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ANNUAL REPORT

2016 YEAR IN REVIEW
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PRB’s evidence-based work spans a number of issue areas, including aging, reproductive health, gender equity, and child and family well-being. This Annual Report includes examples of how we generate evidence through research, how we are supporting civil society actors seeking change which improve lives, and how we help decisionmakers advance good policies. Our hallmarks are rigor and objectivity. More than 50 organizations chose to partner with us this year and benefit from PRB’s combination of research, policy, and communication expertise.

We welcome your feedback on this Annual Report and the rest of our activities. All of our information products are publicly available at www.prb.org.

Sincerely,

P.S. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to two departing members of our Board of Trustees, Stanley Smith and Richard F. Hokenson, who most recently served as Board chair and treasurer, respectively. PRB has benefited immensely from their generous insight and counsel.

JEFF JORDAN
PRESIDENT AND CEO, PRB
Latino children currently account for one-fourth of U.S. children under age 18, and they will make up nearly one-third of this age group by 2050. Of the 18.2 million Latino children currently living in the United States, 95 percent are U.S.-born citizens.

“Toward a More Equitable Future: The Trends and Challenges Facing America’s Latino Children,” was produced by PRB and the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) to present a snapshot of Latinos under age 18 to highlight areas of concern to policymakers. Results from the report show that during the past decade, Latinos have made important gains in several key areas of well-being—especially on measures of educational attainment, health insurance coverage, teenage births, and youth incarceration. But Hispanic youth continue to lag behind white youth on many key social and economic indicators. New projections by PRB show that the number of low-income Latino youth could increase by 45 percent—from 11 million today to nearly 16 million by 2050—if current levels of inequality persist in the future.

Reducing these disparities—especially by reducing racial/ethnic gaps in poverty and education—will improve economic conditions for millions of Latino parents and children, and also fuel economic growth by creating a well-qualified workforce. For easy access to the data described in the report, disaggregated by race/ethnicity, state, and year, visit the NCLR Latino Kids Data Explorer at dataexplorer.nclr.org.

The accelerating growth of the population ages 65 and older is one of the most significant demographic trends in the history of the United States. Although U.S. policymakers and others have had decades to plan for the inevitable aging of the baby boom cohort—those born between 1946 and 1964—it is not clear that sufficient preparations have been made to meet baby boomers’ anticipated needs in old age.

The aging of the baby boom generation could fuel a 75 percent increase in the number of Americans ages 65 and older requiring nursing home care, to about 2.3 million in 2030 from 1.3 million in 2010, PRB projected in the Population Bulletin, “Aging in the United States.” The Bulletin, authored by PRB’s Mark Mather, Linda A. Jacobsen, and Kelvin M. Pollard, examined recent trends and disparities among this cohort, and how baby boomers will reshape America’s older population. Key findings were featured on National Public Radio and in other news outlets.

The effects of population aging will depend largely on the policy choices that Americans make now and in the coming years. Although government programs such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid have helped reduce poverty and improve the health of the older population, current projections indicate that these programs—as currently implemented—are not sustainable. Making policy changes now will ensure that an effective safety net is in place when the youngest baby boomers retire.
PRB has worked with hundreds of journalists to strengthen their capacity to report on population, reproductive health, and gender issues. Women’s Edition, our signature initiative for global journalism training, has trained 84 women journalists from 35 countries. Our trainings, which include seminars, interactive sessions, study tours, and site visits, have proven highly effective in advancing coverage of these issues and even prompting policy changes in some countries.

This year, we took advantage of digital dissemination to broaden the reach of our training knowledge. As part of the USAID-funded PACE Project, PRB international media training program director, Deborah Mesce, created a Media Toolkit: Helping Journalists Get the Story—and Get It Right, which is available on the PACE Project website (www.thepaceproject.org). The toolkit is a step-by-step guide to conducting a Women’s Edition-type training and reflects PRB’s strong commitment to providing practical knowledge as well as empowering others to use and share that knowledge independently. The toolkit incorporates numerous examples of field experiences with the trainings and provides a battery of ready-made training support and presentation materials.

In fact, this was the “Year of the Toolkit” for the PACE Project. Project staff also created toolkits for “Subnational Policy Communication” and “Population, Health, and Environment”, while a comprehensive “Policy Communication Toolkit” was scheduled to be released early in 2017. All can be accessed through the PACE Project website.

**Engaging Men in Family Planning**

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals set a target of universal access to sexual and reproductive health services by 2030, but this target will be difficult to reach without greater male participation in family planning. Only 16 percent of married couples worldwide use modern male methods (condoms and vasectomies), compared with 74 percent who use modern female methods.

