



FACTSHEET

UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND (UNFPA)

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency. Its mandate is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person’s potential is fulfilled.

The UNFPA produces key demographic data to assist in the development of policies and programmes for combating poverty. Its efforts are guided by the Programme of Action adopted at the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) which reaffirms that sustainable development is not possible without prioritizing human rights, including reproductive rights; empowering women and girls; and addressing inequalities as well as the needs, aspirations and rights of individual women and men. The programme of action has been adopted by 179 countries.

Strategic Objectives

In 2018, UNFPA launched efforts to achieve three transformative results by 2030, also known as the three zeros.

1. Ending unmet need for family planning by increasing the availability of contraceptives and dismantle barriers to services.
2. Ending preventable maternal death by strengthening health systems, training and educating health workers and midwives, and improving access to a full range of reproductive health services.
3. Ending gender-based violence and harmful practices by working with policymakers, justice systems and health systems, engaging men and boys and protecting survivors of gender-based violence, including in humanitarian crises.

Key Results and Challenges

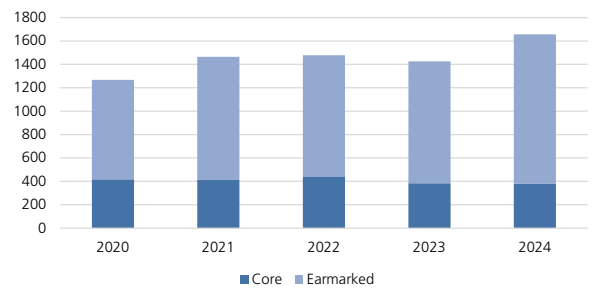
Between 2022 and 2024, UNFPA helped prevent more than 31 million unwanted pregnancies, 9 million unsafe abortions, and 65,000 maternal deaths. In 2024 alone, over 10 million people received sexual and reproductive health services, and 3.6 million benefited from protection measures against gender-based violence in countries in crisis. The programs protected 280,000 girls from female genital mutilation and reached 7.4 million girls at risk of early marriage.

In 2019, UNFPA established its humanitarian office in Geneva, assuming a distinctive role in advocating for protecting women and girls in humanitarian crises. UNFPA is also a leader in localising humanitarian aid: more than 40% of its humanitarian spending are directed to local and national non-governmental organisations and government partners.

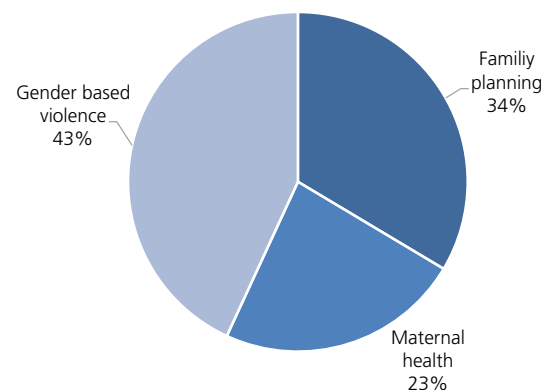
FACTS AND FIGURES

Type of organisation:
Specialized agency with double mandate: development and humanitarian
Head of organisation:
Diene Keita (Guinea)
Headquarter:
New York (USA)
Country Offices:
150
Total Personnel:
Approx. 4'000
Established in:
1969
Steering:
Executive board with rotating membership (Switzerland: board member in 2026)

UNFPA Revenue 2020-24, Core vs. Ear-marked Funding (USD million)



UNFPA Expenditure 2024 per thematic area (%), Total: USD 1'247 million





Thacienne and Janviere at Kibirizi youth space, Rwanda. ©UNFPA/Jadwiga Figula

SWITZERLAND AND UNFPA

Switzerland's Strategic Priorities

For the period 2026–2029, Switzerland will pursue the following objectives in relation to UNFPA:

- Improving access to and use of sexual and reproductive health services, particularly in humanitarian contexts;
- Strengthening the institutional effectiveness of UNFPA, with a particular focus on improving financial sustainability and innovation;
- Implementation of the UNDS reform and UN80 by UNFPA, with the aim of increasing the efficiency of the United Nations system;
- Strengthening Switzerland's presence within UNFPA by increasing its Swiss staff.

These priorities align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being) and SDG 5 (Gender Equality), and the ICPD Programme of Action. Switzerland also contributes to improving UNFPA's funding, accountability and evaluation structures, and interagency coherence.

Cooperation at Country-Level

Switzerland collaborates with UNFPA to strengthen sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), with a particular focus on women and young people in fragile and conflict-affected regions. It contributes to initiatives that improve maternal and child health, prevent gender-based violence, and empower women and girls across Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

Switzerland works with UNFPA on youth development programmes, census and housing data, humanitarian activities, women and girls' empowerment and health, prevention and response to gender-based violence, and the abandonment of female genital mutilation.

In addition to country-level engagement, Switzerland supports UNFPA's Strategic Information and Knowledge Management Branch, which produces innovative research and solutions to help women and girls. It also collaborates with UNFPA's Independent Evaluation Office, which strengthens its capacity to support evidence-based decisions and reinforces its accountability.

SWITZERLAND

Contributions 2024:

Total: CHF 25.8 million

Core: CHF 16 million (8th)

Earmarked: CHF 9.8 million (19th)

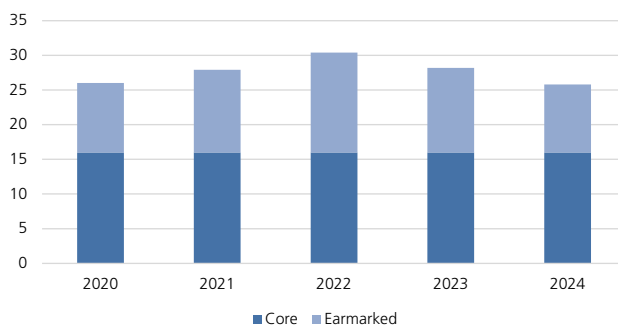
Number of Swiss Staff (JPO, UNV incl.):

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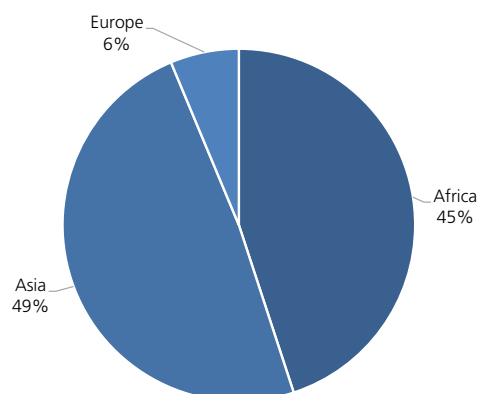
Involved Swiss government entities

SDC (UN&MDB), FDHA (FOPH)

Swiss Contributions 2020-24 Core vs. Earmarked Funding (CHF Million)



Swiss Contributions 2024 per region (%) Total: CHF 9.8 Million



Empowering young Tanzanians to choose their own paths

In 2024, Switzerland supported the Safeguard Young People programme (SYP) carried out across the Tanzanian mainland and on Zanzibar. SYP focusses on regions with high rates of teenage pregnancy, adolescent HIV infections and child marriage rates. The initiative has so far helped hundreds of young people to gain in-depth knowledge of sexual and reproductive health, how to recognize, prevent and respond to gender-based violence and harmful practices, and raised awareness about HIV.

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