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ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ANC	antenatal care
ART	antiretroviral therapy
CPR	contraceptive prevalence rate
GLBTI	gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HPV	human papillomavirus
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
IUD	intrauterine device
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MISP	minimum initial service package
MMR	maternal mortality ratio
MNH	maternal and newborn health
MVA	manual vacuum aspiration
NGO	nongovernmental organization
NMR	neonatal mortality rate
PMTCT	prevention of mother-to-child-transmission (of HIV)
STI	sexually transmitted infection
TFR	total fertility rate

Map of the Western Pacific Region



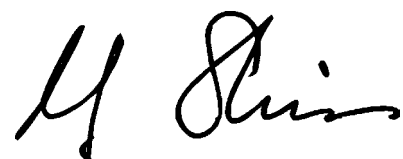
FOREWORD

Significant efforts have been made in reproductive health since the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994 and the launch of the Global Reproductive Health Strategy in 2004. Although progress has been achieved in many components of reproductive health, it is still not enough to keep all Member States in the Western Pacific Region on track to achieve Millennium Development Goal 5, which calls for universal access to reproductive health. Moreover, reproductive health inequities have widened in many Member States in the last decade.

There are health systems, technical, social and cultural challenges in achieving universal access to reproductive health services. In 1995, WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific adopted a resolution urging Member States to review their policies, strategies and plans of action for improving reproductive health services. The Regional Office has been supporting Member States in achieving their objectives of universal access to reproductive health.

Recently, following the launch of the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health (2010), the need for a regional framework for reproductive health was emphasized. This framework would serve as a guide for country programmes in accelerating the achievement of universal access to reproductive health and reducing inequities among and within Member States.

It is important to integrate services among the five components of reproductive health and other relevant programmes, building upon the foundation of a strong health system. Well-managed integration increases effectiveness, efficiency and equity of service delivery. Thus, this Regional Framework for Reproductive Health in the Western Pacific Region has been developed in close consultation with Member States, in collaboration with the WHO divisions responsible for reproductive health and health systems development. It is anticipated that this framework will be useful for decision-makers, policy-makers and reproductive health programme managers in Member States to update policies and design strategies and programmes to achieve universal access to reproductive health.



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PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

USSR-ALMA-ATA 1978

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Convened by WHO and UNICEF, the International Conference on Primary Health Care met in 1978 in Alma-Ata, which is now Almaty in the Republic of Kazakhstan. The historic conference adopted a declaration calling for the development of primary health care throughout the world, particularly in developing countries.

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