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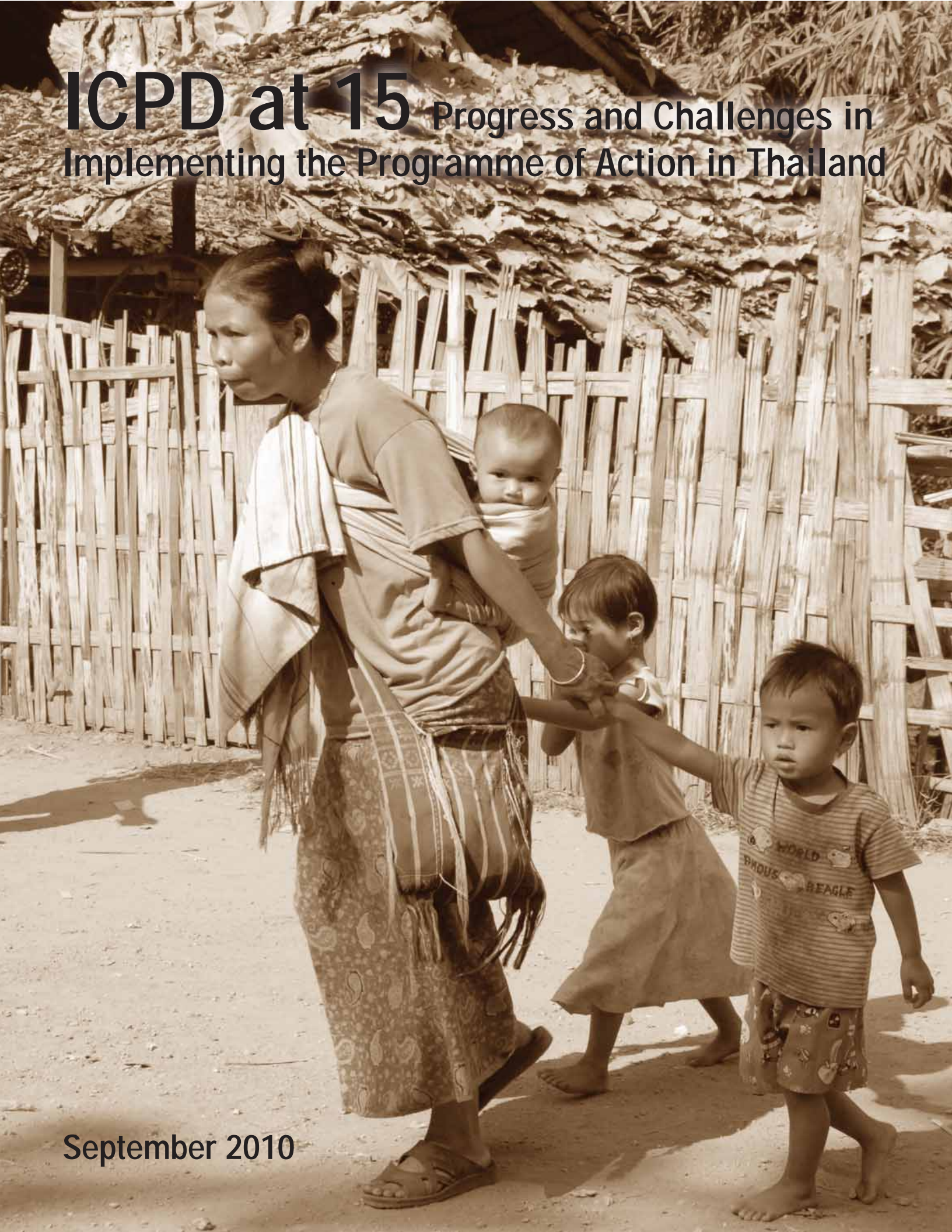
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Foreword

The year 2009 marked the 15th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the last 5-year review of the implementation of the Programme of Action (PoA) before its final evaluation in 2015.

