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PRIORITY AREA OF WORK: SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS





Improving sexual and reproductive health for 5,812,944 GIRLS HEALTH AND SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS IN EMERGENCIES programmes in 12 countries

RESULTS OF ADVOCACY ON ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY

17 changes or developments in laws, policies, regulations or guidelines



OUR GOAL: GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN HAVE CONTROL OVER THEIR LIVES AND THEIR BODIES.

Challenges in the world today

- Young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights are being adversely affected by COVID-19, humanitarian crises and regressive politics.
- The US Supreme Court decision on abortion has global consequences, but advances have been made in legislation and budgets on safe abortion in Argentina, Benin, Nepal, Mexico and Thailand.
- In the face of legislative and societal challenges to female genital mutilation and cutting (FGM/C), trends towards cross-border FGM/C and FGM/C carried out by medical professionals continue.

Global priorities for our work

- Protecting and expanding young people's access to comprehensive sexuality education in and out of schools, and access to quality sexual and reproductive health services.
- Tackling harmful attitudes and beliefs about adolescent sexuality that drive child marriage.
- Providing sexual and reproductive health and rights information and services to girls in emergencies.

READ ABOUT ALL OUR PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK IN 2022 AT PLAN-INTERNATIONAL.ORG/ANNUAL-REVIEW

HOW WE SUPPORT GIRLS' SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

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→ Brazil: The My Cycle, My Rules campaign in support of girls' menstrual health reached over 430,000 people through community activities.

AFRICA

→ Rwanda: Our comprehensive sexuality education curriculum was adopted by the ministry of health for use with out-of-school children.

→ **Togo:** A mobile clinic provided counselling on sexual and reproductive health and contraception services to rural youth and their families, reaching more than 17,500 girls and women.

→ The Break Free programme in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Sudan and Zambia seeks to change attitudes and customs that drive early pregnancies and child marriage. Activities include youth movement building, radio shows, education and mobilisation of community leaders and school councils.

→ Uganda: As part of the refugee response, we reached more than 67,500 people with information and services including on sexual and reproductive health. In one refugee hosting district, use of contraception increased from 18% in 2021 to 45.8% in June 2022.

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→ Guinea Bissau: Trained 35 migration officials in prevention of cross-border FGM, and over 1300 teachers and health providers, in partnership with UNICEF.

→ Malawi: Girls used a score card method to successfully advocate for youth-friendly health services in their village in Mzimba. This was the first ever service of its kind in their area.

→ Ethiopia: In collaboration with the Ministry of Health, supported access to lifesaving sexual and reproductive health services to adolescents affected by the conflict. Services included counselling, care, provision of contraceptives and HIV services via health centres and safe spaces.

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ASIA

→ Bangladesh: Supported the roll out of a two-year sexuality education curriculum, and the establishment of adolescent clubs to share learning on health and rights in more than 1,000 schools.

→ Philippines: 962 youth leaders trained as peer educators on modern contraceptive methods, sexually transmitted infections, relationships, preventing sexual violence, mental health and gender equality.

PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION • STRENGTHENING HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE • IMPROVING MENSTRUAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE • PREVENTING HARMFUL PRACTICES, ESPECIALLY CHILD MARRIAGE AND FGM/C • SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS IN EMERGENCIES

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