



IPPF AFRICA REGION FACTSHEET 2024

The International Planned Parenthood Federation Africa Region (IPPFAR) stands as one of the foremost providers of quality sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services in Africa. As a leading advocacy voice for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in the region, IPPFAR is deeply committed to gender equality, ensuring that women, girls, men and young people can realize their rights and have control over their bodies, lives, and futures.

Operating from its headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, and with a sub-regional office for West and Central Africa in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, and a Liaison Office to the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, IPPFAR's critical work is carried out through a network of Member Associations, youth advocates, staff, and dedicated volunteers. This network provides high-quality, youth-focused, and gender-sensitive services to the most vulnerable groups, with a special focus on historically marginalized populations, to promote inclusive and equitable access to SRH care and services.

As part of the International Planned Parenthood Federation's global secretariat, IPPFAR benefits

from being part of a federation of national Member Associations. These Member Associations share a common vision, core values, and a commitment to improving lives and enhancing human rights. While globally connected, each Member Association develops strategies tailored to the specific needs of their country, reflecting the diverse contexts within the federation.

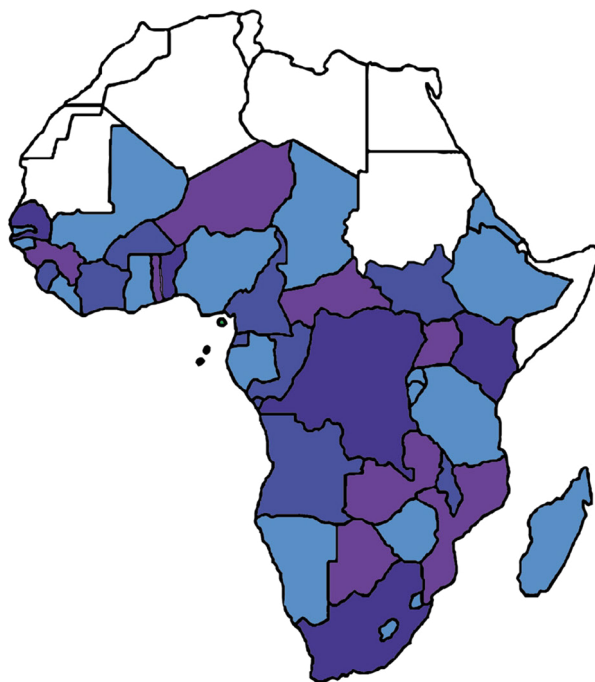
IPPFAR's efforts are further amplified by extensive, sustained, and targeted advocacy on key SRHR issues at national, regional, and global levels. The organization works to safeguard universal access to SRHR as a fundamental right by collaborating closely with Governments, the African Union, Regional Economic Commissions, the Pan-African Parliament, United Nations organizations, and other stakeholders. This collaboration aims to expand, champion, and uphold political and financial commitments to SRHR in Africa.

Through its comprehensive approach, IPPFAR strives to create environments where women, girls, and young people can fully exercise their SRHR on the continent.



WHO WE ARE

All IPPFAR 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 organised under 10 principles. Compliance to these standards is continuously monitored, and an in-depth accreditation review process takes place every four years.



FEDERATION AFRICA REGION IN NUMBERS

1 REGIONAL OFFICE

1 SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE FOR WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

1 LIAISON OFFICE TO THE AFRICAN UNION

31 FULL MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AND 5 COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS IN