The Ministry of Public Health is pleased to issue this report on the progress that has been achieved and the challenges that remain in implementing the ICPD PoA. This report is based primarily on the findings of a review of the current status of the implementation of the ICPD PoA vis-à-vis the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through desk reviews of national statistics and reports, including other reliable data sources as well as the proceedings of consultative meetings with key stakeholders and experts. This report draws on Thailand's experience in implementing the ICPD PoA and highlights the good practices, lessons learned, emerging challenges and obstacles faced by the country, and recommends priority actions to be taken to move the ICPD agenda forward.

Despite the considerable success that Thailand has achieved for most of the ICPD targets and the MDGs, there are some areas that require further attention and concerted action to ensure that Thailand will fully achieve these goals and targets by 2015 and beyond. These challenges include working toward universal access to social services and social protection and reducing inequality, gaps and disparities, particularly among vulnerable populations.

The Ministry of Public Health would like to acknowledge and extend its appreciation to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for its continued support for Thailand in the implementation of the ICPD PoA, as well as the assistance provided for the periodic reviews of progress of the ICPD+5, ICPD+10 and the ICPD+15.



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Message from UNFPA Representative

On the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the historic International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo in 1994, UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, in collaboration with the Department of Health (DoH), Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) along with key stakeholders, has reviewed and appraised the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action (PoA) in Thailand. The review and appraisal process took place throughout 2009 to mid-2010 with participation and involvement of a wide range of the line ministries and the civil society organizations. The review focused on the progress, gaps, and the commitment for a concrete action agenda to achieve the goals of ICPD Programme of Action (PoA), the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and other internationally agreed development initiatives.

The report reveals that Thailand has accomplished most of the indicators of ICPD PoA and the MDGs. However, disparities persist in some areas particularly among the vulnerable populations such as the people living in remote areas including ethnic groups and migrants. In addition, as an emerging Middle Income Country (MIC) Thailand faces major challenges from the consequences of its rapid demographic transition which includes rapid population ageing with a rising dependency ratio and declining working age population. This will dramatically impact the country's development which requires greater attention and action to adapt to these consequences and sustain the momentum of development progress.

I wish to acknowledge the valuable inputs and contributions of the DoH/MoPH and other partners in the development of this assessment report. Special thanks are also due to the hard working staff of the UNFPA Thailand Country Office for their substantive inputs and for organizing comprehensive consultations with the government, civil society and other partners to ensure completeness and accuracy of this report. Last but not least, special thanks to UNFPA consultant, Ms Parichart Siwaraksa, for her hard work and completing the report in a timely manner.

It is our hope that the findings of this report will further accelerate the implementation of the ICPD PoA with special attention to reducing disparities in accessing services. The full achievement of the ICPD PoA will indeed contribute directly to the achievement of the MDGs aimed at reducing poverty, hunger, poor health, HIV/AIDS and gender inequality by 2015.



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Acronyms

ARH	Adolescent Reproductive Health
ARV	Antiretroviral
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CPR	Contraceptive Prevalence Rate
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DDC	Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health
DoH	Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health
FP	Family Planning
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GMS	Greater Mekong Sub-region
GO	Governmental Organization
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMR	Infant Mortality Rate
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IUD	Intrauterine Device
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MMR	Maternal Mortality Ratio
MoPH	Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
MSDHS	Ministry of Social Development and Human Security
NESDB	National Economic and Social Development Board
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
NHSO	National Health Security Office
NSO	National Statistical Office
PHC	Primary Health Care
OECD	Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development
OSCC	One-stop Service Crisis Centre
PoA	Programme of Action
PATH	Program for Appropriate Technology in Health
PPAT	The Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand
RAMOS	Reproductive Age Mortality Study
RH	Reproductive Health
RTCOC	Royal Thai College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
RTI	Reproductive Tract Infection
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
SW	Sex Worker
TAO	Tambon Administration Organization
TCDC	Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries
TFR	Total Fertility Rate
UHC	Universal Health Coverage
UN	United Nations
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNPAF	United Nations Partnership Framework
WHO	World Health Organization

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