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**조선가정건강협회**  
*Family Health Association of Korea*



# MISSION

The Association strives to champion sexual and reproductive health and rights and provide and enable quality information, education, communication and services for all, especially the under-served.

## Target areas

Maengsan  
Sinphyong  
Unryul

Thongchon  
Uiju  
Hyangsan

Hyesan  
Haksong  
Soho

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## Foreword from President



The Second year of global crisis has passed, in which unprecedented epidemic has brought the most chaotic state over the globe. Although the world has been suffering chronic pain owing to the spread of evil virus which is growing all the more stubborn, we have built up a strong barrier against it and steadily carried out our programme activities, regarding anti-epidemic activities as a primary core problem.

Reflecting upon 2021, I would like to extend my warm greetings to all members of FHAK who endeavoured to protect the lives and safety of people and promote their reproductive health under adverse conditions.

What is remarkable about 2021 is that Association was renamed as Family Health Association of Korea. We changed the title to meet the demand of developing situation in line with opinions raised from volunteers and staff during the survey with regard to designing new strategic framework. Along with the history of beyond 30 years since its foundation, the position and role of family in social life is shifting.

Family is a “cell” building up the base of society, while ensuring harmony, equality, health in the family is critical for social well-being. There exist many types of families such as multi-generation families consisting from grandparents to grandchildren, one-generation family of an elderly couple, a family of an unmarried. These, covering persons of different status, can intensively represent the demands on people’s health, therefore, the word “family health” implies that needs of all people’s reproductive health including youth, unmarried men and women, elderly and disabled can be met. In recent days, IPPF also took into account the family of current times from novel point of view beyond the traditional concept of family and is trying to reorient its program activities accordingly so as to eliminate discrimination of vulnerable people like women, children, aged and disabled and to realize their reproductive health rights. This will mark a historic turning point in attaining our vision and mission more widely and fully satisfying the demands of

people’s reproductive health.

The year 2022 is a meaningful year of breakthrough to open a new era to make leaping progress in rural areas in our own way by speeding up its development.

It is the determination and will of the Party to bring universally developed powerful socialist country, ideal society for people by removing all sorts of cultural backwardness in rural areas and by making simultaneous and balanced improvement in all fields of social life and in all parts of the country by promoting socialist rural construction. I firmly expect that Association will make contributions to socialist rural development by giving prime attention to improving service delivery to rural and mountain areas “leaving no one behind” in conformity to developing situation. Still challenges remain ahead of us and more barriers will further block the way forward, the more we advance. However, we will never falter or waver and constantly strive to fulfill our responsibilities. We have not only rich experience for dozens of years but also thousands of volunteers and hundreds of staff as well as the government and IPPF in support of our activities. That is why we are indeed sure of our success.

Availing this opportunity, I would like to express my gratitude to the government and other stakeholders who sincerely supported our activities. And my warm thanks are also paid to IPPF who positively assisted us to obtain common mission and vision.

Dr. Kim Kyong Hye  
President

## Report by Executive Director



Looking back upon the year we spent amid the global health crisis, in which human life and safety was severely threatened by daily expanding evil epidemic, I wish to convey my appreciation to every volunteer and staff of FHAK who tried hard to protect the life of people and promote their reproductive health as ever.

Pandemic never shrank even by 2021 as well, and continued presence of new variants of viruses increased the number of infections, posing serious risk of epidemic spread, however, we faithfully carried out the program activities tiding over all challenges before us.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay my thanks on behalf of the secretariat to the government and other partners for their support and assistance to sustain RH service delivery despite the global pandemic transmission.

And I would like to express my deep gratitude, on behalf of Association, to every staff of IPPF ESEAOR Secretariat including Regional Director for their continued assistance for us in such difficult crisis.

In 2021, Association engaged in providing guidance for modern and diverse FP services to women after delivery and creating favorable environment to deliver MISIP in disaster, which was of great significance in promoting women’s reproductive health and improving quality of people’s lives.

Association increased the number of volunteers in new target areas and built up their capacity, while rearranging the governing body and paying efforts to improve its performance.

