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Successful Meeting on UNFPA Country Program Implementation Plan and Progress Review Meeting

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The Economic Relations Division (ERD), in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), successfully conducted a meeting on the UNFPA Country Program Implementation Plan and the first Progress Review Meeting of the UNFPA on [Date]. The meeting took place at the NEC II Conference Room of the Planning Commission. Participants included representatives from 6 Ministries, 13 important Departments, 12 national and internal NGOs, relevant Project Directors, representatives from the Civil Society, research organizations, and academia.

UNFPA's vision is to make a difference in assisting the Government and people of Bangladesh in achieving the triple zeros by 2030. These goals encompass zero unmet need for family planning, zero preventable maternal deaths, and zero violence and harmful practices against women and girls, including zero child marriage.

Under the 10th Country Program (CP10) for the years 2022-2026, UNFPA Bangladesh is implementing interventions in 10 priority districts and 12 other project districts with the support of various donors. The program aligns with the Government of Bangladesh's 8th Five Year Plan, the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2022-2026, and UNFPA's Strategic Plan (2022-2025). CP10 was approved by the UNFPA Executive Board during the second regular session of 2021 and endorsed by the Government of Bangladesh (ERD) on 23 May 2021. The program focuses on four outcome areas, which include ensuring sexual and reproductive health and rights, empowering adolescents and youth, achieving gender equality and women's empowerment, and enhancing population data and evidence-based policies.

During the meeting, the Chair emphasized Bangladesh's commitment to achieving the triple zeros and urged relevant line ministries, departments, project directors, NGOs, and other stakeholders to work together in a participatory manner for timely implementation of CP10. The Chair also recommended that the relevant Ministries/Divisions/Departments take necessary steps to include the projects in the Annual Development Plan (ADP) for further processing. Finally, the Chair expressed gratitude to Ms. Kristine Blokhuis, Country Representative of UNFPA, Bangladesh, for the collaboration in realizing the triple zeros.

The meeting was chaired by AKM Sohel, Wing Chief (UN Wing), and co-chaired by Ms. Kristine Blokhuis, Country Representative, UNFPA, Bangladesh.

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