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Mission

The Association strives to protect and promote reproductive health of people and to provide and enable quality information, education, and communication and services for all, especially for those who are living in rural and mountainous areas.

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Message from President

Prof. Dr. Ko Kwang Jin
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ko Kwang Jin'.

2020 was the year of health crisis, which the worst chaotic situation ever after the biggest economic panic in the past century threatened the globe, owing to unprecedented pandemic. This grave disaster, a vivid recollection of a great world war, created a heavy critical phase in the country as well. And the subsequent natural calamities even added a demanding challenge to it.

Looking back upon the year, in which we advanced breaking through manifold hardships, I would like to extend my warm greetings to entire volunteers and staff of Korean Family Planning & Maternal and Child Health Association who provided and enabled services for promoting the health of people in the target areas, exploring all resources and potentials under the scanty and difficult context. And I also pay my heartfelt thanks to the government and many officials who assisted us to sustain service delivery even in current tough situation.

In 2020, capable and experienced volunteers were elected for new governing body, which further enhanced the governance of the MA.

In addition to it, reaccreditation of full membership by IPPF greatly encouraged the volunteers and staff who strived hard to improve the health of people, respecting the IPPF vision and mission.

Also attributable to these achievements are the support of IPPF who stood by us as ever to realize the common ideal and commitment.

On this opportunity, I would like to express my deep gratitude to IPPF ESEAOR for their aids to ensure sustainability of the program activities despite the global health emergency, on behalf of the MA.

Without resting on such laurels, we will have to fulfill our responsibilities to satisfy the people's demands and raise their quality of life by updating and completing the existing risk management system in SDPs and ensure smooth service delivery whatever conditions and environments may be.

I firmly believe that, in 2021, all volunteers and staff of the MA will make rapid progress in promoting the health and well-being of people notwithstanding the damned epidemic which continues to bring troubles and miseries worldwide.

Reflecting upon this unusual year which faced sudden and unexpected danger due to repeated floods and typhoons along with ongoing global health crisis, I would like to extend my thanks to volunteers and staff of KFP&MCHA who endeavored for protection and promotion of the reproductive health as well as for anti-epidemic activities to defend the life and safety of people.

The pandemic which swept over 5 continents recorded far above 83 million infections and more than 1.8 million deaths throughout the world in 2020 alone, creating much anxiety and fear of international community, but we have implemented the major program activities by concerted energy and strength in compliance with the anti-epidemic regulations.

Although emerging challenges interrupted the whole activities of the MA owing to world-wide transmission of COVID-19 and successive strikes by natural disasters, every staff served faithfully single-minded and brought significant results.

Above all, MA joined in the development of the National Family Planning Implementation Guidelines and presented the issues on clients' rights and quality of care to be covered by it, thus enabling environment was provided.

And health information including hygienic knowledge were disseminated to beyond one million people in the focus areas through mass media.

Within the global pandemic spread, MA assembled the Committee for

Leading Emergency Anti-epidemic Response(CLEAR), and about 390,000 RH services were provided and enabled in SDPs under strict observance of disease control regulations. And MA was able to contribute to meeting the needs of people's reproductive health in remote areas by re-locating the urban SDPs to rural and mountainous areas and starting service delivery.

These attainments cannot be imagined apart from the assistance by the government who unsparingly provides everything required for the health and well-being of the people, regarding it as the priority even in severe circumstances.

On behalf of the secretariat, I would like to extend my thanks to the government and many officials from related sectors for their aids to keep up the service delivery during the global emergency.

And the effort of IPPF ESEAOR who reached out to the MA to achieve the common aspiration and mission in current complicated context is highly appreciated. I also wish further improvement in future activities of IPPF to ensure gender equality and to promote people's SRH.

We are now facing significant task to better build up the capacity of the MA retaining safe anti-epidemic atmosphere in single unity of whole volunteers and staff based on the experience and lessons gained in preventive actions throughout the year.

I am confident that volunteers and staff in the MA will continue to make innovations and advance forward, fully aware of their duty in protecting and improving the people's health in the target areas in 2021 as well.

