

## Summit Context:

Half of the world's people are under the age of 25. Some three billion children and young people are, or will soon be, of reproductive age. Universal access to reproductive health, including family planning, is the starting point for a better future for the 1.5 billion young people (ages 10 to 24) who live in developing countries. In 57 developing countries, over 40 per cent of the population is under 15. The number of youth in the world surviving on less than a dollar a day in 2000 was an estimated 238 million, almost a quarter (22.5 per cent) of the world's total youth population. Despite a shift toward later marriage in many parts of the world, 82 million girls in developing countries who are now aged 10 to 17 will be married before their 18th birthday.

The Islamic Republic of Pakistan, with a population of 153.45 million in mid 2005 is the sixth most populated country in the world. As per Human Development Index, Pakistan is ranked 135th among 177 countries. As per Human Poverty Index, the country is ranked 65th among 94 developing countries.

Pakistan, with 147th position on Health Index is also facing the multidimensional damages of HIV/AIDS which has emerged as one of the major global health and development challenges.

Pakistan is a "young country" as the major segment of population is of youth. The total Pakistani population below 25 years constitutes for around 63 percent. The need of the hour is to keep youth perspectives on top priority while designing any policy and program related to MDGs.

Investing in young people can help break the cycle of poverty and achieve the MDGs. UNFPA works with governments to incorporate young people's issues in national development policies and plans, and supports action in areas such as data collection, education, livelihoods and reproductive health information and services. At a time when young people make up such a large parts of populations, they deserve a fair share of resources.

## Summit Objectives:

- To advocate young people's rights (including ASRH) at national level
- To facilitate dialogue of young people with key policy makers and implementers on young people right (dialogue with Ministries of health, population, youth, social welfare and women development)
- To further the integration of ARH in national and sub national policies and programs
- To provide platform to young people from diverse culture and geographical areas for exchange of experiences and views.

# Summit Program

## DAY - 1

### INAUGURAL SESSION

Saturday July 08, 2006

Venue: Margalla Hotel

Arrival and Registration	15:00-15:30
Recitation from Holy Qur'aan	15:30-15:35
Welcome Address and introduction of RHIYA	15:35-15:50
RHIYA Documentary	15:50-16:05
Youth Perspective	16:05-16:25
Remarks by Country Representative UNFPA	16:25-16:40
Inaugural address by the Chief Guest	16:40-16:50
Vote of thanks	16:50-17:00
Opening of the Resource Mela and Tea	17:00-17:30

## Evening Program:

2 hours session (Timings 19:00-21:00)

## Theme:

Young people's needs : challenges and opportunities in ARH programs.

Presentations and discussion by:	
● <b>MSS</b> Challenges in working with young people	19:15-20:00
● <b>PAVHNA</b> Lessons learnt in ARH	
● <b>SACHET</b> Opportunities –the way forward	
● <b>Other Civil Society Institutions</b>	
Discussion on Presentations	20:00-20:30
Key recommendations	20:30-21:00
Dinner	21:00-22:00

## DAY 2

### TECHNICAL SESSIONS/WORKSHOP

Sunday, July 9, 2006

Venue: Hotel Margalla

<b>9:00 - 10:30</b>	
UNFPA, its mandate and gender mainstreaming & (Priorities for UNFPA – Brainstorming session with young people)	
<b>Tea Break 10:30 - 11:00</b>	
<b>Group I</b>	<b>Group II</b>
Gender Based Violence The case of Karo kari in Jacobabad Perceptions and realities	Advancing ARH Best advocacy strategies?
<b>1200 - 1330</b>	
Overcoming Cultural Barriers: Inter-linkages between Islam and ARH	Communication Gap: Addressing the stereotypes of ARH through Parental support.
<b>Lunch 13:30 - 14:30</b>	
<b>14:30 - 16:00</b>	
Integrating livelihood skill training and sports to reproductive health education: what is the right mix?	Improving KABP regarding ARH through peer education
<b>Tea 1630 - 17:00</b>	

## Theatre Presentation

Sunday, July 9, 2006

19:00 - 19:45

Venue: NIC building hall



AGEHI Theater Group

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(Higher Education of the Parrot)



## DAY 3

### TECHNICAL SESSIONS/WORKSHOP

Monday July 10, 2006

Venue: Hotel Margalla

#### Interactive Sessions (panel discussions)

9:00 - 10:30

ARH, Gender and  
Pakistani Youth

Leadership- Involvement  
of young people in  
decision making

Tea 10:30 - 11:00

11:00 - 13:00

#### Public Sector response to young people's needs

Panel discussion and dialogue with young people

- Ministry of Youth (Chair)
- Minister of Health
- Ministry of Population
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Social Welfare

Lunch 13:00 - 14:00

14:00 - 15:30

#### The Youth Parliament

Meeting of youth with the parliamentarians  
and donors – a policy dialogue

Point of order: ARH the missing Agenda in  
policy and programs

Tea Break 15:30 - 16:00

Sight Seeing 16:00 - 18:00

19:00 - 21:00 Cultural evening and dinner

## DAY 4

### CONCLUDING SESSION

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Hotel Margalla

3:30 - 5:00pm

- Welcome
- Summary of all sessions and recommendations by participants
- Remarks by UNFPA
- Remarks by chief guest
- Vote of thanks
- Conclusion

“ Young people have the energy, ideas and optimism to make a difference. They are a force for positive change. Yet millions of young people face lives of poverty, exploitation and despair....

If we are serious about reaching the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, we must involve young people today. We must invest in them; we must learn from them; we must be their partners.”

Kofi Annan,  
United Nations Secretary-General

## Second RHIYA Youth Summit

### Youth Matters

“Empowering Young People to Create Healthy Society”

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