POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMME IN VIETNAM: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

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- Strong commitments:
  + Policy documents, legal documents, and technical/professional guidelines on PFP
  + Continuously increased investments by the State.

- TFR fast declined: In 1960, it was 6.4; in 2005 - 2.1 (achieving the replacement fertility rate) and 2.03 children in 2009.
Total Fertility Rate, 2001-2009

Fertility Rate: 2.25, 2.23, 2.17, 2.11, 2.09, 2.07, 2.08, 2.03
- The population growth rate of higher than 3% during the 1960’s of the 20th century has declined to 1.02% (2009). Population in 2009 - 85.8 million. It should be noted that if the fertility rate remained the same as in 1989, according to the most reliable forecast, in 2009 Vietnam’s population would increase to 104.4 million. In the past 20 years - 18.4 million avoided.

- 1979: 52.74
- 1989: 64.38
- 1999: 76.32
- 2009: 85.79
- Regarding family planning, men and women provided with sufficient information, counsel and access to a variety of safe and effective FP methods.

- The network of provision of PFP services has been expanded with emphasis on contraceptive commodity security, strengthened social marketing and marketization of contraceptives.

- CPR increase from 76.8% (2005) to 79.5% (2009), and CPR of modern methods increases from 65.8% (2005) to 68.8% (2009).
Steady Increase of CPR of Married Couples at Reproductive Age
Success of Population and Family Planning Program has contributed to successful attainment of MDGs in Vietnam:

- Having contributed to improved maternal health (MDG5) and reduced child mortality (MDG4)
- Contributing to strengthening gender equality, empowering and capacity building for women (MDG3).
- Contributing to poverty reduction (MDG1)
Part II. Issues and Challenges

1. Fertility rate might increase again
2. Highly imbalanced sex ratio at birth
3. The problem of aging population
4. Poor status of health and wellbeing of population
5. Challenges in delivery of family planning commodities and services
6. Migration is increasing fast and the needs to provide counseling, commodities and services in family planning to migrants are growing
7. Adolescent and teen abortions are on the rise
Thank you for your attention!