

REACHING THOSE MOST IN NEED

Promoting a people-centred approach



Upholding the sexual and reproductive health needs and rights of the most marginalized and under-served remains at the heart of IPPF’s people-centred approach. Without IPPF, access to sexual and reproductive health services for many people would be severely limited due to a lack of political will, expertise or institutional capacity. IPPF’s vision is for **all people to be free to make choices about their sexuality and well-being**, in a world free of discrimination.

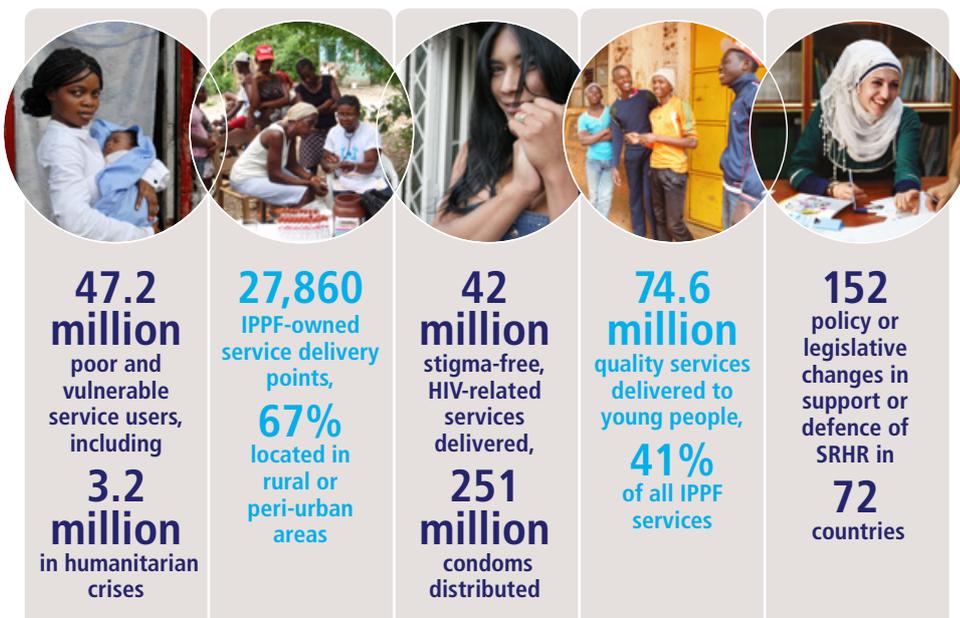
Under-served and over-looked

While all people should have their sexual and reproductive rights recognized, some populations are subject to greater vulnerability, and lack access to sexual and reproductive health services, supplies and information due to certain characteristics – including age, gender, ethnicity, residence, ability to pay, employment, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, HIV status, language, religion, education, disability, migrant status, or stability of their environment – or are denied access because of stigma, discrimination or restrictive laws and policies.

Why we need to reach those most in need?

- An estimated 222 million women and girls have an unmet need for modern contraception, 73 per cent live in the world’s poorest countries
- Men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs, sex workers, and transgender people are most at risk of HIV infection, yet least likely to have access to HIV prevention services
- Women and girls with disabilities are three times more likely to experience gender-based violence compared to women without disabilities
- Of the more than 270,000 deaths annually due to cervical cancer, 85 per cent occur in lower income countries where the poorest women cannot access screening services
- Sexual and reproductive health needs are high in humanitarian settings yet often over-looked and under-funded.

IPPF PERFORMANCE IN 2016



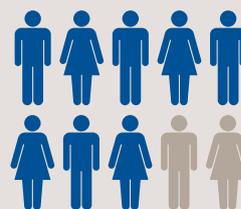
CAMEROON

Integrated services for LGBTI communities in need

In Cameroon, the needs the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) community are largely ignored because of political sensitivity and widespread stigma and hostility. The Cameroon National Association for Family Welfare (CAMNAFAW) pioneered a rights-based approach to gaining trust, changing staff and beneficiaries’ attitudes and providing LGBTI-friendly services. Its achievements included the inclusion of LGBTI as a priority group within the national HIV strategic plan, and the formation of Affirmative Action, a youth-led LGBTI organization. CAMNAFAW is also a Principal Recipient of the Global Fund, alongside the government, supporting the prevention of HIV and other STIs among key populations.

59.6m

people received services from IPPF



8 in 10

were poor and vulnerable



Our approach

Our people-centred approach recognizes that these obstacles are often interlinked, and that the most marginalized and under-served people require tailored advocacy and service interventions. We challenge stigma and discrimination, use disaggregated data to focus attention on population groups that are the most under-served, and advocate for policies which ensure that the most marginalized have access to the services and information they need. We also empower people and communities to advocate for themselves and their rights.



Championing Rights

IPPF works tirelessly to encourage governments and other key decision makers at local, national, regional and international levels to promote and defend sexual and reproductive health and rights. Individuals experience different barriers to the fulfilment of their needs and rights, requiring these barriers to be removed in order for all people to enjoy fundamental rights and freedoms on an equal basis with others.

Serving People

IPPF provides information, education and services to people living in hard-to-reach areas. We deliver services and commodities through static clinics, mobile and outreach facilities, community-based distributors, and through peer provision. We assess the needs and ensure that services are responsive to the local communities they serve. To further increase access to a wide range of sexual and reproductive health services, we supply commodities to public and private providers.

Empowering Communities

IPPF is committed to promoting meaningful community engagement at all levels, and work with community members not only as clients but also as board members, advocates, peer educators, volunteers and service providers. We train counsellors and peer educators from within the various under-served communities and link with civil society organizations led by these communities. We also work in partnership with law enforcement, parents, and community and religious leaders.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Supporting young people with disabilities

In Trinidad and Tobago, young people with disabilities face additional barriers to accessing sexual and reproductive health services due to stigma and social prejudices. As a result, they can be vulnerable to sexual abuse, unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. The Family Planning Association of Trinidad and Tobago (FPATT) set up a project to provide sexual and reproductive health services for young people with disabilities. It offered a full range of services, from contraception and HIV testing through to general counselling. Over 400 students attended educational sessions about people with disabilities and their sexual rights, with participants attitudes shifting significantly as a result.

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WHAT IS IPPF?

The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) delivers sexual and reproductive health services that let people make their own choices. We fight for everyone to exercise their right to make those choices. We are local, through our members and volunteers, and global, through our network. We meet need, wherever it is, whoever requires it, for as long as they want it.



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