



## Drs Karimi and Maru attend TOT training workshop Rwanda

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(Standing left to right: Karen Rasmussen (UNFPA, Copenhagen, Lawrence Were, UNFPA, Uganda, Marie Claire, UNFPA, Rwanda, Dr Shital Maru, UoN, Kenya, Charity Karonya, UNFPA, Nairobi, Kenya, Dr P.N.Karimi, UoN, Kenya. Sitting left to right: Mr Stany Banzimana, CoE, University of Rwanda, Dr Arthur Ahimbisiwe, Makerere University, Uganda, Dr Rajabi Khalidi Makerere University Uganda, Dr Raphael Sangeda, MUHAS, Tanzania.)

[Drs Peter Karimi](#) [8] and [Shital Maru](#) [9] attend TOT training workshop by UNFPA and EAC Regional Centre of Excellence on Procurement and Supply Chain Capacity Building in Kigali, Rwanda from 14th July -24th July 2016.

### BACKGROUND

The Republic of Rwanda is one of the beneficiary countries of the formerly known Global Programme to enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security (GPRHCS), today known as UNFPA Supplies. This fact constitutes access to financing for a number of activities, including capacity building in a broad range of areas. A cornerstone of the programme is to ensure a wider and more regular access to Reproductive Health (RH) commodities and services to avert maternal deaths, youth pregnancies and infectious diseases and of equally paramount importance, to promote Family Planning (FP) and



the RH rights of every individual by ensuring Service Delivery Points are properly stocked with a range of quality, modern contraceptives and RH medicines.

To achieve the above, UNFPA has put in place a number of initiatives at all levels of the programme in seeking to ensure a holistic approach to better secure successful outcomes. These initiatives range widely from policy development to providing software and solutions, innovative logistics, a secure flow of quality, affordable supplies and to capacity building. In the sphere of Procurement and Supply Chain lies the core of the programme philosophy of ensuring wider access by providing on-line catalogue ordering of quality, affordable supplies as well as strategic and long-term planning of supplies for improved access. To enable countries to build their capacity in making better sense of the supply challenge, UNFPA provides a capacity building component which seeks to work with Governments and national institutions primarily, but also other RH partners, such as NGOs and civil society. As an outcome of this activity, the Procurement Services Branch in Copenhagen has delivered capacity building in Procurement and Supply Chain (SC) related areas in the form of training, systems and e-modules to the 46 countries that benefit from the programme financial and technical support.

In July 2014 the German Financial Cooperation/KfW Development Bank launched a feasibility study in seeking to support the East African Community (EAC) which is an inter-governmental organisation of the EAC five Partner States, namely: the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Uganda ([www.eac.int](http://www.eac.int) [10]) by working with the University of Rwanda to develop a Centre of Excellence in Health Supply Chain. Numerous partners were engaged in the process, among which were UNICEF, the GAVI Alliance and the AMP. The Ministerial Session of the 9th Ordinary Meeting of the East African Community (EAC) was held at Sectoral Council of Ministers of Health in Zanzibar, Tanzania, on April 17, 2014. During the meeting, EAC Ministers of Health proposed the creation of a regional center of excellence (CoE) in health logistics. Rwanda was selected to host the proposed “EAC Regional Centre of Excellence (RCE) for Health, Vaccines and Immunization Logistics in the East African Community Partner States” in collaboration with the LOGIVAC Reference Center (Benin, in West Africa), the World Health Organization (WHO), the GAVI Alliance, AMP, and German bank KfW. 1

In October 2014 the KfW contacted UNFPA to learn what contribution of support UNFPA could provide to the new RCE. An exchange of ideas, experience and material was discussed. From this point onwards UNFPA has engaged in the development of curriculum outlining and offered its technical assistance to support the RCE, in particular with this workshop and the option to take on an e-learning component with related modules. The subject of this invitation concerns the participation at the workshop as a training mechanism for instructors and material/tools hand-over for those instructors to apply in future, as well as establishing contact between the UNFPA offices and the respective universities in each country.

### **Expected Outcomes**

It is assumed that attending instructors will engage in the workshop training as a receiving party/trainee and also contribute to how the materials and knowledge can be transferred to the various curriculums. A joint report will be issued this effect. Institutions represented with trainers trained will be considered for support in their respective countries for appropriate implementation on the ground. This support will concern

1. Co-facilitation for the first training workshop roll out
2. The option to have the e-learning programme and its modules deployed to the university. However, the budgets will not have been sought for the 4 visiting countries, thus it will be an activity reliant upon each UNFPA Country Office (CO) and each university in the respective countries, to ensure appropriate decentralization and ownership at each location.
3. To obtain 2 above, have drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in preparation for signature. There is no mandatory requirement for the respective country to sign despite participation in this workshop.

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