

IPPFAR African Journalists SRHR Reporting Award



The International Planned Parenthood Federation – Africa Region (IPPFAR) is the leading non-government sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) service delivery organization in Africa and the leading SRHR advocacy voice in the region.

Our overarching goal is to increase access to SRHR services and support for sub-Saharan's Africa most poor, marginalized, socially-excluded and under-served youth, men and women.

Taking stock of the two previous editions of the IPPF Africa Region African journalists Family Planning Reporting Awards held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in 2013 and Bali, Indonesia in 2016 during the International Family Planning Conference, and considering ongoing initiatives including FP2020, the ICPD+25 and AADPD+5 review, the Ouagadougou Partnership, the newly launched State of African Women Report, the State of the African Woman Campaign Project (#RightByHer), IPPF Africa Region is proud to announce the third African Journalists Family Planning Reporting Award. With the financial support of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the European Union.

About the awards

Despite the progress made over the last several decades, the unmet need for family planning and contraception remains huge. 26% per cent of married women in sub-Saharan Africa have an unmet need for contraception. Access to services and supplies and/or choices is limited. In some communities there is still fear of social disapproval or opposition by the male partner. Myths and misconceptions form a formidable barrier in which worries of side effects and lack knowledge about contraceptive options and their use are the norm.

The media plays a major role in strengthening and expanding coverage and education of family planning issues. This coverage includes rights-based approaches to increasing access to information and services on contraceptives, method and choices as well as resources and budgets for improved family planning services. As advocates the media promotes dialogue on policy issues and public education on family planning ranging from policy issues critical in creating enabling environment for service delivery.

This award recognizes pioneering print, radio, television, social media reports that have:

1. Promoted awareness raising and dialogue on national/regional family planning policy issues,
2. Challenged/ supported governments on their family planning commitments,
3. Highlighted innovative service delivery to increase rights based approaches on access to family planning and contraceptive services.

Eligibility

Entries will be accepted only from sub-Saharan African nationals, working in the continent, whose work has appeared in printed publications or electronic media /online platforms that is primarily targeted at and received by a sub-Saharan Africa audience.

Judges

The selection and judging process will be overseen by a panel of experienced, independent and highly respected experts. They will be judging for entries that:

- Were broadcast or published, in English, French. Portuguese only, between January 2017 and June 2018 (proof will be required)
- Are well researched, balanced, objective, comprehensive and demonstrate a high level of journalistic integrity and innovativeness
- Communicate family planning and contraception/Sexual and reproductive health in a way that makes the topic accessible and relevant to their audience

How to enter

- Fill out and submit your forms and attachments to: awards@ippfaro.org and jngechu@ippfaro.org
- A maximum of two entries per journalist will be accepted.
- Send 2 copies of your work including date of publication/broadcast, name of publication/broadcaster, contacts of media organization.
 - Print journalists should send a scan of the original article.
 - TV & Radio - please send
 - 2 disks (DVD or CD) to our address below or
 - Submit full URL details where we can view/listen to your work.
 - You can also submit your entry through [dropbox.com](https://www.dropbox.com) or [wetransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com).
 - Online platform
 - A PDF version of the articles
 - Submit full URL details where we can access your work
 - A copy of your updated Curriculum Vitae
 - A copy of your bio- maximum one page
 - A half page write up on why you focus on SRHR/ Family Planning issues
 - Any other relevant background information on your entry/entries that you feel is relevant.

Deadline for submissions is 15 August 2018 – 23:59 Hours GMT +3

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