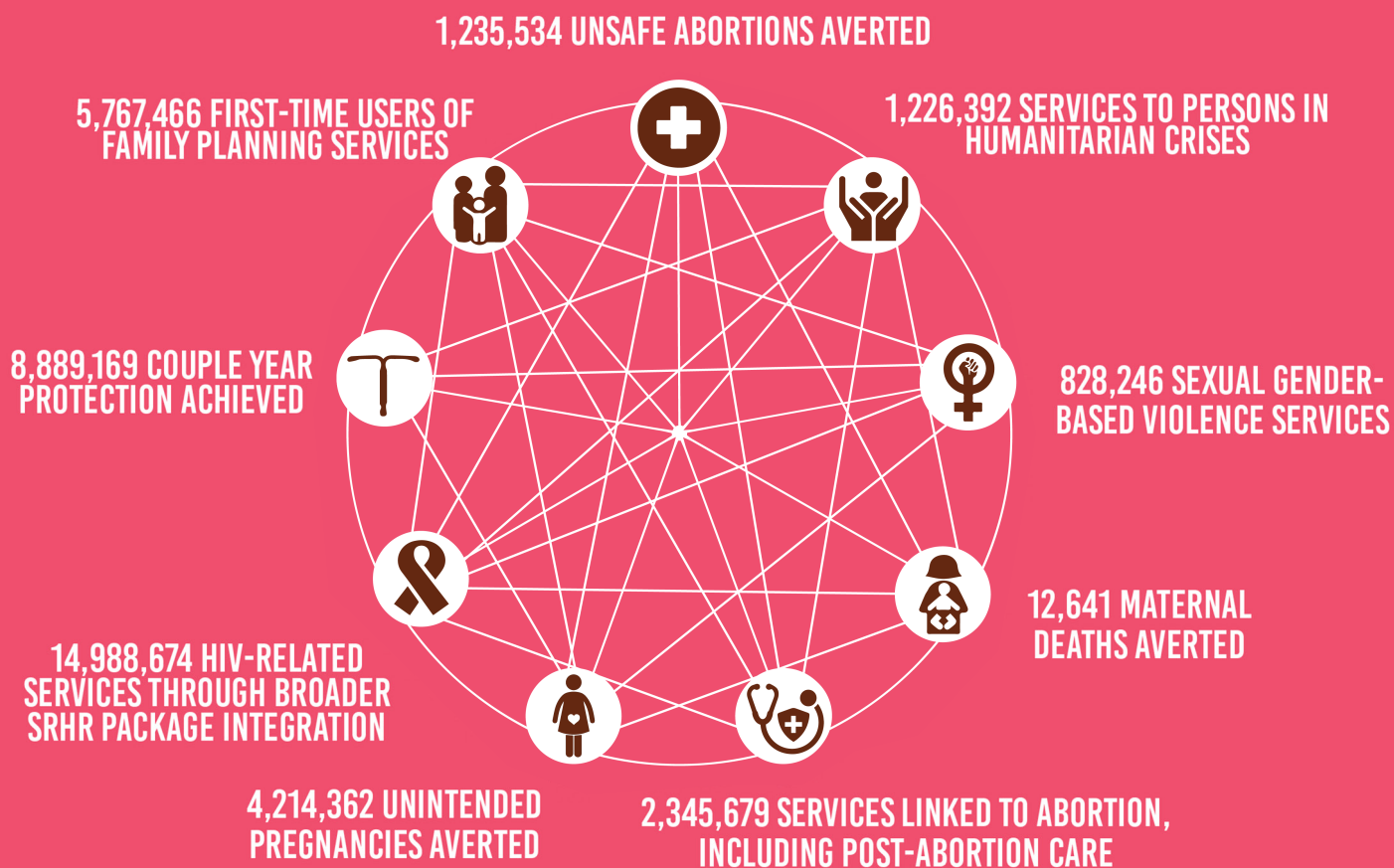
36 COUNTRIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

52,180 VOLUNTEERS

7,483 SERVICE DELIVERY POINTS

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2023, IPPFAR Member Associations provided a total of 90,094,558 sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) services. These included:



In 2023, IPPFAR reached 46.1 million young people, representing 51% of the total amount of SRH services delivered.

OUR MISSION

TO LEAD A LOCALLY OWNED GLOBALLY CONNECTED CIVIL SOCIETY MOVEMENT THAT CHAMPIONS SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS FOR ALL, ESPECIALLY THE UNDER-SERVED AND HISTORICALLY MARGINALISED.

OUR STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

CENTER CARE ON PEOPLE

EXPAND CHOICE
WIDEN ACCESS
ADVANCE DIGITAL & SELF CARE

MOVE THE SEXUALITY AGENDA

GROUND ADVOCACY
SHIFT NORMS
ACT WITH YOUTH

NURTURE OUR FEDERATION

CHART OUR IDENTITY
GROW OUR FEDERATION
WALK THE TALK

SOLIDARITY FOR CHANGE

SUPPORT SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
BUILD STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
INNOVATE & SHARE KNOWLEDGE

OUR VALUES

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
SOCIAL INCLUSION
REPRODUCTIVE
JUSTICE **TRANSFORMATIVE**
ACCOUNTABILITY **CHANGE** **DIVERSITY**



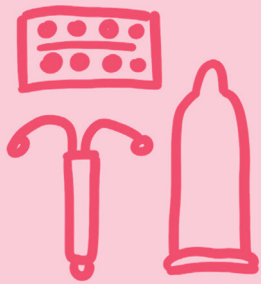
WHAT WE DO

ADVOCACY

IPPFAR influences progressive policy instruments and frameworks at regional and continental levels.



