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Population Studies and Research Institute (PSRI) in conjunction with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and National Council for Population and Development (NCPD) have launched the 2015 State of Kenya and World Population reports.

The theme for the World Population report is: Shelter from Storm – A Transformative Agenda for Women and Girls in a Crisis-Prone World while the Kenyan Report theme is: Vulnerable Populations in Emergencies.

Speaking during a media briefing event at Kivi Milimani Hotel, Nairobi on 21st December, 2015, Ms. Judy Kunyiha representing the Country Representative, UNFPA Kenya Country Office noted that one in four people in need of humanitarian assistance around the world today is a young woman or an adolescent girl. Ms. Kunyiha lamented the fact that women and girls are given less priority despite facing a lot of risks in times of conflicts and emergencies. “Global data tells us this negligence is costing us; for instance three out of five maternal deaths today occur in countries undergoing some form of conflict or disaster. Pregnancy and childbirth kill 507 women every day in these settings.” She said.

On his part PSRI director, Prof. Murungaru Kimani observed that the Kenya Population report was a



domestication of the international theme with focus on natural disasters, conflicts and insecurity as well displacements. Prof. Murungaru stated that 72 disasters occurred in Kenya between the years 2000 to 2005 with drought having the greatest effect. "While progress has been made in institutionalizing the management of disasters and conflicts, the institutional framework remains weak. In addition the documentation of those in disasters and conflicts is limited and needs to be strengthened." He said.

National Council for Population and Development (NCPD) Deputy Director for Communication, Mr. Peter Nyakwara said that the World and Kenya Population reports would be useful in informing policymaking. Other speakers during the media briefing included PSRI staff: Prof. Lawrence Ikamari, Prof. Alfred Agwanda and Dr. Anne Khasakala.

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