



Foreword

The 1994 International Conference on Population and Development established a milestone by putting people's rights and dignity at the heart of development. In a landmark step, the Cairo Declaration and Programme of Action affirmed sexual and reproductive health as a fundamental human right and emphasized that empowering women and girls is central to sustainable development and the well-being of individuals, families and nations.

The past two decades have seen considerable advances in equality and empowerment for women, global health and life expectancy, and education for girls. Much has been accomplished through the framework of the Millennium Development Goals. But much remains to be done. Women, children and young adults need a full range of health services. We must do more to free women and girls from violence and exploitation. And we must ensure that all children and adolescents have a right to education and a safe environment to learn. As we look ahead, we must build on the lessons we have learned so we may define an ambitious, compelling and feasible development agenda for the period after 2015.

A sustainable future, where extreme poverty is eradicated and where all people live in dignity, requires that we promote population health, cultivate human potential, and commit to promoting individual human rights. UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, has championed this agenda for the past 20 years. This annual report shows the real-life impact of UNFPA programmes on the lives of women and young people everywhere. I commend its insights and analysis to all those committed to human rights, dignity and the sustainable development of the human family.

-United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

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From the Executive Director

The International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) forged a groundbreaking consensus, which continues to guide UNFPA support to women and young people in developing countries today and can serve as the foundation for a new approach to sustainable development and human rights in the future.

The ICPD Programme of Action changed forever how we perceive population and development. It moved population policies and programmes from a focus on numbers to a focus on individuals and their rights.

Delegates from all regions and cultures recognized in 1994 that social, economic and political equality, access to sexual and reproductive health, including family planning and contraceptives, and reproductive rights, are the basis for individual well-being, lower population growth, and sustainable development in 2014—and decades to come.

UNFPA led a review of progress in implementing the Programme of Action over the past two decades and published the results in 2014. The review, based on the voices and data of 176 Member States, input from civil society and comprehensive academic research, provides a powerful evidence base to support our work at this most critical juncture, as we help shape a new global sustainable development agenda for the next 15 years.

The gains since 1994 are impressive: Fewer women are dying in pregnancy and childbirth. Maternal mortality worldwide fell by nearly half between



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1990 and 2010. More women have access to education, work and political participation. And more children, particularly girls, are going to school, with primary school enrolment rates approaching 90 per cent.

But this progress does not tell the whole story. The review revealed in stark detail persistent inequalities and discrimination threatening to derail development.

In many countries progress has been limited to the wealthy, with enormous numbers of people being excluded from the process and benefits of development. More than half of the absolute gains in global income from 1988 to 2008 went to the richest 5 per cent. None went to the bottom 10 per cent.

Too many people are being left behind, not only as a result of growing income and wealth inequalities, but also as a result of gender inequality and gender-based violence, discrimination and stigma, exclusion from "The vision of the ICPD is as relevant today as it was in 1994."



In 1994, the International Conference on Population and Development produced a Programme of Action that became a blueprint for rights-based development. © UN Photo

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participation in governance, and even by data and knowledge systems that fail to count or account for many of the most vulnerable people.

In the poorest communities, raising women's status, reducing maternal death, stopping child marriage and many other recommendations of the ICPD have seen little progress over the past two decades.

The review also sheds light on the transitions people make over the course of their lives—from childhood to adolescence, from school to employment to forming families, from working age to ageing—and how important these safe transitions are for people and for societies, especially in humanitarian settings, where vulnerabilities are multiplied and magnified.

We must strongly support young people. In 2014, UNFPA drew attention to the challenges associated with the largest generation of young people in human history. We cannot talk about sustainable development without ensuring that their needs are met. Investing in young people and protecting their rights are not only the key to

sustainability but also to realizing a demographic dividend, which has the power to propel national economies forward.

And how we meet the needs of young people now will greatly determine how societies adapt as they age. In many of our societies, including mine, it is the young who look after the old. If we don't look after them, they won't look after us.

The review, which was presented by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly in 2014, conclusively showed that the vision of the ICPD is as relevant today as it was in 1994.

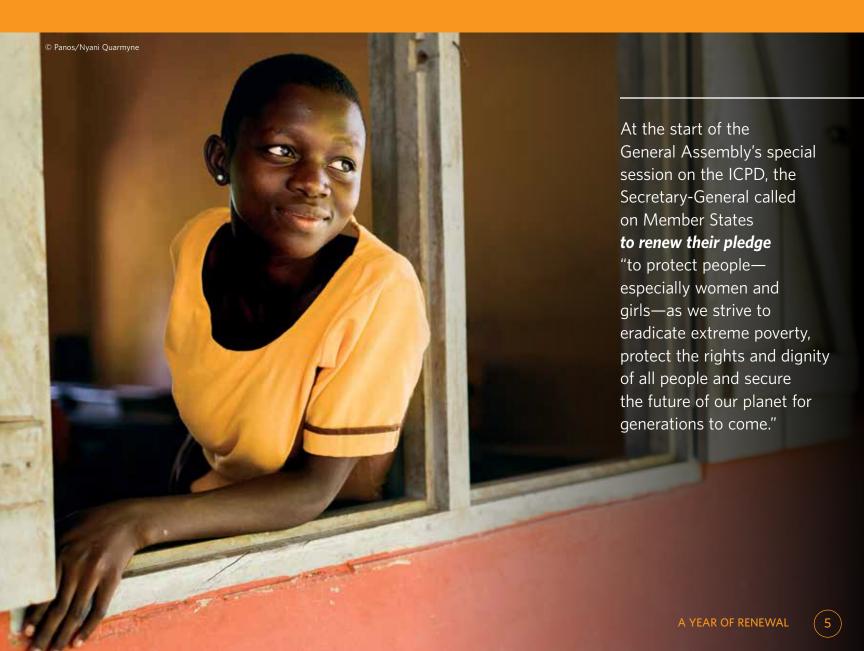
In 2014, UNFPA recommitted to that vision and put in place a new strategic plan, which sets measurable goals for improving the health and lives of women and girls, protecting their rights, and creating real opportunities to unlock their full potential and contribute to the development of their communities and nations.

The ICPD 20-year review presented UNFPA an unprecedented opportunity to take a close look at our programmes and assess their impact on the lives of women and girls. Has UNFPA made a difference? The evidence confirms that is has. But there is still much to do to, and the ICPD Programme of Action will continue to lead the way. UNFPA has seized the opportunity to renew its commitment to the ICPD agenda and, more importantly, to the women and girls whose lives stand to be transformed by it.

Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin

Executive Director UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund

A year of renewal





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Gains have been made in access to sexual and reproductive health services, including family planning, with significant overall benefits to the health of women, girls and children, in the 20 years since the historic Programme of Action was endorsed by 179 governments at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 1994.

These gains were among the many achievements reported by developing countries in a review of progress in implementing the ICPD Programme of Action. UNFPA led the review in 2013 and published the results in 2014.

The review noted, however, that in many countries, some gains have gone only to those at the top of the income spectrum. The poor, in both rural and poor urban areas, continue to suffer from lack of access to services, sexual and reproductive ill health and violence. Today more than 200 million women who want family planning cannot get it.

The overall gains cited in the review mask the stories of the excluded, UNFPA Executive Director Babatunde Osotimehin said at the start of the 2014 session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development. "They don't tell the story of a young girl, married at age 11 to a man four times her age—a child whose human rights are brutally violated, along with her bodily integrity and dignity, whose childhood is cruelly ended."

Investments are critically needed to guarantee human rights and expand capabilities of young people, particularly girls, through quality health and education; freedom from violence, early marriage and childbearing; opportunities for safe paid work; protection from HIV; and political participation. Educated, healthy, safe and skilled, they can become powerful drivers of economic growth and development.

The report's findings point to why governments must enact and enforce laws that eliminate inequalities and that protect human rights, to ensure that dignity and human rights are the foundation of a more resilient, sustainable future.

The review found that 70 per cent of governments say equality and rights are priorities for development. The review also cited profound and wide-ranging evidence of the links between the objectives of the ICPD Programme of Action and sustainable development. These links will become increasingly important as the international community forges the sustainable development agenda that will follow the Millennium Development Goals after 2015.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the evidence presented by the review overwhelmingly supports the ICPD consensus that the respect, protection, promotion and fulfilment of human rights are necessary

preconditions to improving the development, dignity and well-being of all people.

Protecting and fulfilling the human rights of young people and investing in their quality education, effective livelihood skills, access to sexual and reproductive health services and information, including comprehensive sexuality education, as well as employment opportunities, are necessary for the development of their resilience and create the conditions under which they can achieve their full potential.

The ICPD review also highlighted that the path to sustainability demands better leadership and greater innovation to:

- Extend human rights and protect all persons from human rights abuses, discrimination and violence, so that all may have the opportunity to contribute to and benefit from development,
- Invest in the capabilities and creativity of the world's adolescents and youth for their own sake and to ensure future growth and innovation,
- Ensure the protection, inclusion and equitable participation of older persons in society,
- Strengthen health systems to provide universal access to sexual and reproductive health, so that all women can thrive and children can grow in a nurturing environment,
- Build sustainable cities that enrich urban and rural lives alike.

- Harness the benefits of migration and address its challenges,
- Transform the global economy towards one that will sustain the future of the planet and ensure a common future of human rights, dignity and well-being for all people in the years beyond 2014.

The review provided the basis for the September 2014 deliberations by the General Assembly about the successes and future challenges in implementing the ICPD Programme of Action. General Assembly President Sam Kahamba Tutesa said the deliberations provided a "remarkable opportunity to commit, in one voice, our collective intent to address the challenges to population and development in the twenty-first century."

At the start of the General Assembly's special session on the ICPD, the Secretary-General called on Member States to renew their pledge "to protect people—especially women and girls—as we strive to eradicate extreme poverty, protect the rights and dignity of all people and secure the future of our planet for generations to come."



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High school students at the Youth Friends Centre with a midwife.

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A strategy for 2014 and beyond



A strategic plan for 2014 through 2017 sets targets and benchmarks for success in our overall objective to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

The plan equips UNFPA to respond more effectively and efficiently to emerging opportunities and challenges and to shifting needs, 20 years after the landmark ICPD Programme of Action, which still guides much of the organization's work today, and as the international community moves forward with a new generation of sustainable development goals.

Strengthening and integrating services

Too often, sexual and reproductive health services are disconnected from each other. Women seeking HIV services, for example, may not be offered contraceptive choices, or women receiving antenatal services may not be given the option for HIV testing.

Similarly, marginalized women may face coercive or discriminatory practices when they seek family planning or HIV services. Women living with HIV may sometimes be forced to undergo sterilization or abortion, depriving their right to have a child. Human-rights-based responses that are also gender-responsive are essential to addressing these practices.

UNFPA helps developing countries face these challenges through advocacy, policy guidance and efforts to build capacities for developing guidelines, protocols, standards and systems for ensuring quality of care. All of this work proceeds within the context of strengthening national health systems and achieving universal health coverage.

In 2014, UNFPA joined forces with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to strengthen health systems, secure HIV and sexual and reproductive health medicines and supplies, and better integrate HIV and sexual, reproductive and maternal health services in 13 priority countries with high rates of fertility, HIV infection or maternal illness and death.

Also in 2014, UNFPA partnered with UNICEF, the World Health Organization and the Global Vaccine Alliance to support countries in introducing HPV vaccines and integrating adolescent programmes with cervical cancer prevention.

Increasing access to family planning

Access to safe, voluntary family planning is a human right. Family planning is central to gender equality and women's empowerment, and it is a key factor in reducing poverty. Yet, some 225 million women who want to avoid pregnancy are not using safe and effective family planning methods, for reasons ranging from lack of access to information or services to lack of support from their partners or communities. Most of these women with an unmet need for contraceptives live in 69 of the poorest countries on earth. UNFPA supported rights-based voluntary family planning in 2014 and helped countries ensure steady and reliable supplies of quality contraceptives.

Through the UNFPA Global Programme to Enhance Reproductive Health Commodity



In 2014, the UNFPA Global Programme to Enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security supplied approximately \$100 million worth of contraceptives, averting an estimated 7.8 million unintended pregnancies



UNFPA supported surgery to repair fistulas for more than 10,175 women in 2014



Family members and fistula survivors at Mulago Hospital in Kampala, Uganda. © UNFPA/Lothar Mikulla

Security Thematic Fund, technical support, tools and training were provided to countries to strengthen logistics and management of supplies, implement rights-based family planning programmes and enhance health communications, outreach and community mobilization, especially focusing on youth and adolescents and marginalized populations. By 2014, 84 countries had logistics management systems, and a number of them, such as Madagascar, the Republic of Congo and Nepal, have significantly increased the percentage of women accessing modern contraceptive methods.

Also in 2014, UNFPA and the Guttmacher Institute published Adding it up: The costs and benefits of investing in sexual and reproductive health, which measured the costs for interventions to bolster sexual and reproductive health, including voluntary family planning. The report provided new evidence that increased access to voluntary family planning can accelerate declines in maternal and newborn death.