In 2023 IPPFAR continued to expand its advocacy work, which continues to increase in relevance, especially in the face of a growing anti-rights movement on the continent. IPPFAR was invited to be a member of the CSO Coordination Group for the ICPD+30 Africa Review process. Along with regional CSO partners, the AU, and UNFPA, IPPFAR consulted hundreds of CSOs to review progress against the ICPD program of action, and to develop recommendations to advance SRHR on the continent, which were presented to AU member states in November 2023.



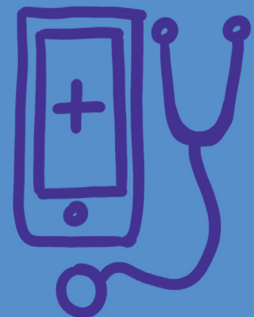
INTEGRATED SERVICE DELIVERY

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

The IPPF WISH2ACTION (W2A) program, implemented over five years in ten sub-Saharan African countries, delivered 19,547,681 couple-year protection services to 6,012,448 family planning users, including 2,498,470 additional users. Among these users, 15% were under 20 years, 9% had disabilities, and 20% lived in severe poverty. In the ten countries, the program averted an estimated 8,787,756 unintended pregnancies, 2,431,078 unsafe abortions, 16,267 maternal deaths, and saved 15,078,512 maternal disability-adjusted life-years.

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Technological advancements are rapidly transforming healthcare. Many people, especially younger generations, now prefer virtual interactions for medical care. In response, IPPFAR's Member Associations have invested in digital health solutions, integrating them into their care offerings. This has enhanced the dissemination of information and resources, extending their outreach and impact.



In a context where discussing sexuality and accessing SRHR services can be taboo, IPPFAR's Member Association in Togo developed the InfoAdoJeunes app to address these issues. The app offers teleconsultation, contraception, hotline assistance, games, forums, reminders, and comprehensive sexuality education, while also allowing discreet reporting of gender-based violence (GBV) and rights violations. In 2023, the app facilitated 676 teleconsultations, provided counselling to 514 people, and received 2,182 GBV reports. It delivered 2,731 services, with 37% for family planning, 56% for STIs, and 7% for HIV.



WHAT WE DO

RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH

IPPFAR's Member Associations work with volunteers and human rights defenders to address inequalities and discrimination that hinder human rights. Our programs prioritize individual dignity and promote informed choices about sexual and reproductive health.



In 2023, the Supreme Court of Mauritius overturned laws criminalizing same-sex relations, declaring them unconstitutional due to their colonial origins. IPPFAR's MA in Mauritius, in collaboration with local LGBTIQ+ organizations, conducted capacity-building activities on SRHR and provided various platforms for LGBTIQ+ groups to voice their concerns at local and national meetings and activities. Additionally, the MA provided SRH services and contraceptives to the LGBTIQ+ community.



HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT

Humanitarian emergencies - whether man made, or from natural causes - have dire consequences on the sexual reproductive health and rights of affected populations. IPPFAR and its Member Associations are committed to ensuring that no one is left behind in its emergency responses.

In 2023, to strengthen its commitment to humanitarian responses across the region, IPPFAR provided support to its MA in Togo through the Stream 3 Humanitarian Initiative. Under this funding, the MA launched the project 'Responding to the Essential SRH Needs of Communities Affected by Terrorist Threats in Northern Togo,' aimed at guaranteeing the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) in SRH in the northern part of the country. A mobile clinic conducted 52 service outings in total, enabling 10,973 people to benefit from various SRH services during the implementation phase.

MOVEMENTS BUILDING

IPPFAR has a mandate to support feminist movements by advocating for gender equality, women's rights, and reproductive justice. IPPFAR works to ensure that SRHR are central to the feminist agenda. This includes promoting access to comprehensive SRHR services, advocating for policies that empower women and girls, and addressing issues such as gender-based violence (GBV) and discrimination.



The FON project aims at empowering local grassroots feminist organisations working in the prevention and fight of GBV in 10 countries, including 6 in Africa and spanning on 3 continents by providing them with subgrating via a flexible funding mechanism. In 2023 FON supported 33 CSOs in Africa by providing subgrants for an amount of 2,754,897 Euros. The action of the consortium's member organizations 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.



THANK YOU!

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!

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