

Increasing Access Worldwide



For more than 40 years, Planned Parenthood Global, Planned Parenthood Federation of America's international division, has been working overseas to break down barriers to health care. In partnership with more than 50 organizations across Africa and Latin America, we advance the health and rights of young people, women and families, with an emphasis on the most vulnerable and underserved.

Our unique sustainability model sets us apart, as we empower partners to stand on their own. We help grassroots organizations develop solid reproductive health programs, identify other sources of funding, build their communications and advocacy skills, and develop strategic plans.

Our Goal

To help allies around the world be as effective in providing and defending access to care in their countries as Planned Parenthood has been in the United States.

Key Facts

More than 200 million women and girls in developing countries who wish to delay or plan childbirth lack access to modern contraceptives, information, and services.

Pregnancy is a leading cause of death for adolescent girls worldwide, with **nearly 70,000 killed annually** from complications related to pregnancy and childbirth.

Half of the world's population is now under 25. They need our help to grow into the healthiest generation ever.

What We Do

Planned Parenthood resources enable our partners to:

- Provide tens of thousands of women, men, and young people with sexual and reproductive health education;
- Provide contraceptives;
- Increase access to treatment for complications from unsafe abortion;
- Increase access to safe abortion care, where legal;
- And expand laws and policies promoting women's health in Africa and Latin America.

Where We Work



Strategy Spotlight: Empowering Youth as Agents of Change

Key Accomplishments in 2014

1,033,964

People reached with sexual and reproductive health information and services provided by our partners

1,080

Youth Peer Providers we supported

68,091

People served through our Youth Peer Providers

In countries where talking about sex often remains taboo, using peer counselors to educate their fellow adolescents reduces rates of unintended pregnancy, and empowers young people to control their lives and pursue their dreams. Through our **Youth Peer Provider** program, our partners train young people as contraceptive counselors. Youth Peer Providers then provide clients – friends, classmates and peers – with discrete and consistent access to contraceptives and STD prevention, including birth control pills and condoms.



In Kenya, we are training members of Moving the Goalposts, an all-girls soccer league, as Youth Peer Providers.

Global Mobile: In Nigeria and Ecuador, we are piloting a project to create open, sustainable platforms that bring sexual and reproductive health information to young people and adolescents, as well as connect them to service providers, via their mobile phones.



We helped members of the youth association Tan Ux'il in northern Guatemala develop and broadcast a weekly call-in radio show to answer questions about sex and sexual health. The group also hosts sex education fairs at local schools and staffs the youth clinic at the local hospital, which they helped design. The Guatemalan government recently awarded Tan Ux'il accreditation as sex educators.