC donor countries contributed the most population assistance, accounting for 65 percent of assistance in 2011. This was followed by United Nations organizations, international NGOs, and foundations and private non-profit organizations (Figure 1).

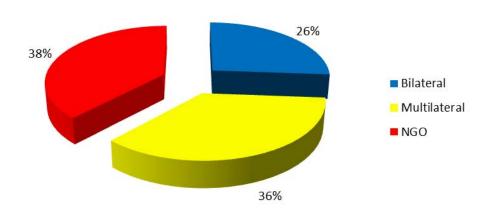
Figure 1. Population Assistance by Type of Donor, Asia and the Pacific, 2011



Source: UNFPA/NIDI Resource Flows database

Of the total amount spent for population assistance in Asia and the Pacific in 2011, 26 per cent was channeled through bilateral programmes, 36 per cent was channeled through multilateral organizations and 38 per cent was spent by international NGOs (Figure 2).

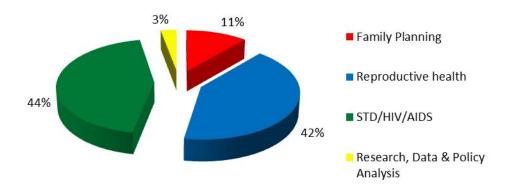
Figure 2. Population Assistance by Channel of Distribution, Asia and the Pacific, 2011



Source: UNFPA/NIDI Resource Flows database

Figure 3 shows total population assistance in Asia and the Pacific by ICPD category. Forty-two per cent of population assistance went to STD/HIV/AIDS activities, 44 per cent to reproductive health, 11 per cent to family planning and 3 per cent to data and population and development policy analysis. It is important to point out that because of integration of services, some funding for family planning could in fact be reported under HIV/AIDS or reproductive health expenditures.

Figure 3. Population Assistance by ICPD Category, Asia and the Pacific, 2011



Source: UNFPA/NIDI Resource Flows database

Domestic Resources for Population Activities in Asia and the Pacific

Domestic financial resources for population activities originate from the following major sources: Governments, NGOs, the private sector and consumers. The number and complexity of sources make it much more difficult to monitor domestic resource flows than international assistance for population. Although it is possible to collect information from Governments and NGOs, it is more difficult to track this information from the private sector and individual consumers due to insufficient data. Table 4 provides estimates of domestic expenditures for population activities by source of funds.

Table 5. Estimated Domestic Expenditures for Population Activities in Asia and the Pacific, By Source of Funds, 2011-13 (Thousands of US \$)

Year	Government	NGO	Consumers*	Total	Percentage spent on AIDS
2011	11,249,700	157,910	27,944,254	39,351,864	10 %
2012	12,111,345	163,021	30,084,582	42,358,948	9 %
2013	13,087,626	168,559	32,509,662	45,765,847	95 %

^{*}Consumer spending on population activities covers only out-of-pocket expenditures and is based on the average amount per region as measured by the WHO for health care spending in general. For each region, the ratio of private out-of-pocket versus per capita government expenditures was used to derive consumer expenditures in the case of population activities.

Source: Erik Beekink, Projections of Funds for Population and AIDS Activities, 2011-2013, The Hague, 2013.

Key Areas Requiring Further Action

Current funding levels are far below what is required to meet current needs. Given the lingering effects of the global financial crisis and the uncertainty of future funding levels, full implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action may be in jeopardy. To accelerate the implementation of the Cairo agenda and to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, the international community should continue to:

- Ensure that population and reproductive health are seen as an integral part of the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and that they figure prominently in national development programmes and poverty reduction strategies
- Mobilize sufficient resources to fully implement the ICPD Programme of Action and ensure that family planning and reproductive health issues receive the attention they deserve at a time when the increased focus is on combating HIV/AIDS
- Establish an effective partnership of donor and recipient countries based on mutual trust, accountability and donor coordination in support of country goals
- Increase attention to cost-effectiveness and programme efficiency so that resources reach all segments of the population, especially those that are most in need
- Enhance the role of the private sector in the mobilization of resources for population and development, in monitoring population expenditures and ensuring that financial targets and equity objectives are met
- Establish a system of monitoring of resource flows to identify funding gaps and for budgeting and planning purposes. Governments are urged to make a special effort to monitor all expenditures going to population activities, including those at subnational levels and those that are part of integrated social and health projects and sector-wide approaches so that all efforts at resource mobilization can be captured in UNFPA's annual reports.