Protecting the health of mothers

An estimated 289,000 women die each year from complications in pregnancy and childbirth. The majority of these deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries. Nearly half of all maternal deaths happen during childbirth or in the days immediately thereafter, and about 72 per cent of all maternal deaths result from obstetric causes, such as severe bleeding or obstructed labour.

In 2014, UNFPA ramped up efforts to realize Millennium Development Goal 5, to improve maternal health and targeted funds to countries with the highest burden of maternal death and

illness. Through a Maternal Health Thematic Fund, UNFPA helped 43 countries in 2014 raise the quality of emergency, obstetric and newborn care, expand and strengthen midwifery and build national capacities for tracking maternal deaths. Through the UNFPA Global Programme to Enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security, 46 countries received support to address critical bottlenecks in the provision of lifesaving equipment and medicines needed for safe pregnancies and deliveries.

UNFPA in 2014 also continued to lead the Global Campaign to End Fistula, a consortium of 90 international partner agencies committed to preventing and treating obstetric fistula. UNFPA supported surgery to repair fistulas for more than 10,175 women in 2014.

With support from UNFPA, the International Confederation of Midwives and other partners, 45 countries strengthened midwifery services and policies. UNFPA in collaboration with the World Health Organization, the International Confederation of Midwives and other partners also published the *State of the World's Midwifery 2014*. Midwifery services are vital to the survival, health and well-being of women and their newborns, particularly in remote communities without access to hospitals or physicians. To increase access to competency-based training, UNFPA also released nine innovative multimedia e-learning modules on life-saving skills. These modules were developed in collaboration with Jhpiego and Intel Corporation.

Tearing down barriers to HIV services

Each year, more than 2 million become infected with HIV. AIDS remains the leading cause of

death among women of reproductive age and the second-greatest cause of death among adolescents. Stigma and discrimination continue to impede the realization of people's rights, including access to essential information and services to prevent and treat HIV.

Ending the AIDS epidemic requires long-term investments. Sexual and reproductive health and rights, indeed all human rights, are essential for realizing this vision. And given their higher risk of HIV infection, youth and key populations require focused support.

In 2014, UNFPA continued promoting integration of HIV responses and sexual and reproductive health care, part of an overarching strategy for universal access to HIV prevention, care and treatment services, including condoms. Linking HIV programmes to primary health care, drug and alcohol treatment and other programmes also helped increase access to, and coverage of, HIV services in 2014.

UNFPA and partner organizations in 2014 developed a critical mass of evidence and operational guidance on HIV and key populations. This body of evidence included contributions from UNFPA to a special series on HIV and sex work in *The Lancet*, the World Health Organization's consolidated guidelines on HIV prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care for key populations, and technical guidance for working with key populations who are young.

In addition, UNFPA supported the empowerment of key populations, women

and girls, and young people to live healthy and fulfilling lives and to access services, free from stigma, discrimination and gender-based violence. UNFPA support contributed in 2014 to the development of programmes in 41 countries that address sex workers' needs for HIV and other health services, as well as strengthening their capacities to advocate for their health and rights.

Also in 2014, UNFPA advocated in 42 countries for allowing adolescents and youth to have legal access to quality sexual and reproductive health and HIV counselling and services.

UNFPA also supported and strengthened networks of women living with HIV and of youth-led HIV programmes in 2014. Youth-led coalitions built a social movement to end AIDS by 2030, and advocated for incorporation of young people's sexual and reproductive health needs into the global sustainable development agenda that will succeed the Millennium Development Goals in 2015 and beyond. As part of its efforts to ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health, UNFPA provided 750 million male condoms and 15 million female condoms, and expanded comprehensive condom programming to an additional 21 countries. The UNFPA Condomize! campaign reached three additional countries in 2014: Botswana, Swaziland and Togo. These three countries, through mass social mobilization of volunteers, government and media, distributed 6 million condoms and reached 6 million people through newspapers and television.



380,000 new HIV infections

occurred among girls and women between the ages of 15 and 24 last year



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Newborn in Syria.
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72% of UNFPA offices in high-risk countries now have humanitarian preparedness plans

Ensuring access to services in times of crisis

An estimated 14 million women and young people affected by crises in 34 countries received support from UNFPA in 2014 through emergency maternal health services and programmes to prevent or address gender-based violence.

The UNFPA response to the Ebola crisis in 2014 focused on maintaining and restoring maternal health services and included efforts to trace people's exposure to the disease. Eight thousand contact tracers followed nearly 77,000 individuals in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Through a new Mano River Midwifery Initiative, UNFPA sought to increase access to safe, emergency and regular obstetric and neonatal services for women living in countries affected by Ebola. The response will contribute to the rebuilding and reinforcing of health systems once the epidemic is halted. UNFPA also supported infection-prevention measures for 370 health facilities in Liberia.

In the Central African Republic, Iraq, South Sudan and Syria, UNFPA helped expand access to reproductive health services for 2.7 million women, assisted 437,315 deliveries, and dispensed 1.5 million male condoms, 92,862 female condoms, 32,041 dignity kits and 140,000 hygiene kits.

Sexual violence, discrimination and humanrights violations are common in humanitarian settings. In 2014, 100 per cent of UNFPA offices in crisis-affected countries had staff with expertise in addressing gender-based violence. Three of five UNFPA offices in crisis-affected countries now have multi-year strategies in place for responding to gender-based violence in humanitarian settings and in the transition to recovery. In addition, UNFPA led or co-led the coordination of responses to gender-based violence in 93 per cent of UNFPA-supported high-risk countries in 2014.

During the year, UNFPA strengthened partnerships with global partners, including the Norwegian Refugee Council, CANADEM, the Danish Refugee Council and RedR Australia, which deployed 38 experts to UNFPA offices to help them respond to humanitarian emergencies.

In 2014, UNFPA strengthened rapid response capacities in 48 countries to provide a minimal initial service package of sexual and reproductive health services and supplies in the event of a crisis. An estimated 1,200 health care providers in Iraq, the Philippines, South Sudan and Syria received training in the provision of minimal initial service packages in 2014.

Investing in adolescents

Our 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. Within this generation are 600 million adolescent girls with specific needs, challenges and aspirations for the future. Today, 20 years after their rights were affirmed in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the health and rights of adolescents and youth are high on the global agenda. However, despite progress in some countries, limited progress has been achieved overall in reducing adolescent

pregnancy, HIV infections, child marriage, female genital mutilation and gender-based violence. Challenges have also remained in taking youth participation beyond tokenism.

