The International Planned Parenthood Federation Africa Region (IPPFAR) is one of the leading providers of quality sexual and reproductive health services in Africa, and the leading sexual and reproductive health and rights advocacy voice in the region, committed to gender equality and to ensuring that women, girls and young people realize their rights and have control over their own bodies, their lives and their futures.

Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, IPPFAR delivers its critical mission thanks to Member Associations, youth advocates, staff, and a network of dedicated volunteers who provide high quality, youth focused and gender sensitive services to the most vulnerable youth, men and women.

IPPFAR is part of IPPF’s secretariat, a global federation of national Member Associations which share a common vision, set of core values, and commitment to improve lives and enhance human rights. Each Member Association develops its own strategy to address the needs of their country. Given the rich diversity of the Federation, these strategies reflect the unique contexts of each country where IPPF is present.

IPPFAR’s work is boosted by extensive, sustained and targeted advocacy on key sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) issues at national, regional, and global levels to safeguard universal access to SRHR for all as a fundamental right. IPPFAR does this by working closely with Governments, the African Union, Regional Economic Commissions, the Pan-African Parliament, United Nations organisations, among others, to expand, champion and uphold political and financial commitments to SRHR in Africa.

IPPFAR’s action is driven by IPPF’s 2023-2028 “Come Together” strategy.
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- **1,966,179** services linked to safe abortion, including post-abortion care
- **2,307,340** services that address and respond to cases of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV)

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**WHERE WE ARE**

All Member Associations are accredited through a robust accreditation system based on a formalized peer review process which ensures that they meet and comply with 33 essential membership standards organized under 10 principles. Compliance to these standards is continuously monitored, and an in-depth accreditation review process takes place every four years.

**THE INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION IN NUMBERS**

- 1 REGIONAL OFFICE
- 1 LIAISON OFFICE TO THE AFRICAN UNION
- 1 SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE FOR WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA
- 28 FULL MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AND 8 COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS IN 36 COUNTRIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
- 49,162 VOLUNTEERS
- 8,776 SERVICE DELIVERY POINTS

**OUR ACHIEVEMENTS**

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WHAT WE DO

ADVOCACY

IPPFAR influences progressive policy instruments and frameworks at regional and continental levels using different advocacy methods to create a convincing case for change.

In 2022, IPPFAR continued to successfully collaborate with a wide range of partners including civil society organisations, youth groups, UN agencies, and regional and continental bodies to develop progressive sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) policy frameworks.

In 2022, IPPFAR, together with UNESCO, chaired the discussions on the West and Central Africa’s Commitment for Educated, Healthy, and Thriving Adolescents and Young People. IPPFAR advocated for it to link education and health while promoting the importance of SRH, and endorsing the adaptation of SRH services to the needs of adolescents and young people. As a result, this progressive commitment was endorsed by Ministers of Health and Ministers of Education from West and Central Africa.

INTEGRATED SERVICE DELIVERY

IPPFAR provides the integrated package of essential sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) services (IPES) that is endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO) for its effectiveness in resource-poor areas. These services have the potential to significantly improve the lives of marginalized populations.

The WISH programme provides a comprehensive approach to client healthcare addressing interconnected issues. It focuses on key populations across nine countries in Africa including persons with disabilities, youth under 20 years of age, and the poor. In addition to providing contraception, the program also provides a range of 20 additional services including HIV/AIDS counselling, laboratory services, maternity care, STI/RTI screening and examination, cervical cancer screening and testing, sexual and gender-based violence first-line services and referrals. This strategy is critical in enhancing overall sexual health and increasing health accessibility.

In 2022, IPPFAR launched the Treasure Your Pleasure digital campaign across sub-Saharan Africa. The trailblazing campaign received international recognition, reaching 9 million people globally – it was covered in the New York Times and the UK Guardian, and sparked interest from other organisations working in the sector; ranging from small NGOs to the WHO. The innovative approach of the campaign shifted the narrative on CSE from fear-based framing to sex-positive messages based on human rights, with the objective to encourage audiences to think and discuss sexual pleasure regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, disabilities, and experiences; leading to safer sex practices, and improved SRHR knowledge and well-being.

YOUTH-FRIENDLY COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION (CSE)

IPPFAR is committed to supporting people to make decisions about their sexual reproductive health and rights, and to act freely without coercion. Providing information, and in particular CSE to young people, is at the heart of this strategy.
The Feminist Opportunities Now project (FON) aims to empower local grassroots feminist organisations working in the prevention and fight against GBV in 10 countries, spanning 3 continents, by providing them with subgranting via a flexible funding mechanism and guided by feminist principles and inclusion, and intersectional approaches.

FON is a program that aims to enhance more diverse and resilient Civil Society Organisations when addressing and responding to gender-based violence, inequalities, discrimination and other human rights violations related to gender. The action of the consortium’s member organisations is based on feminist principles, a deep commitment to the promotion of human rights and the fight against inequalities and discrimination, especially against women and girls.

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**OUR MISSION**

To lead a locally owned globally connected civil society movement that provides and enables services and champions sexual and reproductive health and rights for all, especially the under-served.

**OUR VISION**

All people are free to make choices about their sexuality and well-being, in a world without discrimination.

**PILLARS**

1. **CENTER CARE ON PEOPLE**
   - Expand Choice
   - Widen Access
   - Advance Digital & Self Care

2. **MOVE THE SEXUALITY AGENDA**
   - Ground Advocacy
   - Shift Norms
   - Act with Youth

3. **SOLIDARITY FOR CHANGE**
   - Support Social Movements
   - Build Strategic Partnerships
   - Innovate & Share Knowledge

4. **NUTURE OUR FEDERATION**
   - Chart our Identity
   - Grow our Federation
   - Walk the Talk

**OUR VALUES**

- **SOCIAL INCLUSION**
- **VOLUNTEERISM**
- **DIVERSITY**
- **PASSION**
- **ACCOUNTABILITY**
We would like to thank our donors and partners thanks to whom millions of people, especially the poorest and most vulnerable, are able to realize their sexual and reproductive health and rights. Without your generosity and support, this would not be possible!