Expanding family planning outreach and services to include men may help normalize the concept of men as contraceptive users. It can foster shared responsibility for contraceptive use among couples, open the door to more gender-equitable relationships, and increase the use of male contraceptive methods.

As part of the Policy, Advocacy, and Communications Enhanced for Population and Reproductive Health (PACE) Project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), PRB created an interactive infographic to present a snapshot of men’s use of modern contraceptive methods and highlight data that identify opportunities to engage more adolescent boys and men. The infographic includes data on men’s use and knowledge of modern contraceptive methods, men’s attitudes towards family planning, and an interactive global map that provides country-level data on modern contraceptive prevalence rates. For example, data on men’s attitudes toward family planning, as measured by Demographic and Health Surveys, show that most men are in favor of sharing the responsibility for family planning to avoid a pregnancy. Support for family planning among men rises among those with higher levels of education, greater wealth, more children, or who live in urban areas.

**Women’s Media Training for All**

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Measuring Resilience in Africa

Integrated approaches to community development try to address multiple issues and their interlinkages in order to achieve greater positive impact. PRB empowers others to apply integrated approaches in projects encompassing the elements of population, health, and the environment (PHE).

In February 2016, under the USAID-funded Evidence Project, PRB’s Kristen P. Patterson, Smita Gaith, and Kristin Bietsch led a workshop in Arusha, Tanzania, for staff from the Tuungane project in western Tanzania along Lake Tanganyika and Blue Ventures in Madagascar. The workshop focused on brainstorming about what sort of data the projects can collect to measure their impact on communities’ climate change adaptation and resilience to environmental and other shocks.

Resilience and adaptation have been international development buzzwords for years but PHE projects have not always collected or analyzed the data in a way that effectively illustrates their contribution to these goals. Resilience and adaptation can only be achieved when individuals, their households, communities, and countries can withstand crises, recover from them, and adapt so as to better cope with them in the future. These concepts are abstract, making them difficult to measure or evaluate.

However, an “aha” moment from the workshop was when participants realized that they had already been collecting data on relevant indicators of resilience and adaptation but had not been applying an analytical lens to them. PRB continued to support the Tuungane project after the workshop in data collection and data analysis to inform their project implementation. For a global PHE audience, under the USAID-funded PACE Project, PRB produced an interactive activity map of global PHE projects; a PHE Toolkit of resources and reference materials; and an updated PHE Global Health eLearning Course.

Youth Speak Out on the Demographic Dividend

The demographic dividend refers to an economic boost that can happen when a country’s fertility rate declines and the ratio of working-age adults to dependent-age children rises. Realizing the dividend depends on timely investments in the capacities of youth so they can become productive adults.

PRB helped youth advocates to engage decisionmakers on this important issue through a short video, “Demographic Dividend: Reaching Our Potential as Young People and Nations.” It delivers a compelling message from the perspective of young people about the need to provide them with access to education and health services—including family planning.

This effort was youth-driven; the decision on the medium and the content was led by youth advocates convened by PRB at the International Conference on Family Planning in January 2016, with support from the David and Lucille Packard Foundation. “We asked the participants to tell us what their governments should do to ensure that the youth in their countries are headed towards successful and healthy lives. Their answers are in the video,” said PRB’s Stephanie Kimou, who led the project.

The video, supported by the USAID-funded PACE Project, launched in New York during the United Nations General Assembly session in September 2016 through multiple channels, including a TweetChat that engaged young people from Niger, Kenya, Nigeria, and elsewhere. The video also was featured at a General Assembly side event sponsored by Family Planning 2020 to celebrate 120 youth leaders under age 40.
Countries face a difficult balancing act between meeting their citizens’ growing material and health needs, and sustainably managing natural resources—a balance at the center of the Sustainable Development Goals. For the 2016 World Population Data Sheet, PRB chose the theme “Human Needs, Sustainable Resources” to explore linkages between the global population outlook, the state of people’s health and well-being, and our planetary stewardship.

This edition of the Data Sheet included PRB’s latest projection showing a world population just shy of 10 billion people in 2050, about a one-third increase from today. This projection points to significant human and environmental challenges ahead.

From a natural resource perspective, Data Sheet indicators show, for example, that global carbon emissions rose 60 percent between 1992 and 2013, and renewable resources met only 18 percent of current energy demand in 2013. These indicators, along with 23 others can be explored in an online interactive map and data query tool, while an Insights feature delves into issues such as rising particulate matter air pollution in middle-income countries and municipal waste management in large cities. A data visualization ranks countries by how large their projected populations will be in 2050 as a multiple of 2016 fertility levels. Dissemination of Data Sheet information to the global media yielded substantial coverage, including in Newsweek International, Dawn Pakistan, The Citizen Tanzania, and Spain’s El País.