Report by Executive Director



Dr. So Hyon Chol
Executive Director





Advocacy

Tiding over the worldwide pandemic

COVID-19 which broke out at the end of 2019 rapidly swept over the world to emerge as a global disaster and is getting worse as days go by, resulting in a great catastrophe.



To cope with the global health crisis, President Ko Kwang Jin and Executive Director So Hyon Chol met the officials in the relevant institutes on several occasions to deliberate the issues rising in anti-epidemic activities for prevention of import and transmission of evil virus as well as in sustaining service delivery. Subsequently, the Committee for

Leading Emergency Anti-epidemic Response was set up to steer preventive activities in the MA, while emergency supplies were provided to SDPs by the help of government and service delivery was continued keeping to the anti-epidemic regulations.





Creating the enabling environments for reproductive health promotion



The National Family Planning Implementation Guidelines was developed in 2020. Following the conversations with MoPH officials, the MA staff engaged in the taskforce for developing guidelines and offered valuable information including success and experiences gained in FP service delivery in the past years. In particular, the MA contributed to making the guide for rendering quality FP services in health facilities by presenting the issues related with the clients' rights and assuring quality of care to be covered by guidelines. This process clearly manifested the leading role of the MA in the field of reproductive health.



IEC



IEC based on mass media



IEC through mass media is becoming all the more effective approach today under the context of tightened anti-epidemic measures on account of global pandemic to readily disseminate health information to wider population. MA kept in touch with mass media agencies in the

project areas including North and South Phyongan provinces and Kangwon Province to broadly share the RH-related information.

Therefore, articles provided by MA to mass media like newspapers and radio contributed to raised social awareness about reproductive health.



access to SRH information

IEC through country wide network



IEC through country wide network is also noticeable. In close ties with related institutes, RH information and the MA activities, COVID-19 updates are regularly uploaded on the network. IEC through country wide network is winning its way to rapidly growing popularity, playing a significant role in elevating public awareness on reproductive health.





Building up capacity of youth volunteers

Training for capacity building of IEC for 35 youth volunteers who were newly recruited was held in Pyongsong in June.

It was arranged in three batches under anti-epidemic regulations. Mission, vision and activities of the MA were introduced in the training.



It also touched upon the concept and significance of RH for youth, physiology, and private hygienic knowledge as well as the measures for raising efficacy of IEC.

Training ended with the practice of hand washing, mask wearing and social distancing etc. related with anti-epidemic activities. The training helped the youth volunteers elevate their capacity.



Service delivery



Expanding the targets to rural and mountainous areas

MA regards it as its responsibility to satisfy the demand of population in rural and mountainous areas by providing quality comprehensive health services to them. Starting from this sense, SDPs in urban areas were relocated to rural and mountainous areas in northern part of the country in 2019.

It was finished by April 2020 under close contact with local government officials. The trainings for new service providers were given on the field in May, carefully sticking to the anti-epidemic regulations.



On this basis, newly deployed three SDPs started operation since June.

After all, whole SDPs are located in rural and mountainous areas and able to deliver services to target population.

Therefore, clients from remote areas accounted for not less than 90% of clients in 2020.



Combining both anti-epidemic activities and service delivery in SDPs

Given that the situation of global pandemic transmission is getting worse day by day it is indispensable for SDPs to step up anti-epidemic activities. MA saw to it that the SDPs let the clients disinfect their hands and measure their temperatures, while the clients with fever and respiratory symptoms are referred to public health facilities.

And MA required them to disinfect the interior and exterior parts of the facilities several times each day. Thus, not only the demands for anti-epidemic work were strict but also comprehensive quality health services were delivered to the clients.



Thanks to these endeavors, about 100,000 clients were able to receive 316,000 services despite of such adverse state in 2020.

316, 000

SRH services provided to 100,000



Service delivery through AHFs

Cooperation with public health facilities takes a significant part in service delivery by MA. However, in 2020, due to the global spread of pandemic, MA has faced some challenges in implementing the AHF project, and their operation was suspended

for some time. This resulted in the decreased number of FP services in AHFs by 25.7% compared to the previous year. Under this context, MA received necessary support from RO, and the project was enabled to restart from 2021.



