



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 also produces key demographic data to assist in the development of policies and programmes for combatting poverty. UNFPA works with partners in more than 150 countries. 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, also known as the three zeros, by 2030.

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

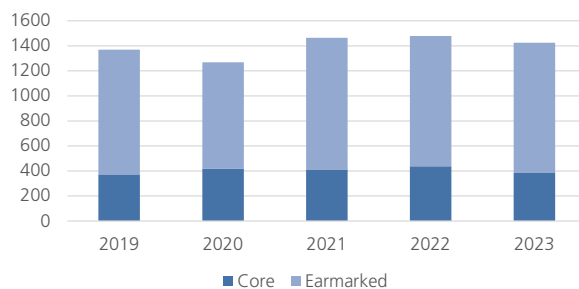
In 2023, UNFPA provided sexual and reproductive health services to over 10 million people, supported nearly 1 million safe deliveries, and aided 4.2 million in addressing gender-based violence. Key achievements included emergency obstetric care, dignity kits, and training for humanitarian workers. It also strengthened local partnerships, with 37% of humanitarian funding allocated to local and national actors.

Challenges included resource constraints, escalating needs due to global crises, and navigating operations in high-risk zones like Sudan and Gaza. UNFPA emphasized improving data systems, preparedness, and localization efforts to enhance its impact.

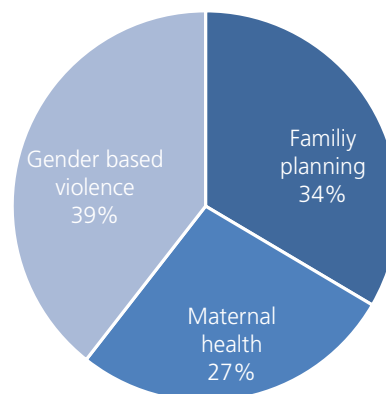
FACTS AND FIGURES

Type of organisation:
Specialized agency with double mandate:
development and humanitarian
Head of organisation:
Dr. Natalia Kanem (Panama)
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 Revenues 2019-23, Core vs. Ear-marked Funding (USD million)



UNFPA Expenditures 2023 per thematic area (%), Total: USD 1'281 million





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

SWITZERLAND AND UNFPA

Switzerland's Strategic Priorities

Switzerland's collaboration with UNFPA focuses on three key strategic priorities:

- **Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR):** Switzerland prioritizes universal access to SRHR as a means to empower women and girls, reduce maternal mortality, and prevent gender-based violence.
- **Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment:** Switzerland supports UNFPA's gender mainstreaming across development and humanitarian efforts to address harmful practices such as child marriage.
- **Youth Development and Humanitarian Response:** Switzerland works with UNFPA on empowering youth, especially adolescent girls, and enhancing UNFPA's humanitarian activities.

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 inter-agency coherence.

Cooperation at Country-Level

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

Switzerland supports UNFPA in specific areas such as 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.

Apart from specific country programmes, Switzerland also supports UNFPA's Strategic Information and Knowledge Management Branch, which generates innovative research and solutions to help women and girls, as well as UNFPA's Independent Evaluation Office, which improves its capacity to support evidence-based decisions and enhances its accountability.

SWITZERLAND

Contributions 2023:

Total: CHF 28.2 million
(14th largest gov. donor)

Core: CHF 16 million (8th)

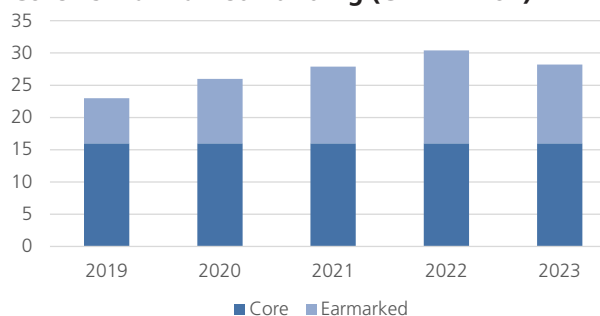
Earmarked: CHF 12.2 million (16th)

Number of Swiss Staff (JPO, UNV incl.):
12

Involved Swiss government entities
SDC (UN&MDB), FDHA (FOPH)

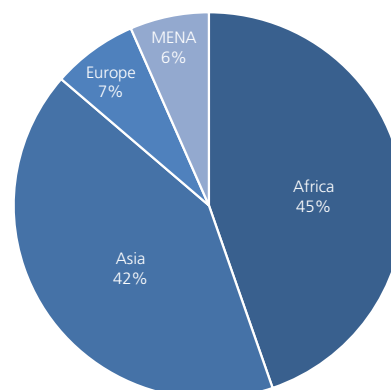
Swiss Contributions 2019-23

Core vs. Earmarked Funding (CHF Million)



Swiss Contributions 2023 per region (%)

Total: CHF 10.7 Million



Mobile Maternity Clinics in Somalia

In 2023, Switzerland's contribution enabled UNFPA to supply five mobile maternity clinics providing life-saving maternal and newborn health services to thousands of pregnant women in Somalia. These clinics provide life-saving maternal and newborn healthcare to displaced and underserved populations. The initiative is credited with reducing maternal mortality rates among vulnerable groups. The clinics also contribute to addressing the broader humanitarian crisis by reaching over 10,000 pregnant women annually.

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