

Palestine

Building the volunteer support base for SRHR



OUTCOME 4
United and Performing

These country examples show how IPPF Member Associations are already implementing key elements of the new Strategic Framework. To deliver our new goals, Member Associations will have opportunities to capitalize on the achievements of peer organizations.



Conflict and instability are part of life for many Palestinians, and over 29% of them live in poverty. As a result, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) are not prioritized.

Approach

The Palestine Family Planning and Protection Association (PFPPA) have built support for SRHR by growing their network of volunteers and supporting activists to be agents of change.

Expanding access to SRHR services, particularly for rural and marginalized groups, is a key element of their approach. PFPPA delivers services through a range of models and offer a comprehensive service package, including youth-friendly services and comprehensive sexuality education. Both staff and volunteers have roles in service provision.

PFPPA recruited youth volunteers and built their capacity to deliver messages about SRHR through street theatre and as community mobilizers and peer educators.

PFPPA also convene a coalition of community actors who work together to advocate for SRHR. One way they do this is to train and work with the media, including media students. Media outlets help to deliver messages about SRHR to the public.

Results

From 2012 to 2014, PFPPA doubled their volunteers and activists. In turn, volunteers and media supporters have enabled PFPPA to reach marginalized communities. For example, in 2014 over 100 peer educators delivered SRHR messages in their communities, and PFPPA reached over 1.5 million Palestinians through media campaigns.

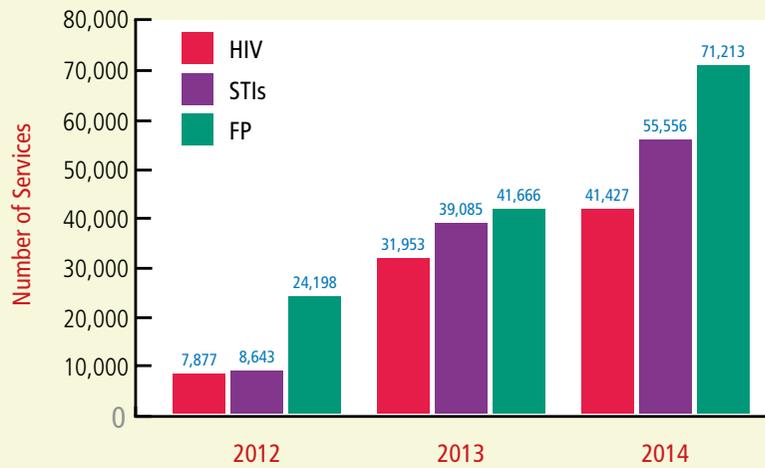
Through youth volunteers and media campaigns, PFPPA increased the number of youth clients by 50% between 2012 and 2014, and they nearly tripled the number of youth completing comprehensive sexuality education.

(See the graph 'PFPPA Main SRH services: HIV, STIs and Family Planning' overleaf).

More examples of our Member Associations' work can be found on our website: www.ippf.org.



PFPPA Main SRH services: HIV, STIs and Family Planning:



The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) is a global service provider and a leading advocate of sexual and reproductive health and rights for all. We are a worldwide movement of national organizations working with and for communities and individuals.

Published in September 2015 by the International Planned Parenthood Federation, 4 Newhams Row, London SE1 3UZ, UK
Tel +44 (0)20 7939 8200 • Fax +44 (0)20 7939 8300 • Web www.ippf.org • Email info@ippf.org

UK Registered Charity No. 229476