

IPPF HOLDS INVESTMENT VOUCHER TRAINING ON GENDER EQUALITY AND INCLUSION IN PROGRAMMING

Under the auspices of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), a series of Investment Voucher Trainings have been held. Key among them is that on gender equality and inclusion in programming held in Abidjan to build the capacity of 15 Member Associations (MAs) on the use of tools developed by IPPF on gender mainstreaming and the inclusion and the provision of service to people of different sexual orientations and gender identities (SOGIESC). It sought to train MA representatives on the use of the Gender Self-assessment Toolkit (GAT); the organizational self-assessment tool on gender mainstreaming and the consideration of SOGIESC based on the tool developed by IPPF.

Participating countries included Ghana, Cameroon, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire and Ethiopia. Others were, Guinee Bissau, Lesotho, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Sao Tome, Seychelles, Togo, and Cape Verde. PPAG was represented by its Gender Focal Person- Miss Naadu Awuradwoa Addico.



Photo: MA participants in one of the training sessions

In the introductory remarks of the IPPF Africa Regional Director, Marie Evelyne Petrus-Barry, she noted that foresees the Federation growing to better influence public policies and reach areas where the need for Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services is not being met. She also insisted on meaning youth participation in the work of the Federation and its Member Associations in accordance with the new strategic framework.

"We want this workshop to be a real opportunity for you as young people to express your desires and hopes for your sub-region, for your Member Associations and for IPPF more broadly."

The meeting was also an opportunity to develop an action plan that materializes the new vision of IPPF articulated around the objectives of its new strategic framework for the period 2023-2028.