Besides, RH information were disseminated to about 1.04 million people through broad IEC ac-

tivities based on collaborations with mass media agencies in target areas and on country-wide computer network.

SDPs of Association continued their service delivery and increased the number of services by around 14.7% against 2020 to help satisfy the RH needs of population in rural and mountainous areas.

All these achievements are thanks to devoted efforts of all volunteers and staff who are faithful to their duty to advance reproductive health and rights of people in such hard time.

We are facing an important task to overcome manifold difficulties posed by global health crisis and give fresh spurs to design and successfully carry out the new strategic plan in 2022.

I firmly believe that all members will be faithful to their mission to attain people’s SRHR in 2022 as well by ensuring sustainability of service delivery more than ever through activated resource mobilization and efficient operation while pushing forward those projects as intended.

Dr. So Hyon Chol  
Executive Director



# Advocacy

## To increase the choice



In 2021, the National Guidelines on Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care was updated. Recommended by MoPH, staff engaged in the taskforce for developing the guidelines. They directed

attention to enable the team to present the details of FP methods in the guidelines, recognizing that provision of modern and diverse FP service for postpartum care is essential to increase the choice by women and to keep them healthy. To this aim, they shared achievements and experience gained in FP service delivery by Association in past years. Thus, details of modern FP methods were added to the guidelines, which was of significance in preparing a guidance on ensuring comprehensive and quality health care to women after delivery including FP service in the country.

## To create the favorable environment for MISP service in disasters

Current situation resulting in heavy calamities across the globe owing to natural disasters from global warming urgently demands us disaster preparedness and readiness.

At present, there are not enough reference materials for service providers related with MISP services. Association set it as a primary task to address this problem and carried out related advocacy since 2020.

Only in February 2021 alone, President and Executive Director met the officials in the State Committee for Emergency and Disaster Management in person to stress on the importance of MISP service delivery and necessity of guidelines, with evidence-based



information compiled by Association in past MISP activities. Contact with government officials repeated several times afterwards.

Committee officials showed their appreciation about our suggestion and agreed to discuss about practical issues pertaining to the development of guidelines.



## For ensuring sustainability of quality FP services in Associated Health Facilities(AHFs)



Entering the year 2021, an opportunity was created, allowing Association to resume implementation of AHF project under support from IPPF, which was ceased in September 2020. Executive Director met government officials in January and got approval for it. And he deliberated with local government officials about the practical issues likely to be raised in resuming it: identifying Ri clinics to serve as AHFs, provision of contraceptives and technical assistance for them by Association, assignment of work in M&E activities, keeping to anti-epidemic regulations, etc.

As a result, 240 Ri clinics restarted modern and quality FP services from March.



# IEC



## Through diverse communication channels

To inform the population about SRHR is one of priorities for Association.

Various IEC channels were availed in 2021.

Above all, efforts were paid to IEC based on mass media. In the past, 12 mass media were used in 6 target areas including North and South Phyongan provinces, North and South Hwanghae provinces.



Association established collaborative relations with broadcasting committees in North and South Hamgyong provinces which were selected as new target areas in 2021. Therefore, 660,000 people were informed about SRHR through 14 mass media in all for a year.

And SRH information were provided to around 380,000 population based on IEC in waiting areas of FP clinics and by volunteers and through in-country computer network.

Finally, about 1,040,000 people as a whole received SRH-related information in 2021.



number of persons  
received SRH  
information

**1,040,000 persons  
in the year**





## Raising effectiveness of peer education

Peer education takes a major part in IEC on SRH for young people. Starting from the viewpoint that successful peer education depends on capacity and skills of peer educators, Association regularly provided the training for newly recruited peer educators each year. Also in 2021, two batches of training were done for 40 peer educators. Trainings took up the topics on the features of reproductive health of young people, skills for smooth communica-

tion with youth, action plan for peer education and personal protective technique for prevention from COVID-19 infection.

Meanwhile, new reference was produced for them to use for peer education. “Manual for peer educators” published and distributed in 2021 gives broad information on SRH, focusing on the features of youth reproductive health in the way of quiz. Upon its distribution, the manual gained general popularity. In coming days, it will be of great help for peer educators.



