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Hewlett Foundation Announces \$1.2 Million in Grants to Organizations in Area Hit by Tragedy

Menlo Park, CA -- The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has awarded emergency grants to two existing grantee organizations that are providing des health services to women and children in areas affected by the earthquake an South Asia. The Foundation awarded \$900,000 to International Planned Par Federation (IPPF), and \$300,000 to the United Nations Fund for Population (UNFPA). The grant to UNFPA will be administered by the United Nations F

“In the aftermath of this horrible tragedy, we are all trying to find ways to off assistance,” said Paul Brest, president of the Hewlett Foundation. “Our staff h contact with the Foundation’s grantees on the ground in the affected region, e services there is overwhelming. These emergency grants will immediately beg desperate need for health services, especially among pregnant women and ch extremely vulnerable right now.”

About IPPF’s work in South Asia

IPPF and its member associations constitute the largest non-governmental or network devoted to improving reproductive health, including pre- and post-n deliveries, as well as family planning services. Many of the member associati basic child health care services including the provision of oral rehydration sal defense from and treatment of diarrhea-related diseases. Through their large health care professionals, clinical facilities, and good relations with the gover countries devastated by the tsunami, the member associations are able to res enormous challenges caused by the disaster. In addition, many of the staff of associations come from the communities that have borne the brunt of the tra known and trusted by those whom they serve.

Emergency funds from the Foundation will enable IPPF and the member ass immediately respond to provide greatly needed health services, particularly to girls, including pregnant women, as well as to young children. Foundation fu enable the member associations to construct temporary facilities and to begir challenge of rebuilding their destroyed infrastructure.

About UNFPA’s work in South Asia

UNFPA is the world’s largest multilateral source of population assistance. Sin operational in 1969, the Fund has provided substantial assistance to developi their request, to address their population and development needs. In the affe UNFPA has committed money and staff for rapid health assessments, hygien health supplies, including water purification tablets. UNFPA is collaborating governments and other UN agencies and humanitarian partners to assess immediate and longer-term ne

Among the affected are tens of thousands of pregnant and nursing women, who are susceptible to waterborne diseases and may require supplementary feeding, prenatal care, and delivery assistance. Even in ideal circumstances, some 15 per cent of pregnant women require emergency obstetric care to avoid maternal and infant deaths. UNFPA warns that the psychological trauma will mean even more pregnant women in need.

To address these concerns, UNFPA is working with partners to ensure that all emergency assistance addresses the special vulnerability of women and girls in disaster-stricken areas. Priority areas to be addressed by UNFPA in a soon-to-be-issued donor appeal include emergency obstetric care, the establishment of temporary health facilities, an equipment and supplies.

About the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has been making grants since 1963 to address social and environmental problems at home and around the world. The Foundation concentrates its resources on activities in education, environment, global development, performing arts, philanthropy, population, and makes grants to support disadvantaged communities in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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