Investing heavily in young people's education and health and protecting their rights could help developing countries with large youth populations see their economies soar, according to UNFPA's *The State of World Population 2014*.

The potential economic gains would be realized through a "demographic dividend," which can occur when a country's working age population is larger than the population that is dependent and younger, the UNFPA flagship report showed.

But to maximize the dividend, countries must ensure their young working-age populations are equipped to seize opportunities for jobs and other income-earning possibilities.

"Today's record 1.8 billion young people present an enormous opportunity to transform the future," said UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin. "Young people are the innovators, creators, builders and leaders of the future. But they can transform the future only if they have skills, health, decision-making, and real choices in life."

With the right policies and investments in human capital, countries can empower young people to drive economic and social development and boost per-capita incomes, the report stated. The Executive Director urged



Antenatal services in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.
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countries in pursuit of a demographic dividend, however, to ensure the gains result in growth that benefits everyone. "It is too easy to talk about the demographic dividend in terms of money, savings and economic growth, which have so far excluded many," Dr. Osotimehin said. "The demographic dividend must be harnessed to achieve inclusive growth and offer opportunities and well-being for all."

In the 1950s and 1960s, several East Asian economies invested heavily in young people's capabilities and in expanding their access to voluntary family planning, enabling individuals to start families later and have fewer children. The result was unprecedented economic growth.

The Republic of Korea, for example, saw its per-capita gross domestic product grow about 2,200 per cent between 1950 and 2008.



The number of countries with laws that allow adolescents to access sexual and reproductive health services increased from

74 in 2013 to 86 in 2014



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Students of Tumu Midwifery School. This school offers training leading to a midwifery certificate or diploma.

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If sub-Saharan African countries repeated the East Asian experience by making the right investments in young people, enabling them to participate in decisions that affect their lives and adopting policies to bolster economic growth, the region as a whole could realize a demographic dividend amounting to as much as \$500 billion a year, for 30 years. A demographic dividend of this magnitude has the potential to lift hundreds of millions of people out of poverty, raise living standards and catapult economies forward, the report stated. Critical youth investments needed to reap a demographic dividend are those that protect rights, including reproductive rights, improve health, including sexual and reproductive health, and provide skills and knowledge to build young people's capabilities and agency.

Advocating for young people

How well young people navigate adolescence will determine not only the course of their own lives, but that of the world. Yet too many youth are unable to participate fully in society. Around 175 million young people in low-income countries cannot read a full sentence. Among those aged 15 to 24, some 500 million live on less than \$2 a day, and over 74 million are unemployed. For girls, the barriers to participation are even higher.

But when empowered and given the right opportunities, youth are effective drivers of change. UNFPA partners with young people, helping them participate in decisions affecting them, and strengthening their ability to advance human rights and development issues such as health, education and employment.

Through the UNFPA-led Action for Adolescent Girls initiative, UNFPA equipped countries in 2014 with evidence, provided guidelines and helped develop capacities for prioritizing the needs and rights of adolescents in national policies and programmes and in humanitarian settings.

UNFPA supported regional youth consultations in 2014 through the Arab Youth Development Forum and the Pan African Youth Leadership Program to promote young people's engagement in deliberations leading to a new global sustainable development agenda that will succeed the Millennium Development Goals after 2015.

UNFPA also collaborated with regional bodies such as the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation to formulate regional action plans for addressing youth issues.

Comprehensive sexuality education

Every young person will one day have life-changing decisions to make about their sexual and reproductive health. Yet, research shows that the majority of adolescents lack the knowledge required to make informed decisions, leaving them vulnerable to coercion, sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, and unintended pregnancy.

Comprehensive sexuality education enables young people to make informed decisions about their sexuality and health. These programmes build life skills and increase responsible behaviours, and because they are based on human rights principles, they help advance human rights, gender equality and the empowerment of young people.

UNFPA worked with governments in 2014 to implement comprehensive sexuality education, both in schools and through community-based training and outreach. UNFPA also promoted policies for, and investment in, sexuality education programmes that meet internationally agreed standards.

In 2014, UNFPA provided technical support to an additional 24 countries to develop comprehensive sexuality education curricula that are aligned with international standards, raising the total to 63.

Ending child marriage

Child marriage is a human rights violation. Despite laws against it, the practice remains widespread, in part because of persistent poverty and gender inequality. In developing countries, one in every three girls is married before reaching age 18. One in nine is married before age 15.

UNFPA promoted legislation and programmes in 2014 to end child marriage. UNFPA also supported evidence-based, girl-centred investments that empower girls with the information, skills and services they need to be healthy, educated and safe, helping them make a successful transition to adulthood. UNFPA also worked to support the needs of married girls, particularly in family planning and maternal health.

In 2014, 41 countries received support from UNFPA to develop health, social and economic asset-building programmes that reach adolescent girls at risk of child marriage.

Advancing gender equality

Gender equality is a human right. Women are entitled to live with dignity and with freedom from want and from fear. Gender equality is also a precondition for advancing development and reducing poverty: Empowered women contribute to the health and productivity of whole families and communities, and they improve prospects for the next generation.

Still, despite solid evidence demonstrating the centrality of women's empowerment to reducing poverty, promoting development and addressing the world's most urgent challenges, gender equality remains an unfulfilled promise.

In 2014—and for the past 30 years—UNFPA advocated for women and girls, promoting legal and policy reforms and gender-sensitive data collection, and supporting initiatives that improve women's health and expand their choices in life.

Upholding rights

In March 2014, delegates participating in the 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women reaffirmed the human rights of women and girls and underscored a strong call for a stand-alone goal for gender equality and women's empowerment in the global sustainable development agenda, which will succeed the Millennium Development Goals in 2015 and beyond.

In 2014, UNFPA supported 18 additional countries in the development of gender action plans that included reproductive rights and that had a national budget allocation, raising the total to 64.



64 countries

have gender action plans that include reproductive rights



Youth leader, Viviana, promotes youth participation, reproductive rights and prevention of teenage pregnancies in Meta, Colombia. © UNFPA/Diego Díaz



A march against female genital mutilation.
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In 2014, more than 2,021 communities supported by UNFPA declared the abandonment of female genital mutilation

Preventing violence and harmful practices

Violence against women and girls is one of the most prevalent human rights violations in the world. It knows no social, economic or national boundaries. Worldwide, an estimated one in three women will experience physical or sexual abuse in her lifetime.