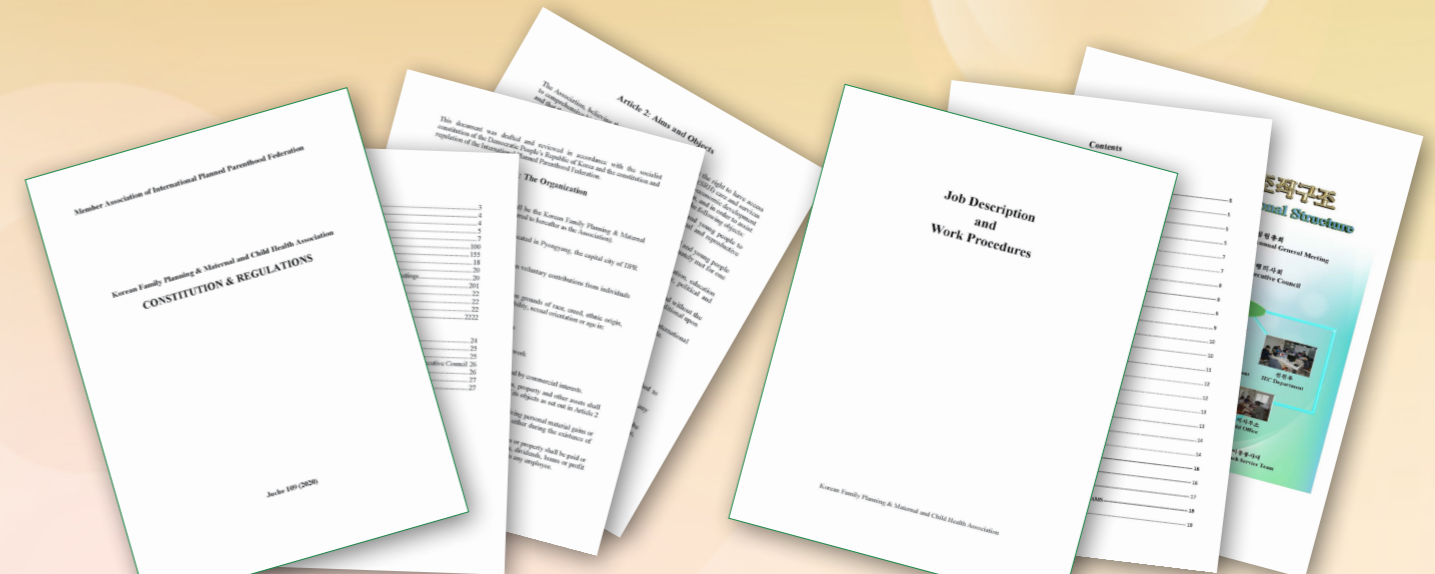
Governance and Management

31st AGM, election of governing body

Following local elections of AGM representatives in February, 31st AGM was held at the presence of the representatives from local areas in Pyongyang in June 2020.

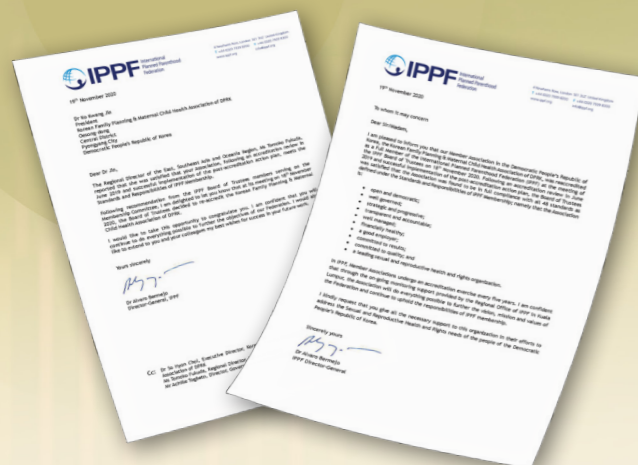
Performance 2019 was reviewed and action plan for 2020 was deliberated. Policies, regulations and work proce-

dures, which were revised after the 3rd in-country accreditation review of IPPF, were finally approved. Members of Executive Council were elected as well. 9 members were elected for Executive Council by vote. New governing body is responsible for leading the MA in coming 3 years.





