

Memorandum of Understanding

*International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO)
and Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development (RFPD)*

The International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) is the only worldwide organisation that groups obstetricians and gynecologists. It has member associations in 125 countries/territories. Its vision is that women of the world achieve the highest possible standards of physical, mental, reproductive and sexual health and wellbeing throughout their lives. Its mission is the improvement of women's health and rights, and the reduction of disparities in healthcare available to women and newborns, as well as to advance the science and practice of obstetrics and gynecology. The organisation pursues its mission through advocacy, programmatic activities, capacity strengthening of member associations, education and training.

The Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development (RFPD) is a resource to Rotary International and its members for its Future Vision area of focus: 'Maternal and Child Health'. RFPD, with its headquarters in Lawrenceville, USA, and 76 country sections, operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International. Since its inception in 1996, RFPD initiates and supports development aid projects, aiming at a sustainable development of world population. The focus of their projects is maternal and child health, including voluntary family planning.

Areas for collaboration

- Promotion of maternal and newborn health in underserved populations in low- and middle-resource countries
- Advocacy efforts at international, regional and national levels, as appropriate, towards accelerating efforts to achieve MDGs 4 and 5, as well as to implement Rotary's area of focus: 'Maternal and Child Health'
- Encouraging efforts at national levels between FIGO member associations and Rotary Clubs to implement projects for improving maternal and newborn health to underserved populations in these countries

Conditions of the agreement

Collaboration and co-ordination can be achieved through several channels and venues.

FIGO and RFPD hereby agree the following:

1. Joint advocacy statements for the provision of MNH and increasing resources to be disseminated through FIGO and RFPD websites and newsletters
2. Letters from FIGO and RFPD to their national affiliates in countries with a high burden of maternal and child mortality and morbidity to collaborate in developing, and implementing, agreed workplans and HQ reporting
3. Biennial meeting at the central level for follow-up on the activities in the field and providing needed guidance and support

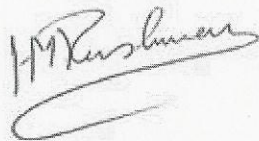
Duration of the agreement – two years (renewable)

This MOU will become effective immediately after its approval by the Officers of both FIGO and RFPD.

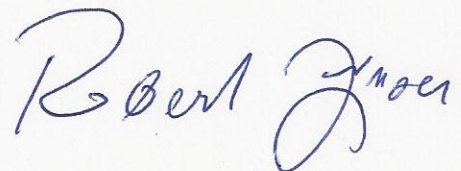
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