UNFPA promoted gender equality and women's empowerment and addressed the physical and emotional consequences of gender-based violence in 2014. UNFPA's programmes offered psychosocial and medical care to survivors and promoted the right of all women and girls to live free of violence and abuse. UNFPA also supported countries in institutionalizing programmes for engaging men and boys to address gender-based violence and gender inequality.

UNFPA and UN Women introduced the joint Essential Services for Women and Girls programme for survivors of violence. This initiative will develop guidelines for rolling out quality services and responses involving health care, police, criminal justice and social services.

Female genital mutilation (FGM) is a practice that involves altering or injuring the female genitalia for non-medical reasons. It is internationally recognized as a human rights violation. Globally, it is estimated that between 100 million to 140 million girls and women alive today have undergone some form of FGM.

UNFPA launched an initiative in 2014 to mobilize midwives in a global effort to stop FGM. The initiative will increase midwives' capacities as

role models, counsellors and advocates. In 2014, about 6,200 service providers gained new skills in prevention, protection and care for women and girls who have undergone FGM.

To promote the abandonment of FGM in 2014, UNFPA supported coordinated and systematic efforts to engage whole communities and focused on human rights and gender equality. These efforts emphasized societal dialogue and the empowerment of communities to act collectively to end the practice.

Civil society and rights for all

In 2014, UNFPA supported civil society organizations, including faith-based ones, to play a key role in promoting reproductive rights and addressing discrimination in 20 countries. These organizations implemented the accountability mechanisms for addressing reproductive rights of women and girls, especially marginalized and key populations.

In 30 countries, UNFPA supported civil society to institutionalize engagement of men and boys to address gender-based violence and gender inequality. UNFPA also scaled up efforts to engage men and boys in promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights and in addressing gender inequality and gender-based violence.

In September 2014, UNFPA and UNAIDS convened a meeting of dozens of faith leaders at United Nations Headquarters to discuss sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. The leaders, representing six major world faiths, issued a call to action on the critical importance of sexual and reproductive

health and reproductive rights to the post-2015 sustainable development agenda. "We affirm that sexual and reproductive health are part of human rights, and as such, must be guaranteed by governments," the group's declaration stated. "We note in particular the importance of preventing gender-based discrimination, violence and harmful practices; upholding gender justice; ensuring that every pregnancy is wanted and that every birth is safe; providing age-appropriate sexuality education; promoting the health, education and participation of youth and adolescents; preventing, treating and caring for people with HIV/AIDS; supporting family planning; and respecting the human body."

Also in 2014, UNFPA advocated for the development of international human rights standards and accountability frameworks to help track the implementation of recommendations on sexual and reproductive health and rights. By strengthening national accountability and human rights protection systems, UNFPA helped monitor the delivery and quality of sexual and reproductive health services. This action bolstered efforts to remove barriers that prevent certain groups, such as women and girls, adolescents and persons with disabilities, from accessing services.

Policies and programmes based on evidence

Information generated through a population and housing census—numbers of people, their distribution, their living conditions and other key data—is critical for development. Without accurate data, policymakers do not know where

to invest in schools, hospitals and roads. Those most in need often remain invisible. Yet too many countries have outdated or inaccurate information about their populations.

A population and housing census is among the most complex and massive exercises a nation undertakes. It does not merely count people; it can also measure fertility, mortality and movement, helping to predict demographic trends. And it can uncover inequalities in employment, education and wealth.

UNFPA supported countries' efforts to collect and analyse data, critical to evidence-based policymaking, as well as monitoring and evaluation of development programmes and other interventions. As of 2014, 104 countries had analysed census data and disseminated it according to internationally agreed standards, up from 66 countries a year earlier. In 2014, an additional nine countries were supported in planning or carrying out censuses.

The number of countries that conducted a national household survey yielding reproductive health indicators increased from 69 in 2013 to 101 in 2014, and those that completed evaluations on strategic interventions around sexual and reproductive health and youth increased from 26 to 66. Additionally, 130 national development plans in 125 countries receiving UNFPA support took population dynamics into account in setting targets.



69% of national statistical authorities

in 2014 had institutional capacities for analysing and using disaggregated data on adolescents and youth



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Asia and the Pacific

The colour purple: changing the future of Afghan mothers

Purple is the colour that midwifery students proudly wear in a small but revolutionary school in the busy Afghan capital, Kabul. In addition to a purple scarf, they have one other thing in common: They all come from one of the most hard-to-reach areas of the country.

These midwifery students will soon bring life-saving health care to the women and children of Daikundi, their remote, mountainous region dotted with green valleys.

In a country where a woman dies every two hours from pregnancy-related complications, midwives play a key role in promoting safe motherhood and delivering healthy babies. They embody the difference between life and death.

"My grandmother left this world delivering my father," says Fatima, one of the midwifery students at the school. "I think this is the reason my family encouraged me to help my community by joining this

programme, so no one has to live without a mother or a father."

Fatima's story is not unique in Afghanistan, where around 40 per cent of the population lacks access to health services within 10 kilometres—a three-hour walk—and women are often left to deliver alone.

"I still remember a woman in my community who died because she couldn't get to the hospital on time," Masooma, another student, recalls.

"My uncle's wife died during childbirth," says classmate Aqela. "Her two children survived, but they died months later because the adopting families didn't have enough resources to take care of them."

Fatima, Masooma and Aqela joined the Community Midwifery Programme eight months ago, following a tough selection process that involved their families, their communities and a written examination.

The ones with the best marks enrolled in the programme, an initiative supported by UNFPA in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health and support from the governments of Canada and Italy.

Thirty-six candidates passed the exam and joined the school in Kabul. These midwives represent a country that is changing and moving towards a future where every birth is safe.

The students and their families sign a commitment so the future midwife will return to the village once she finalizes her studies. They all realize how important their role will be when they move back to their communities after completing the two-year midwifery degree.

"We are really proud that we passed the exam. I was very nervous, but now I am very happy that I will be able to help the people living in my community," says Aqela.

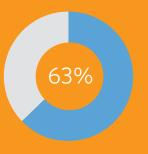
Students at the Community Midwifery School in Kabul.
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Total population in millions 3,823



of the population is between the ages of 10 and 24



of married women between the ages of 15 and 49 use a modern method of contraception



Aqela, Masooma and Fatima (left to right) during one of their classes at the Communit Midwifery School in Kabul. © UNFPA/Maria Blanco



Average number of children per woman

2.2





The region is also experiencing significant demographic changes, including rapid population ageing, urbanization and migration

Context and challenges

With 4.2 billion people, Asia and the Pacific is the world's most populous region. It is home to three of the world's largest populations, as well as some of its smallest countries. The region's cultural, political and economic diversity contribute to both the challenges and opportunities for advancing the goals of the International Conference on Population and Development's Programme of Action, which remains relevant today and continues to guide UNFPA support for women and young people in developing countries.

