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World Population Day Webinar

“POPULATION AND SUSTAINABILITY IN COVID ERA”

11th July, 2020, 11 00 – 12 30 hrs (IST)

As populations continue to increase, and the climate continues to deteriorate, and as people flock in ever increasing numbers to large, underdeveloped cities, the threat of multiple protracted mega-emergencies has become reality.

-António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

Rapid population growth along with unsustainable production and consumption patterns, have a significant impact on sustainability and achievement of sustainable development goals (SDGs). It is therefore important to address issues related to population dynamics including fertility rate, access to sexual and reproductive health care, education and empowerment of women as part of overall strategy for sustainable development. This has become more important in the current context of COVID pandemic which has imposed new sets of norms and challenges on both population and development scenario. The Corona virus has its origin from the wildlife, spreads rapidly in overcrowded and densely populated urban areas. With migration and urbanization taking place on an unprecedented scale, there is need to analyse demographic trends to address people's current and future needs. Simultaneously, we need to build resilience, immunity and sustainability to cope with the vulnerability of the population to pandemics as well as climate change and other environmental stresses.

World Population Day, is observed on 11th July every year to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues. This year's theme is 'Investing in teenage girls,' who face enormous challenges due to their vulnerabilities to social, cultural economic and environmental factors and more so in the current Covid era.

Keeping in view the theme of the World Population Day 2020, and in line with the Mobius Foundation's vision on population stabilization and sustainable living, we are organising a webinar titled “**POPULATION AND SUSTAINABILITY IN COVID ERA**” on Saturday July 11th, 2020 between 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM (IST).



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Objectives

The overall objective of the webinar is to observe the World Population Day **to enhance awareness of population issues, including their relations to the environment and development in the context of COVID19.**

Specific objectives are as follows:

1. To raise awareness about population growth and its impact on sustainability
2. To analyse the linkages of population with health, socio-economic and cultural trends
3. To discuss impact of COVID on population and reproductive health
4. To come out with recommendation and action plan for implementation on ground.

Expected Outcome

The webinar will result in better understanding and awareness of issues related to population, sustainability and the pandemic. It would come out with action plan and recommendations for implementation on ground by various NGO's and agencies working in the area of population stabilization and sustainability.

Themes

1. The urgency and importance of addressing population and sustainability issues.
2. Interlinkages of demographic and environmental trends including population growth, ageing, migration and urbanization.
3. COVID Pandemic challenge vis a vis population dynamics and environmental stresses.



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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

11:00 – 11:10	Dr. Ram Boojh CEO, Mobius Foundation	Setting the tone
11:10-11:25	Mr. Kartikeya V Sarabhai Founder and Director, Centre for Environment Education (CEE)	Key Note address on Population, education and sustainability
11:25 – 11:40	Ms. Poonam Muttreja Executive Director, Population Foundation of India	Special Address on Health and Rights of Women and Girls: During and Post COVID 19
11:40- 11:55	Prof. R B Bhagat, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai	Special Address on Pandemic, Reverse Migration and Urban Policy
11:55-12:10	Participants	Q&A Session
12:10 – 12:25	Ms. Shailaja Chandra Former Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India	Chairperson's closing remarks Interlinkages of demographic and environmental trends including population growth, ageing, migration and urbanization.
12:25 -12:30	Col Santhosh Kumar (Retd) Head – Project WESc Mobius Foundation	Vote of thanks