Interlinkages of sustainable development, family planning, and reproductive health

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Population Growth

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(Expected) population in Millions

- 1993: 6.27
- 2018: 15.35
- 2030: 22
- 2050: 34
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Family with 10 children in the village of Tagal in the Lake Chad basin © Kate Holt
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• Low contraceptive prevalence

Contraceptive injection

Condomes
Family Planning (FP)

• Appropriate strategy to improve development:
  • ↓ fertility
  • ↓ maternal and child mortality
  • ↑ schooling of children
  • ↑ GDP per capita

• Access to education on FP is key
Strategy

• Recently: collaborative programmes to improve Women’s Health by government and development agencies

• Challenge: limited resources for family planning (other urgent needs)

• Focus on adolescents and youth (45% of population) : increase utilisation of modern contraceptives from 5% to 8% by 2020
Law

• 16 years of advocacy (government agencies, stakeholders) → July 2018 Council of the Ministry approves decree to put Chad’s laws on reproductive health in effect

Women encourage peace and educate on sexual health rights. © UNFPA Tchad/T. Somda

“sexuality” in Chad: parents almost never talk about it with their children. Credit: AJAC / A.K.Abakar
Challenges

• Population growth rate: 3.35% p.a.
• 7 instead of 3 children / women, and couples usually want still more
• 45% of population: 15 years or under
• → demand in education and jobs
Multi-sectoral initiatives for climate resilience, population & sustainable livelihoods in Africa

Thank you!
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