While progress has been made towards achieving universal access to sexual and reproductive health in the region, the unmet need for family planning remains high. Approximately 38 per cent of pregnancies in Asia are unintended, and 21 per cent end in abortion. Despite reporting a steady 50 per cent reduction in maternal mortality since 1990, South Asia still accounts for 24 per cent of all maternal deaths worldwide. While many mothers survive complications of pregnancy and childbirth, between 15 per cent and 30 per cent of women in countries where access to emergency obstetric care is low suffer from obstetric fistula and uterine prolapse.

Although the region has made impressive progress in responding to HIV, almost two new infections occur for every person gaining access to treatment. Ninety-five per cent of new infections occur among key affected populations at higher risk of HIV, including sex workers, men who have sex with men and people who inject drugs.

Young people face constraints in accessing quality, integrated sexual and reproductive health information and services, and few receive comprehensive sexuality education. While youth policies are in place in the majority of countries, implementation has been slow. In addition, youth participation in and budget allocation for youth programming have been limited in many countries. Child marriage and adolescent pregnancies remain a challenge: Every year, approximately 6 million adolescent girls in the region become mothers, three quarters of whom are in South Asia. Asia and the Pacific has some of the world's lowest development indicators for women and girls. Violence against women and girls is

of every 1,000 females between the ages of 15 and 19 give birth



Gender parity index (1=parity) Primary education



Secondary education

0.94

manifested in many forms, including domestic violence, rape, harmful practices, dowry and honour killings, trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. Prenatal sex selection remains a significant issue in China, India and Viet Nam.

The region is also experiencing significant demographic changes, including rapid population ageing, urbanization and migration. Several countries have large youth populations, which may pave the way to a demographic dividend, provided timely investments are made in young people's human capital. Despite economic growth in the region, there are widening disparities within and between countries. Asia and Pacific is also the world's most disaster-prone region. According to the Global Risks Atlas 2013, three out of 10 of the region's countries are at extreme or high risk.

Progress

UNFPA in 2014 helped many countries in the region prepare for or recover from disasters and complex emergencies. The crisis in Pakistan's Northern Waziristan Agency in 2014 displaced more than 1 million people, including about 250,000 women of reproductive age. UNFPA provided life-saving reproductive health support to nearly 14,000 women and more than 1,000 men and assisted almost 900 deliveries at health clinics. UNFPA, in partnership with MuslimAid, also responded to floods that hit the northeastern region of the country, providing clean delivery kits, newborn kits and dignity kits.

Flash floods and landslides also caused devastation and displacement in Nepal in 2014. UNFPA provided reproductive health kits to serve 100,000 women and girls in the worst affected areas and 5,000 dignity kits. UNFPA-supported mobile medical teams resumed providing life-saving reproductive health services in 15 camps for displaced people in Myanmar's Rakhine State in 2014. Four teams were deployed, including 10 UNFPA-sponsored midwives. The teams, which also include doctors and health assistants, will provide much-needed health services to around 90,000 people from both Rohingya and Rakhine communities. The resumption of mobile health services comes after humanitarian operations were suspended in March following attacks on United Nations and international non-governmental organization premises in Sittwe.



Youth activists in Viet Nam. © UNFPA

midwifery student, plays the role





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Gender-based violence is a major concern across the region. A report published by UNFPA in 2014 took up the issue of violence against sex workers in Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The Right(s) Evidence: Sex Work, Violence and HIV in Asia—A Multi-Country Qualitative Study, which received the Robert Carr Research Award at the 2014 International AIDS Conference, will help guide law, policy and programme reforms across the region.

In India, UNPFA supported the development of a national Study on Masculinity, Intimate Partner Violence and Son Preference, which called for the involvement of men and boys in efforts to advance gender equality. Also in India, where one in five people is between the ages of 10 and 19, UNFPA supported the development of a national adolescent health strategy, which aims to expand access to health, information and services to fulfil the needs of adolescents, including girls and marginalized groups, a 243 million strong, yet very vulnerable cohort. The strategy recognizes that only policies and programmes focusing on the rights and well-being of the large and increasing adolescents and youth population in India can translate into a demographic dividend for the country.

Sri Lanka began to experience a demographic dividend, or potential economic boom that can occur when falling fertility rates coincide with a growing working-age population about two decades ago, according to a 2014 report by UNFPA and The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka. According to Investing in the Demographic Dividend: Successes, Challenges and Way Forward for Sri Lanka, young people hold the keys to the future; unlocking their potential will lead to a better world for everyone.

UNFPA supported Myanmar's first population census in 30 years. Despite challenges in counting certain minority groups, which UNFPA has urged Myanmar to address in accordance with international standards, this census nonetheless constitutes a significant landmark. Data on social, economic and demographic characteristics of the population can inform development planning and governance in critical areas including education, health, employment and women's empowerment.

2014 Programme expenses IN \$ THOUSANDS

(includes core and non-core resources)

Asia and the Pacific

Total programme expenses in Asia and the Pacific	160.251
Regional projects in Asia and the Pacific	7,087
Total country/territory programmes	153,164
Viet Nam	5,206
Timor-Leste	2,426
Thailand	1,700
Sri Lanka	1,758
Philippines	12,655
Papua New Guinea	2,251
Pakistan	7,104
Pacific island countries	
Nepal	
Myanmar	
Mongolia	
Maldives	
Malaysia	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	3,666
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1,468
Indonesia	
India	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	
China	
Cambodia	
Bhutan	
Bangladesh	
Afghanistan	20 249





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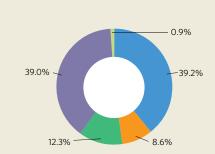
Programme expenses by purpose, 2014



IN \$ MILLIONS

From non-core resources	From core resources	Total expenses	
20.3	42.5		62.8
2.3	11.4	13.7	
7.5	12.4	19.9	
39.1	23.3		62.4
-	1.4	1.4	

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL



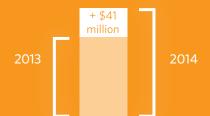
Resources, management and partnerships



1 billion



Contributions exceeded \$1 billion for the first time in the organization's history



Support for women and young people in crises and emergencies

\$17.2 million



New partnerships valued at \$17.2 million

Contributions to UNFPA in 2014 exceeded \$1 billion for the first time in the organization's history. The amount includes \$477 million to the organization's core resources and \$529 million earmarked for specific programmes or initiatives.