## Family Life Education through after-school activities

Association is giving Family Life Education(FLE) to young people through after-school activities since 2018.

September, 2021, staff met personnel from Medical College in Phyongsong city to discuss about collaboration in providing FLE in after-school lectures. Based on it, in early October, 5 educa-



tors were trained to teach young people about family life and FLE was provided for 7 days in the college at the end of October.

The lectures gave comprehensive SRH information including reproductive health, STIs, rights to reproductive health and diverse social relationships, etc. As a result, 200 students received FLE.



# Service Delivery

## Providing comprehensive and quality SRH services

Service providers of Association gained success in their work by displaying the spirit of devotion for people.

Every SDP continued their services to attain the goal for delivering comprehensive and quality SRH service to more people keeping to the national anti-epidemic regulations, led by Committee for Leading Emergency Anti-epidemic Response (CLEAR).

In particular, 8 outreach service teams started offering new services like diagnosis of tuberculosis and hepatitis.

Technical capacity of service providers were elevated through 9 batches of training on QoC for 54 service providers from 9 FP



clinics given on the field between February and May.

And, as a part of preparedness against repeated natural disasters, refresher trainings on MISP were done for 8 outreach service team members.

SRH services delivered by FP clinics and outreach service teams to 90,822 clients(number of FTU is 10,588) totals 338,341(number of FP services amounts to 145,211), which indicates 3.65% increase compared to the prior year.



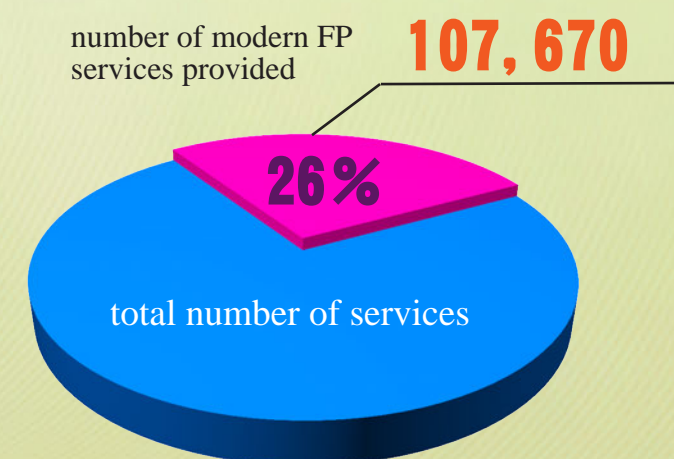


## Collaborating with public health facilities

Services were activated to upswing the quality of life in rural and mountainous areas. 240 Ri clinics, which support FP services for Association, were provided with the contraceptives(male condoms: 1,200 grosses, microzynon: 14,435 boxes, microlut: 4,802 boxes) in February 2021, while 240 service providers were trained through country-wide computer network in March. Besides, field visits were made on 4 occa-



sions in the year and the issues raised during monitoring and evaluation were deliberated in monthly Senior Management Team (SMT) meetings and appropriate measures were taken. Actually, 107,670 modern FP services were provided to 24,300 people in target areas,



which accounts for about 26% of total services by Association in 2021. During the survey on client satisfaction based on random selection in the target areas, 79% of respondents showed their willingness to introduce about this kind of service to their family members, relatives, friends and neighbours.



# Governance & management

## 32nd Annual General Meeting held



32nd Annual General Meeting was held virtually as gatherings were restricted for prevention of COVID-19 spread.

The meeting was called on April 24, 2021 and reviewed active service delivery for SRH promotion of target population even despite of insufficient supplies owing to global pandemic crisis and repeated natural disasters last year.

Presented were business plan and budget for 2021 and related feedbacks were shared. This was the first virtual meeting hosted by Association.