The success of the ICPD depends greatly upon the willingness of Governments, local communities, the non-governmental sector, the international community and all concerned organizations and individuals to turn the ICPD recommendations into action.

The challenge before the international community is to mobilize the additional resources required in all areas of the ICPD costed population package: family planning services, reproductive health services, STD/HIV/AIDS activities and basic research, data and population and development policy analysis. Both international and domestic allocation of resources to population activities must increase from present levels to meet current needs.

Annex I. The Resource Flows Project

Why Monitor Resource Flows? - UNFPA complies with General Assembly resolutions 49/128 and 50/124 to monitor progress towards the financial targets set out in the ICPD Programme of Action. It also responds to a request made at the twenty-eighth session of the Commission on Population and Development for an annual report on the flow of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. UNFPA collaborates with the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI), the Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR), the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) and UNAIDS in the data collection.

Each year, UNFPA presents its findings in the Report of the Secretary-General on The Flow of Financial Resources for Assisting in the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development which is submitted to the Commission on Population and Development. The Fund also prepares an annual advocacy brochure, Financing the ICPD Programme of Action and the report on Financial Resource Flows for Population Activities. The information is useful for policy and planning as well as for advocacy and mobilization of resources. The reports are intended to be a tool for donor and developing country Governments, multilateral organizations and agencies, private foundations and non-governmental organization to monitor progress in achieving the financial resource targets agreed to at the ICPD, to identify funding gaps and coordinate financing of population programmes. Development cooperation officers and policy makers in developing countries can use the reports to identify the domestically generated resources and complementary resources from donors needed to finance population and reproductive health programmes.

What Do We Monitor? The Resource Flows Project tracks financial resource flows based on the "costed population package" as described in paragraph 13.14 of the ICPD Programme of Actions: 1) Family planning services; 2) Basic reproductive health services; 3) Sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS prevention; 4) Basic research, data and population and development policy analysis. The ICPD recognized (paras 13.17 to 13.19) that the "costed package" did not include all interventions necessary for the achievement of universal access to reproductive health. It has since become possible to cost and include some additional elements, particularly in the context of the Millennium Development Goals. To simplify reporting procedures and to harmonize resource tracking with UNAIDS, data on AIDS expenditures are obtained directly from UNAIDS.

How Do We Monitor Resource Flows? Data on population assistance are gathered with the use of a detailed questionnaire sent to major players in the field of population and AIDS which account for most population assistance. These include donor countries that are part of the OECD/DAC and the European Union, multilateral organizations and agencies, major private foundations and other international NGOs that provide substantial population assistance. Most information for donor countries is obtained from the OECD/DAC database.

Data on domestic resources are collected via an annual survey sent by e-mail to UNFPA Country Offices for further distribution to government departments and national NGOs. A separate questionnaire for national consultants asks for information on the national budget, future commitments, private sector, coverage, quality of data, problems facing follow-up and response. Data collected are 1) based on primary sources; 2) actual expenditures (not commitments); 3) restricted to public sector (government and NGOs, not private household or out-of-pocket expenditures, employers, etc); and 4) include project level information to avoid double counting.

Questionnaires for governments are for distribution to those departments that are involved in population activities, for example, Ministries of Health, Population, Education, or Central Statistical Offices, government-run research centers or universities. Questionnaires for national NGOs are for distribution to national non-governmental, not-for-profit organizations involved in population activities that are responsible for more than about one percent of the total funds for population activities in the country. This means that national foundations, research centers, etc can also fill out the NGO questionnaire.

UNFPA Country Offices are responsible for the distribution, follow up and collection of the questionnaires. They are expected to check the responses and assist respondents in completing the forms or making estimates, if necessary. In many cases, Country Offices hire national consultants for this purpose. To build national capacity to monitor resource flows, ensure country ownership and sustainability of the project, UNFPA Country Offices are encouraged to identify an institution which will be responsible for data collection, preferably one which is tasked with MDG monitoring. This could be a government ministry, NGO, or an academic or research institution.

The Resource Flows Project provides a summary of the data gathered in the form of feedback reports. The Resource Flows Project is part of the Population and Development Branch of the Technical Division under the coordination of Ann Pawliczko (pawliczko@unfpa.org). At NIDI, the project is coordinated by Leo van Wissen and Erik Beekink is directly responsible (beekink@nidi.nl).

