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**World Health Organization/Department of Reproductive Health and Research and Its Partners Launch Implementing Best Practices Consortium**

GIZA, EGYPT, 8 February 2002—The World Health Organization/Department of Reproductive Health and Research (WHO/RHR), in collaboration with the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office, Department of Women's and Reproductive Health (EMRO/WRH) and partner agencies will convene an Inter-Country Meeting with Partners and Country Teams from 9–13 February 2002, at the Sofitel Hotel Le Sphinx in Giza, Egypt. The meeting will focus on implementing best practices to improve reproductive health.

Approximately 150 reproductive healthcare professionals from Egypt, Lebanon, Iran, Pakistan, Yemen, Jordan, West Bank and Gaza have been selected to attend this meeting. Donors, representatives from international agencies, regional advisors and a delegation from the Ministry of Health, India, will also take part in the meeting.

The IBP Consortium is a collaborative global initiative. International partners network to support learning and creative programmes that adapt and apply best practices. IBP Consortium launching partners include: World Health Organization/Department of Reproductive Health and Research (WHO/RHR), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), EngenderHealth, Family Health International (FHI), International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), INTRAH/PRIME, JHPIEGO, Johns Hopkins University/Center for Communication Programs (JHU/CCP), Management Sciences for Health (MSH), Pathfinder, Population Leadership Program, UNFPA, Advance Africa and Catalyst Projects and Partners for Population and Development.

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