

CABINET OF MINISTRIES OF UKRAINE

RESOLUTION

Dated 27 of December, 2006 #1849
Kyiv

On approving of the National program
“Reproductive Health of the Nation” for the period till 2015

Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine enacted to:

1. Approve the National program “Reproductive Health of the Nation” for the period till 2015 (hereinafter called –Program)
2. Ministries, other central entities of executive branch are responsible for the implementation of the Program as well as Academies of Medical Sciences, Academies of Pedagogical Sciences, Council of Ministries, Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Oblasts, Kyiv and Sevastopol Municipal State Administrations have to submit on an annual basis before the 1 of February to the Ministry of Health the information regarding the implementation of the Program for the further submission to the Cabinet of Ministries of Ukraine before the 20th of February.

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National program “Reproductive Health of the Nation” for the period till 2015

General characteristics

A human being, his/her life and health, are the highest social values of the State, declared in the Constitution of Ukraine. The future of the state depends on political, economic, social factors that influence the demographic situation in the country, the health status of the population. The analysis of quantitative and qualitative characteristics of the population in the last 10-15 years evidences that Ukraine is in a serious demographic crisis, characterized by depopulation, aging of the population and shortening life expectancy. This has a negative impact on the development of productive forces, the population’s welfare and the overall economic situation in the country.

Of special concern is the status of reproductive health, which is an integral part of general health of the nation in general, and is strategically important for sustainable development of the society. Activities implemented in recent years as part of the National Reproductive Health Program 2001-2005 caused positive changes in the area of reproductive health, specifically, - the family planning service has been set up; the population’s awareness about healthy lifestyle, safe sex behavior, responsible parenthood, and contraception has risen; contraceptive prevalence rate has also risen.

The abortion, maternal and infant mortality rates have decreased. However, these indicators are still high and exceed European averages. There are problems associated with spontaneous abortion, premature delivery and infertility, which, being consequences of unsafe sex behavior, lead to considerable reproductive losses.

This situation demands that further activities be implemented to improve the Ukrainian population’s reproductive health.

Analysis of causes of unsatisfactory RH state:

The social situation of the population, lack of attention towards the role of the family, the loss of historical Ukrainian family traditions as the main component of society, as well as the failure to preserve cultural relationships within the family as the main component of society;

Insufficient social and legal protection in the area of labor, as well as the lack of adequate enforcement of labor protection norms with its safety measures is one of the causes of women's unsatisfactory health condition. Women are discriminated against, especially those who work in the privately owned companies, and are ousted to low paid jobs or have to seek work whether in the shadow sector of the economy or abroad

Imperfect normative and legal basis;

Mortality among men of working age exceeds female mortality by 3.6 times. Irreparable losses among the male population of reproductive impacts the gender ratio in the society and at the same time leads to a high number of single women, incomplete families and orphans.

High maternal and infant mortality rates are tied to the poor provision of information to the population on healthy life-style, responsible sexual behavior, family planning, modern standards of prevention, diagnostics and treatment of reproductive tract diseases, also poor level of equipping of healthcare facilities with highly technical equipment and training of specialists lead to the reduction of quality care;

Unsatisfactory condition of pregnant women causes numerous complicated deliveries which contribute to the high morbidity rate among children aged under 14 and children's disability;

High rates of artificial pregnancy termination (19, 1 per 1000 WRA) also affect fertility as well as subsequent pregnancy and childbirth. Artificial pregnancy termination and its complications kill every 10th woman.

Pornography, promotion of sexual violence, broad advertisement of harmful habits (smoking, alcohol, and drugs) negatively impact adolescent reproductive behavior;

High level of infertility among Ukrainian families can be related to direct reproductive losses;

Spread of cancer pathology in organs of reproductive tract is considered to be one of the main cause of death and leads to a great number of losses among young women who did not even use their reproductive function;

Insufficient level of material-technical provision for healthcare facilities that provide RH services;

One of the main factors that causes reproductive health disorders is STI's that cause infertility, miscarriages, oncological pathology and intrauterine infection of the fetus with possible severe consequences and even defects in future development. Direct reproductive losses due to miscarriage are 36-40 thousand unborn children annually. HIV-positive pregnant women are another issue that acquires importance because in turn it increases the number HIV-positive children.