Prb had the opportunity to collaborate with the following organizations during 2016.

- Advance Family Planning
- Advocacy for Better Health Project, Uganda
- African Institute for Development Policy
- Ahfad University for Women, Sudan
- Alexandria High Institute for Public Health, Egypt
- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- Aspen Institute
- Association of Population Centers
- Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Blue Ventures
- CARE
- Centre de Recherche en Economie et Finance Appliquées de Thiais (CREPAT), Université de Thiais
- Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative
- Civil Society-Scaling Up Nutrition in Nigeria
- Communications Consortium Media Center
- Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung
- Egyptian Family Health Society
- Ethiopian Economics Association
- General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists
- Global Women’s Institute
- Hopkins Population Center, Johns Hopkins University
- ICF International
- I CHOOSE LIFE - Africa
- Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University
- Instituto Promundo
- Institut Supérieur des Sciences de la Population, Université de Ouagadougou
- International Center for Research on Women
- International Social Survey Programme
- Knowledge for Health (K4Health) Project
- Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging, University of Michigan
- National Council of La Raza
- National Population Council of Egypt
- Ouagadougou Partnership
- PATH
- Pathfinder International
- Population and Sustainability Network
- Population Association of America
- Population Council
- Population Studies and Research Institute, University of Nairobi
- Sierra Club, Population and Environment Program
- The Nature Conservancy
- Union for African Population Studies
- United Nations Population Fund, West and Central Africa
- World Bank
- Worldwatch Institute

Striving for Sustainability at 10 Billion

This text is about the challenges of balancing population growth, health needs, and sustainable resource management. The 2016 World Population Data Sheet featured a theme of “Human Needs, Sustainable Resources” to explore these linkages. The projection of a world population just shy of 10 billion people in 2050, about a one-third increase from today, highlights significant human and environmental challenges. The Data Sheet includes indicators such as carbon emissions and renewable energy use, and visualizations for projecting population growth. Dissemination to media was substantial, covering topics like air pollution and waste management in cities.
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Financials
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.

ASSETS
CURRENT ASSETS
Cash and cash equivalents $2,433,784
Grants and contracts receivable 749,695
Prepaid expenses and other current assets 82,391
Total current assets 3,265,870

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, AT COST
Furniture and equipment 677,471
Leasehold improvements 840,556
Less—accumulated depreciation and amortization (1,105,004)
Net property and equipment 413,123

LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS
8,422,649
Total assets $12,101,642

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
CURRENT LIABILITIES
Accounts payable and other accrued expenses $310,956
Accrued compensation 159,999
Deferred dues and subscriptions 18,823
Deferred rent 84,901
Advances received for grants and contracts 1,683,233
Total current liabilities 2,257,912

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES
Long-term investments 8,422,649
Total liabilities 3,131,475

NET ASSETS
Unrestricted 250,000
Unrestricted—Board designated 8,663,287
Permanently restricted 56,880
Total net assets 8,970,167
Total liabilities and net assets $12,101,642

ACTIVITIES
UNRESTRICTED PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED TOTAL
REVENUES
GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS
Federal Government $4,165,361 $ - $4,165,361
Foundations 3,708,004 - 3,708,004
Interest and dividends 239,245 - 239,245
Contributions 83,470 - 83,470
Dues and subscriptions 51,991 - 51,991
Sale of publications 13,509 - 13,509
Total revenues 8,261,580 - 8,261,580

EXPENSES
PROGRAM SERVICES
International programs 5,095,526 - 5,095,526
U.S. programs 1,545,607 - 1,545,607
Communications 1,341,106 - 1,341,106
Total program services 7,982,239 - 7,982,239

SUPPORT SERVICES
Management and general 522,912 - 522,912
Fundraising 97,041 - 97,041
Total support services 619,953 - 619,953

Total expenses 8,602,192 - 8,602,192

Decrease in net assets before net realized and unrealized gain (340,612) - (340,612)
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments 482,494 - 482,494
Change in net assets 141,882 - 141,882

Net assets, beginning of year 8,771,405 56,880 8,828,285
Net assets, end of year $8,913,287 $56,880 $8,970,167

2016 Revenues by Source

- Federal Government 50%
- Foundations 45%
- Interest and dividends 3%

2016 Expense Ratio

- Programs 93%
- Support services 7%

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.

Full audited financial statements are available upon request.