Core resources are the bedrock of funding for UNFPA operations and afford neutrality, promote flexibility and enable the organization to respond more effectively to the development needs of countries.

Also in 2014, UNFPA strengthened its engagement with non-traditional donors and partners: international financial institutions, regional banks, civil society and the private sector. These partners, included the World Bank, the Global Fund and the Global Vaccine Alliance.

UNFPA programmes for women and young people in crises and emergencies garnered \$101 million from donors in 2014, up from \$41 million the prior year.

New partnerships with foundations and the private sector in 2014 resulted in \$9.4 million in financial support and in-kind contributions valued at \$7.8 million.

The Government of Denmark contributed \$4.4 million to enable UNFPA to establish an Innovation Fund in 2014. The fund will help jumpstart or foster experimentation with new approaches to programming, operations and management, with the aim of increasing the positive impact of the organization's work on women and young people in developing countries. The Innovation Fund also aims to promote a culture of learning and creativity. One of the innovative ideas receiving funding in 2014 was the formation of a UNFPA Lab for Policy and Cooperation on Sustainable Development.

Also in 2014, parliamentarians from around the world renewed their commitment to the agenda of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) at a conference organized by UNFPA in Stockholm. The International Parliamentarians Conference

on Implementation of the ICPD, culminated in a unanimously adopted Stockholm Statement of Commitment, through which parliamentarians pledged to advocate for integrating the principles of the ICPD agenda into the successor arrangements to the Millennium Development Goals

The conference focused attention on the links between population issues and sustainable development and highlighted the need to protect the rights of women and adolescents, provide comprehensive sexuality education and reproductive health services and promote economic growth and social development.

Parliamentarians also adopted a Declaration on Human Rights, which calls on all States "to guarantee equality before the law and non-discrimination for all people, by adopting laws and policies to protect the human rights of all individuals, without distinction of any kind."

Community-based distribution of medicines and contraceptives in Lao People's Democratic Republic.
 UNFPA/Micka Perier

2014 Revenue and expenses

IN \$ MILLIONS

REVENUE

CORE RESOURCES

TOTAL REVENUE	1,025.1
Total non-core resources revenue	501.7
Other revenue	10.0
Less: indirect cost recovery	(33.8)
Less: refunds to donors	(3.7)
Contributions to non-core resources	529.2 ^b
Non-core resources	
Total core resources revenue	523.4
Other revenue	51.5
Less: transfers to other revenue for reimbursement of tax charges	(5.5)
Voluntary contributions - gross	477.4

EXPENSES

CORE RESOURCES

TOTAL EXPENSES

Country programmes, Global and Region	
Interventions (GRI) and other programm activities	
Institutional budget	
Total core resources expenses	500.4
NON-CORE RESOURCES	
Country programmes, GRI and other programme activities	481.0
Corporate	14.2
Total non-core resources expenses	495.2

- a This amount represents reimbursement of income taxes to the nationals of one Member State. It is included in the "Other revenue" amount.
- b This amount includes \$521.3 million gross contributions to trust funds and \$7.9 million gross contributions to special

All figures are provisional as of 31 March 2015.







Supply centres in the Lao People's Democratic Republic. © UNFPA/Micka Perier

Top 20 donors to UNFPA*

Donor	Core contributions ¹	Donor Non-c	ore contributions ²
Sweden	, ,	Netherlands	131,797,334
Norway	69,136,991	United Nations	
Finland	60,444,953	inter-organizational transfers	113,071,610
Netherlands	48,409,405	United Kingdom of Great Britain	
Denmark	41,901,986	and Northern Ireland	102,892,128
United Kingdom of Great Brit	ain	Norway	30,658,493
and Northern Ireland		United States of America	
United States of America	31,100,000	European Commission	17,205,807
Germany	24,690,021	Sierra Leone	12,701,036
Japan	23,815,938	Japan	11,357,282
Switzerland	16,842,105	Australia	8,128,244
Canada	14,017,056	France	5,882,353
Australia	13,914,657	Denmark	5,637,339
Belgium	9,655,172	Sweden	5,207,075
New Zealand		New Zealand	5,071,919
Ireland	4,240,766	Honduras	4,978,674
Luxembourg	3,665,284	Finland	4,640,434
Italy	1,360,544	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation .	4,063,458
China	1,200,000	Spain	3,929,330
France	752,394	Guatemala	3,920,412
India	500,162	Friends of UNFPA	3,454,531
		Canada	3,241,416

¹ These amounts represent the contribution revenue recorded for 2014 for core resources.

995.6

² The amounts represent the contribution revenue recorded for 2014 for trust funds. Includes multi-year co-financing agreements which were recognized in 2014 upon signature of an agreement in accordance with UNFPA's revenue recognition policy. Programme implementation continues to be linked to actual receipt of resources.

All figures are provisional as of 31 March 2015.

2014 Programme and institutional budget expenses by region

IN \$ MILLIONS

From non-core resources	From core resources	Institutional budget	Total expenses	
106.1	77.1	18.0		201.2
95.1	63.0	17.1		175.2
53.2	30.2	10.1	93.5	
69.2	91.0	17.5		177.7
21.7	33.3	12.3	67.3	
10.4	17.6	6.6	34.6	
125.3	27.0	57.9		210.2

2014 Programme and institutional budget expenses by purpose

IN \$ MILLIONS

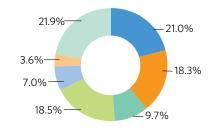
From non-core resources	From core resources	Institutional budget	Total expenses	
338.6	162.6	-		501.2
21.2	39.0	-	60.2	_
56.0	39.6	-	95.6	_
62.9	77.5	-	140.4	
2.3	20.5	139.5	162.3	

2014 Programme expenses by implementing agency

IN \$ MILLIONS

From non-core resources	From core resources	Total expenses	
68.5	54.5	123.0	
95.0	37.1	132.1	
1.9	1.2	3.1	
315.6	246.4		562.0

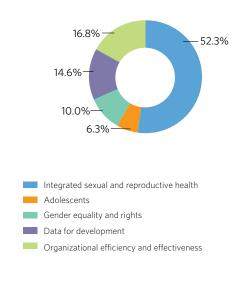
BY PERCENTAGE



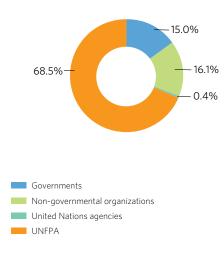


^{*} Includes global component of Global and Regional Interventions (GRI)