Goal and main objectives of the Program

Improve the Ukrainian population's reproductive health as an important component of general health, influence the demographic situation and ensure the socio-economic potential of the country.

The main program objectives:

Ensure conditions for safe motherhood;

Shape RH in children and youth;

Improve FP system;

Preserve RH of the population;

Ensure efficient management for implementation of the Program;

For more effective work on RH problems determine main target groups:

↳ children under 14;

↳ adolescents aged 15-17;

↳ young people aged 18-20;

↳ young families aged under 35;

↳ pregnant women;

↳ women and men of reproductive age.

Priority areas in the Program implementation are as follows:

In the socio-economic area:

- improve the regulatory framework of the system of family reproductive health;
- promote family values, ensure medico-social support for young families;
- protect the health of socially vulnerable groups,

In the educational area:

- develop and implement multisectoral strategies aimed to promote, form and encourage healthy lifestyle, responsible parenthood and safe motherhood;
- inform the population on issues of responsible attitude to their own health;
- carry out information-education-communication activities on health issues, which promote healthy lifestyle, family planning, the strengthening of reproductive health, the protection of motherhood and prevention of cancers;
- develop a strategy to reduce harm that information technologies do to the lifestyle of children and adolescents.

In the medical area:

- strengthen the preventive aspect of reproductive health services for every target group;
- implement a strategy for general practitioners and family physicians to provide reproductive health services;
- ensure the quality of medical care in the area of reproductive health and family planning in accordance with protocols of its provision;
- ensure access to reproductive health services for men and women;
- improve access to health services for adolescents and rural populations;
- continue to develop and implement evidence-based medicine technologies and practices in the area of reproductive health;

- improve logistics for reproductive health facilities;
- improve and optimize the family planning system in Ukraine;
- develop a contraceptive security strategy.
- develop and implement a system of training of family physicians and general practitioners on issues of reproductive health and family planning;
- improve graduate and postgraduate curricula by including reproductive health and family planning issues into them;
- raise the level of professional training of health providers;
- improve the system of management of health facilities.

In the scientific area:

Carry out research in order to:

- reveal factors and mechanisms that preserve and improve reproductive health;
- carry out a situation analysis of TB in the area of reproductive health;

In the area of collaboration and coordination on the Program:

- monitor and evaluate program activities implementation.

Expected results:

The implementation of the program will allow us to reduce the level of:

- Maternal mortality by 20%.
- Anemia rate among pregnant women by 45%.
- Infant mortality by 20%.
- hemolytic disorders of newborn by 20%
- Abortion rate among adolescents by 20%.
- Inflammatory diseases of the reproductive tract among adolescents aged 15-17 by 20%.
- Artificial pregnancy termination among adolescents aged 15-17 by 20%.
- Artificial pregnancy termination among adult women by 20%
- STI's by 30%
- Gonorrhoea incidence among adult men by 10%
- Cervical cancer by 20%
- Breast cancer by 10%.
- Infant mortality from the respiratory tract disorders by 20%
- Raise the number of babies for breastfeeding before the 6 months period by 60%
- Ensure antenatal care for 98 % of pregnant women
- Introduce "Youth-friendly clinics" to outpatient-polyclinics, pediatric healthcare facilities by 90%
- Raise contraceptive prevalence for unintended pregnancies by 20%.

Financing of the Program:

Program with its activities (attached) is planned to be funded from the budgets of the MOH and other executive entities that are involved in the implementation of the Program, the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblasts, Kyiv and Sevastopol cities as well as from other sources

The scope of Program funding from the state budget is 455165,7 thousand UAH, from local budgets -295135,2 from other sources -10709,6 thousand UAH.