Re-accreditation as full member of IPPF

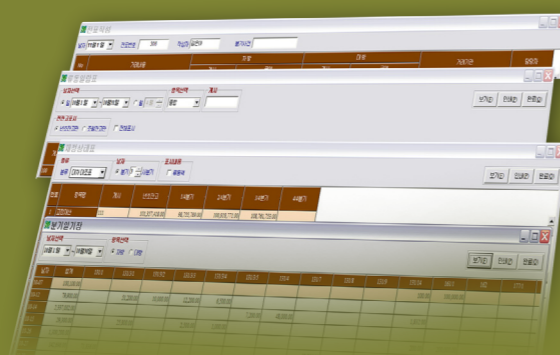


3rd in-country accreditation review of IPPF was conducted in June 2019. Accreditation review team including Prof. Paul Yip, Regional acting chairperson, as well as staff from IPPF CO and RO reviewed the membership eligibility.

During the process, MA clearly manifested the transparency in its activities as a full member of IPPF. MA set up the follow-up action plan based on the recommendations from review team and fully implemented it. Consequently, in November 2020, IPPF reaccruited MA as a full member. It will provide favorable environment for MA's relations between internal and external donors and many partners.

Updating the financial management software "Surim"

MA had so far availed "Surim" for financial management software. This software contained the functions required for general financial management but it could not generate financial reports to align with the templates of IPPF. After all, it took a long time to prepare and review the financial reports and it was likely to make errors in data entry. During the accreditation review, it was recommended to update the software, MA had it upgraded and distributed it to the field offices by the aid of RO. Finally, IT based financial management was enabled at a higher level.



Enriching the volunteer base



Since its early days of foundation, MA paid its attention to expanding and intensifying the volunteer base. It is essential to recruit the individuals with different backgrounds and ages as volunteers and encourage them to make substantial contribution to MA's

activities by raising up their capability. In 2020, the number of volunteers reached beyond 2,400 persons by enlisting 88 volunteers more. MA will keep on increasing the number of volunteers and enhancing their skills in coming years.



Mun Ae Hwa

"I am 21 years old. I always dreamed to become a health worker who is taking care of people. That is why, I graduated the nurse school two years ago to be a nurse in the Ri clinic at present. For some years, our clinic has been working under collaboration with KFP&MCHA. I was impressed by staff who are committed to improving health of population, and I wanted to help them. So, in March 2020, I volunteered and I am willing to do much for them in the years to come."



Services Statistics

FP services

Non FP services

Service Items	Services provided/enabled			Total
	FP Clinics	Outreach Service Teams	Associated Health Facilities	
FP General Counseling	32,683	35,832	36,649	105,164
IUD	12,607	10,572		23,179
Oral Contraceptive Pills	16,507	16,113	16,605	49,225
Male Condom	5,101	9,288	5,434	19,823
Injectables	1,225	2,621	13,588	17,434
Implant	357			357
Emergency Contraceptives	104	114	388	606
Female Sterilization	215			215
Male Sterilization	147			147
FAB method	855	442	702	1,999
Total	69,801	74,982	73,366	218,149

Service Items	Services provided		Total
	FP Clinics	Outreach Service Teams	
Abortion	5,071		5,071
Obstetrics	9,316	7,546	16,862
Urology	1,941	1,734	3,675
Pediatrics	3,362	1,726	5,088
HIV/AIDS	104	136	240
Gynecology	51,390	49,989	101,379
STIs/RTIs	4,732	2,160	6,892
Subfertility	1,988	1,225	3,213
Specialized SRH	6,181	4,321	10,502
Non-SRH	9,170	8,771	17,941
Total	93,255	77,608	170,863



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