BY PERCENTAGE



BY PERCENTAGE

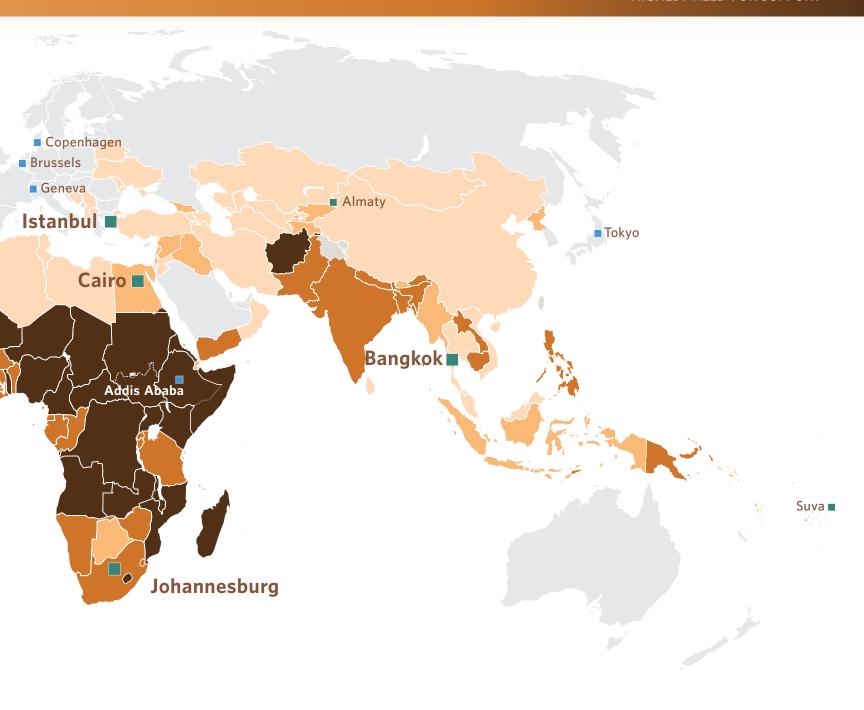


Where UNFPA Works

This map shows the 158 countries, territories and other areas where UNFPA worked in 2014 through a network of 112 country offices, six regional and three subregional offices and liaison offices in Addis Ababa, Brussels, Copenhagen, Geneva, Tokyo and Washington, DC. In 2014, all UNFPA offices combined had a total of 2,533 regular staff.

This map shows each country's or territory's need for UNFPA support, based on availability of resources and on six indicators: proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel for the poorest quintile of the population; the maternal mortality ratio; the adolescent birth rate; the proportion of demand for modern contraception satisfied; HIV prevalence among the population aged 15 to 24 years; and ranking on a gender inequality index. Countries and territories with fewer resources and more challenging indicators have a higher need.





The designations employed and the presentation of material on the map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of UNFPA concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its former frontiers or boundaries. The dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties. On 29 November 2012, the United Nations General Assembly passed resolution 67/19. Pursuant to operative paragraph 2 of that resolution, the General Assembly decided to "...accord to Palestine non-member observer State status in the United Nations."

DONOR COMMITMENTS 2014*

CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS CORE RESOURCES IN DOLLARS

Donor	Commitments for current year	Donor	Commitments for current year	Donor	Commitments for current year
Albania	1,500	Djibouti		Liechtenstein .	27,716
Algeria	10,000	Egypt	97,603	Luxembourg	3,665,284
Andorra		El Salvador	2,000	Malaysia	15,000
Angola	80,000	Equatorial Guir	nea 10,000	Maldives	5,000
Argentina	5,000	Eritrea	7,000	Mali	7,529
Armenia	3,000	Estonia	67,935	Mauritius	3,215
Australia		Ethiopia	3,007	Mexico	70,000
Belgium	9,655,172	Finland	60,444,953	Monaco	20,053
Benin	2,000	France	752,394	Mongolia	4,000
Bhutan		Georgia	20,000	Morocco	11,764
Bolivia (Plurination	nal State of) 13,009	Germany	24,690,021	Myanmar	202
Botswana	5,072	Ghana		Nauru	224
Burkina Faso	19,470	Guatemala	2,040	Nepal	13,360
Burundi	617	Guyana	500	Netherlands	48,409,405
Cambodia	7,000	Honduras	500	New Zealand .	5,009,400
Cameroon	21,041	India	500,162	Nicaragua	10,000
Canada	14,017,056	Indonesia	28,740	Niger	20,000
Chad	77,743	Ireland	4,240,766	Norway	69,136,991
Chile	10,000	Israel	50,000	Pakistan	405,227
China		Italy		Palau	100
Comoros	500	Japan	23,815,938	Papua New Gu	iinea 4,132
Costa Rica	5,465	Jordan	50,071	Peru	
Côte d'Ivoire	48,618	Kazakhstan	49,970	Philippines	33,784
Cuba	5,000	Kenya	9,987	Poland	47,131
Czech Republic	22,104	Kuwait		Qatar	30,000
Democratic People	e's Republic Korea 6,777	Lao People's D	emocratic Republic 2,000	Republic of Ko	rea 106,150
Denmark	41,901,986	Lesotho		Romania	10,000

Donor	Commitments for current year
Russian Federation	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1,000
São Tomé & Principe	
Saudi Arabia	
Senegal	18,068
Seychelles	2,000
Sierra Leone	30,000
Singapore	5,000
Slovak Republic	6,051
South Africa	44,225
Sri Lanka	18,000
Suriname	100
Swaziland	10,000
Sweden	70,340,827
Switzerland	16,842,105
Tajikistan	542
Thailand	95,980
Togo	6,312
Tonga	1,021
Trinidad and Tobago	5,000
Tunisia	15,040
Turkey	150,000
Turkmenistan	3,000
Uganda	10,000
United Kingdom of Great B	Britain
and Northern Ireland	33,057,851
United Arab Emirates	10,000

Donor	Commitments
	for current year
United Republic of Tanzania	4,217
United States of America	31,100,000
Uruguay	25,000
Uzbekistan	478
Viet Nam	20,000
Zambia	2,319
Zimbabwe	30,000
Private contributions	59,928
Government contribution to)
local office cost	304,059
Total	477,391,762

Provisional figures as at 31 March 2015.

^{*} Other donors for 2014 with contribution revenue recognized in its entirety in prior years are: Antigua and Barbuda, Federated States of Micronesia, Haiti, Namibia, Nigeria, Malawi, the Republic of Moldova and Vanuatu

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