



UNFPA Supplies Overview

UNFPA's mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. UNFPA Supplies is UNFPA's flagship programme that helps countries build stronger health systems and widen access to a reliable supply of contraceptives and life-saving medicines for maternal health.

UNFPA Supplies focuses on 46 low-income countries with high maternal mortality, low contraceptive use growing unmet need for family planning, and, in half of the cases, humanitarian situations. Established in 2007, the programme has mobilized over \$1 billion.



Empowering Youth

The world is home to 1.8 billion young people between the ages of 10 and 24, and this demographic is growing fastest in the poorest nations. Investing in young people's education and health, and protecting their rights, are essential to sustainable development. Sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights also have a big role: it is estimated that there are ~500 million adolescent girls living in developing countries who are approaching a sexual and reproductive age.

Youth can face enormous barriers to accessing reproductive health information and services, and are especially vulnerable to maternal mortality, unplanned pregnancies, and sexually transmitted infections. More than half of girls aged 15-19 who are sexually active and want to avoid pregnancy are not using modern contraception, the highest level of "unmet need" among any age-group.

UNFPA Supplies provides support to countries and partners to implement a wide range of targeted interventions to increase adolescents' access to quality family planning information and services as a critical starting point for their long-term health. UNFPA Supplies also advocates with governments to include youth needs in their sexual and reproductive health policies, and support the development of national plans and strategies to increase youth access to family planning.

Promoting youth participation is central to UNFPA Supplies' work, and the use of community engagement through media campaigns and advocacy, social media and web/mobile technologies is key to overcoming barriers for young people's access to family planning. UNFPA Supplies actively supports countries to make use of these advocacy tools and technologies for reaching young people.

Key Facts & Figures



YOUTH PREGNANCIES

In 2015, an estimated 15 million girls aged 15-19 gave birth, and 3.2 million had an unsafe abortion.

13 million lacked access to contraceptives.



YOUTH IN DEVELOPING NATIONS

About 9 out of 10 people between the ages 10 and 24 live in less developed countries, and in many they are a huge proportion of the population (up to 60 per cent).



ADVOCATING FOR YOUTH POLICIES

In 2015, UNFPA Supplies efforts results in five more of the 46 focus countries developing policies that take into consideration young people's access to contraceptive services. In the 41 countries that now have such policies, more than 90 per cent have funded plans and currently being implemented.



WORK IN ACTION

In Lesotho, UNFPA and a local NGO created the "Young Mothers' Training" initiative to reach adolescent girls who are among the most vulnerable populations, particularly in rural areas, and have little to no access to information that would help them make informed decision about their sexual health, rights and social well-being.

The initiative educates girls on self-esteem, decision making, healthy versus unhealthy relationships, sexually transmitted infections, sexual violence, family planning, and correct and consistent use of male and female condoms, as well as giving them access to health professionals that offer HIV and AIDS testing and counselling, as well as sexual and reproductive health care services.