

Statement Delivered to the Commission on Population and Development on its  
44<sup>th</sup> Session on Behalf of the International Planned Parenthood Federation

Chairperson and distinguished representatives, thank you for the opportunity to  
present this statement at the 44<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Population and

situation which disproportionately impacts women and girls. Likewise women and girls and PLWHAs that also live in poverty are less likely to have to access voluntary counseling and testing, and are therefore unable to access necessary prevention, treatment care and support required to fully address the impact of the pandemic.

Education on sexual and reproductive health and rights and HIV and AIDS should be prioritized. Education plays a key role in the reduction of violence against women and girls. Too frequently girls in heavily populated urban areas are at risk, both at school

Further more, safe places such as youth