

Final in this section, it is submitted that in the Indonesian program, the most recent approach to empower the family and all members of the family is best done through the establishment of POSDAYA, i.e. local village posts for the empowerment of all members of the family. This is a regular forum of families and community members to deliberate, decide and plan all community and family activities for the benefit of all members of the family. These posts can be community based, or faith based, or functional based. The activities of the POSDAYA are centered on the three major elements of MDGs, i.e. health, education and economic activities.

The POSDAYA has become institutionalized and inculcated in the daily fabric of social life, especially of rural life in all villages. The POSDAYA are led by local village leaders with strong support of the ulamas (religious circles), and the commitment of all local community prominents. This forum also becomes the nucleus of social and community movement based on the eight functions of the family as mentioned above.



The forum also guarantees the democratic rights of individuals to chose their respective paths of life towards attaining their respective welfare ideals, both in terms of their physical and spiritual need fulfillment. It is these fora which have strengthened the validity of population centered indicators, which when appropriately applied will at the same time attain the MGDs, which indeed are parallel with UNFPA's vision.

It is submitted that UNFPA could be better served if those ideals and principles are mentioned in the Draft Strategic Plan, which will also motivate other members of the UN and the UN family to heed to the firm participation of their respective civil society.

IV. Concluding Note

It is important to note that all the thoughts presented are based on the premise that the Draft document is giving heavier emphasis to developing countries who have not yet gone far, or have not yet embarked, in FP and RH programs. One would take this opportunity to encourage UNFPA to also take side with countries who have taken significant strides in successfully implementing the program. To the latter countries, UNFPA's contribution would be more on encouraging those countries to make more tangible and significant investments in their human resources in its widest possible scope.

Successes in human resources investments, will certainly guarantee long term dividends, and will bring those countries to a higher plane of perpetual propelling development.

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