## Extraordinary General Meeting



Extraordinary General Meeting was organized in Pyongyang in November for renaming Association and by-election of governing body members, in conformity to the anti-epidemic regulations. According to the resolutions, Association was renamed as “Family Health Association of Korea”. Related opinions were gathered from all mem-

bers in 2 months prior to the meeting, and 1,365 volunteers (including 162 youth volunteers) and 128 staff submitted the options.

The meeting elected Dr. Kim Kyong Hye, Vice President as President and by-election was done for governing body members. New governing body members made commitments.

## Performance of CLEAR

CLEAR received and disseminated promptly the guidelines on anti-epidemic activities prepared by the government for its strict observance.

Major attention was fixed on procurement of anti-epidemic supplies and daily consumptions in SDPs were monitored. On this basis, 243,510 commodities of 10 kinds were procured and distributed under relations with local production units.

And the committee saw to it that SDPs disinfect and measure temperatures in line with the demand of national anti-epidemic regulations, whereas monitoring and evaluations were followed to raise awareness of service providers by ranking each unit monthly with regard to keeping the anti-epidemic regulations and sharing success, experience, weakness and lessons learnt.





## Joining the IPPF-wide activities

Several virtual workshops and surveys were held across IPPF in 2021 as a process of designing strategic framework 2023-2028 along with follow-up actions after IPPF reform. Association attended 9 surveys and introduced its activities to other MAs for 4 times, even with limited communication route.

This was truly thanks to the efforts to perform our duty as a member of Association.



## Recruitment of volunteers in new target areas

Volunteers form solid basis and major driving force of Association's activity. Association relocated 3 SDPs in urban areas to mountainous areas in 2020 and sought to recruit volunteers in these new target areas. Based on mass media in these areas, introduction about Association was done and call for enlisting volunteers was also made.

## Training on administration and management for Directors of FP clinics



Head Office hosted the training on administration and management in June and Directors from FP clinics were present. Two days training focused on elevating cost-effectiveness of operation and sustaining service delivery. The training ended by sharing experiences among participants.

Best practices in supply management and service delivery were introduced. Awareness of participants were rated as 92% according to the assessment of training.



Performance of model volunteers were demonstrated to encourage population to support Association. Finally, 35 persons from only new areas were registered as volunteers.



# Service Statistics




## FP services

| Service items           | Services provided/enabled |                        |                              | Total    |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
|                         | FP clinics                | Outreach service teams | Associated Health Facilities |          |
| FP General counselling  | 37, 637                   | 31, 282                | 53, 727                      | 122, 646 |
| IUD                     | 14, 369                   | 10, 909                |                              | 25, 278  |
| Oral contraception      | 20, 457                   | 14, 755                | 43, 290                      | 78, 502  |
| Male condom             | 5, 987                    | 7, 316                 | 9, 021                       | 22, 324  |
| Implant                 | 402                       |                        |                              | 402      |
| Emergency contraception | 118                       | 104                    | 492                          | 714      |
| Female sterilization    | 247                       |                        |                              | 247      |
| Male sterilization      | 174                       |                        |                              | 174      |
| FAB method              | 1, 015                    | 439                    | 1, 140                       | 2, 594   |
| Total                   | 80, 406                   | 64, 805                | 107, 670                     | 252, 881 |

## Non-FP services

| Service items   | Services provided |                        | Total    |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------|
|                 | FP clinics        | Outreach service teams |          |
| Abortion        | 5, 733            |                        | 5, 733   |
| Obstetrics      | 10, 693           | 8, 267                 | 18, 960  |
| Urology         | 2, 209            | 2, 080                 | 4, 289   |
| Pediatrics      | 4, 107            | 2, 253                 | 6, 360   |
| HIV/AIDS        | 120               | 147                    | 267      |
| Gynecology      | 58, 781           | 54, 037                | 112, 818 |
| STIs/RTIs       | 5, 487            | 2, 420                 | 7, 907   |
| Subfertility    | 2, 236            | 1, 426                 | 3, 662   |
| Specialized SRH | 7, 120            | 4, 641                 | 11, 761  |
| Non-SRH         | 10, 570           | 10, 803                | 21, 373  |
| Total           | 107, 056          | 86, 074                | 193, 130 |





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