

World Population Day in Moldova

Monday, July 11, 2011

Press Conference: World Population Day & Launch of “7 billion” campaign

The press conference announced the celebration of the World Population Day and the launch of the “7 billion” campaign. The speakers made an overview of the demographic situation in the world and made a parallel with Moldova, where on the contrary, the number of population is decreasing and a continuous process of population aging is being observed.

The Conference was moderated by Mr. Boris Gilca, Programme Coordinator at UNFPA Moldova, who mentioned that “The Republic of Moldova must urgently consolidate its institutional capacities within the demographic framework. We are the only country in the region that does not have an institution responsible for monitoring, research, policy development and demographic prognosis”.

The main speaker of the conference was Mrs. Valentina Buliga, Minister of Labor, Social Protection and Famil, followed by an expert from the academic field (Mrs. Olga Gagauz, Head of the Demographic Sector of the Academy of Science), who presented a demographic prognosis for Moldova for the next years. Also, the representative from the International Organization for Migration mission in Moldova presented the report “Specific needs of the children and elderly left behind by family members migrated abroad to work”, elaborated in cooperation with the UNFPA.



“7 billion actions for a better world to live in”

As part of “7 billion actions” campaign the Y-PEER network organized a public activity called “7 billion actions for a better world to live in”. They questioned people in the street on: “What should be our actions, in order to make this world a better place to live”. The answers were gathered in boxes and will be used in further activities.



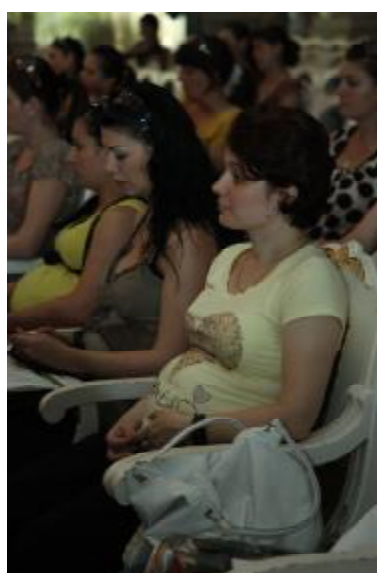
Also, Y-PEERS distributed informational materials/gadgets on the main street of Chisinau.
Informational materials/gadgets:

- leaflets containing the “7 billion” message and some statistical data on the demographic situation in our country and explanation of the aging phenomenon
- balloons for children with the inscriptions: “*I want a baby-sister / I want a baby-brother*” (activity for the promotion of childbirth in the country)

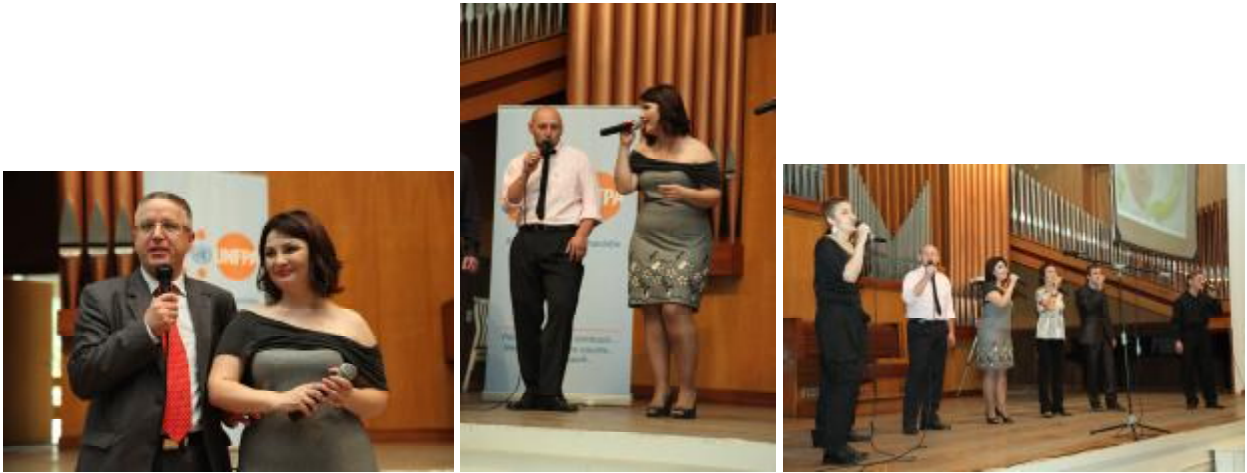


Informational session for pregnant women: „In a world of 7 billion every childbirth must be safe”

In a country with a tough economic and political conditions, with a high rate of migration and unemployment, the fertility rate is insufficient for the substitution of generations and prevention of aging population phenomenon. In this context, each woman should know that every child is born in safe conditions and with good medical care. For this purpose a very innovative informational session for pregnant women was organized at the Organ Hall of Chisinau, during which they learned about the existing medical pre-natal and post-natal services for mothers and babies they can benefit from. The session also included a presentation of the activity of the family planning offices and pre-natal classes for future mothers, including the “Partnership in delivery” program, supported by UNFPA Moldova. In addition women were informed about the social indemnities offered them by the state during the period of pregnancy and after the childbirth.



This event was moderated by a famous Moldovan singer Geta Burlacu, who also came with a mini-concert for the audience. Geta is our candidate to become UNFPA Moldova Ambassador.



The event was attended by Mrs. Valentina Buliga, Minister of Labor, Social Protection and Family, Mr. Gheorghe Turcanu, Vice-Minister of Health, the Mayor of Chisinau, who also offered flowers to all pregnant women, as well as Mr. Mircea Buga, Director of the National Insurance Company and Mrs. Luminita Suveica, Head of the Health Department within the City Council.



Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Round table with “Pro-Health” journalists club – “*Perspectives of Moldova in a world of 7 billion*”

Debates with the participation of media representatives on national and international demographic issues, with the participation of Mr. Boris Gilca, Programme Coordinator at UNFPA Moldova and Mr. Valeriu Sainsus, Associate Professor, Demographic Department of the Academy of Economics, who presented the report: “*Demographic issues of the national framework*”.



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