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POPULATION-HEALTH-ENVIRONMENT-DEVELOPMENT (PHED) CONVENING AT THE 9th AFRICAN POPULATION CONFERENCE

Introduction and background

About BUILD Project

Building Capacity for Integrated Family Planning (FP) and Reproductive Health (RH) and Population, Environment, and Development (PED) (BUILD) Action is a global project designed to leverage the interconnectedness of Population, Environment, and Development to spur solid political commitment, sustained financial resources, and accountability for voluntary family planning and reproductive health in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs). BUILD recognizes that the underlying challenges that LMICs face: lackluster economic development, environmental degradation and loss of biodiversity, high levels of unmet need for family planning, and rapid population growth are interconnected. Therefore, development interventions that fully tap into the synergies between population and environment are crucial to addressing root causes of poverty, preserving the environment, and accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Notably, there is limited integration of population and environment policies and programs, and critical environmental sector players rarely incorporate population interventions in their work. BUILD seeks to address these interrelated challenges by reinforcing actions that will enable policymakers and other development practitioners in LMICs to acknowledge the PED nexus as a valuable framework for strengthening local capacities and empowering governments and organizations to achieve holistic, sustainable development results through the efficient use of scarce resources.

About the pre-conference event

The BUILD project, in partnership with the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) will hold a (1) day pre-conference event to provide a platform to share PHED research, policy, and programming lessons. The session gives an opportunity for critical stakeholders involved or interested in cross-sectoral PHED space, including policymakers and media, to share and learn about recent accomplishments, challenges, and opportunities.

Methodology

The session will involve roundtable discussions to provide a space to discuss experiences and challenges and chart paths forward in areas critical to advancing the field. Key themes that the session will cover will include:

- ✓ Best Practices in Implementation
- ✓ Monitoring and Evaluation
- ✓ Expanding and Institutionalizing PHED Interventions
- ✓ Advocacy and Communications/Networks

Who can apply	The workshop will admit 15 participants involving policymakers, implementation researchers, and media professionals working around areas linked to Population, gender, environment, health, family planning, and/or community development.
How to apply	<p>Submit an expression of interest to 9apc@uaps-uepa.org including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Motivation statement ✓ Demonstration of work around integrated population health and environment ✓ CV
Venue and dates	18 th May 2024 in Lilongwe, Malawi.
Deadline for application	30 th March 2024