



Donors Delivering for SRHR 2021 Report Launch Event

Online Panel Discussion, September
16th, 14.30 - 16.00 CET

Background

Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) are essential to human life and a precondition to social and economic development. Cognisant of this, several **donors across the globe have made SRHR an integral part of their development strategies**. In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, life-saving financing to SRHR is more important than ever. Low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are facing significant budgetary shortfalls that hamper their ability to properly advance SRHR for all, and deteriorate health and gender equality indicators, contributing to mortality and morbidity worldwide.

According to recent estimates, the **financing of an adequate package of care to meet all women's SRH-related needs in LMICs would need to increase by 83%** (equivalent to \$31 billion) compared to the 2019 annual costs¹. In Africa alone, it would cost \$22.50 per head per year to meet the SRH service requirements of all women, in contrast to the current annual cost of \$6 per head². Although many **donors have stepped up political commitment to SRHR and gender equality, funding trends have been mixed** in recent years, with some donors' investments staying steady, while others' decreasing or increasing.

The Donors Delivering for SRHR (DDSRHR) report is an accountability tool tracking donors' disbursements to Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (RMNCH), Family Planning (FP) and SRHR.

This latest edition presents data from 2019, setting up a pre-pandemic baseline for donors' support to SRHR. Based on these findings, the launch event of the report will discuss why and how donors need to step up their game in the future.

¹ Guttmacher Institute (2020), '[Adding It Up: Investing in Sexual and Reproductive Health 2019](#)'.

² Guttmacher Institute (2021), '[Adding It Up: Investing in Sexual and Reproductive Health in the African Union](#)'.

Programme (*tbc*)

When?	What?	Who?
14.30 - 14.35	Introduction and moderation	Lisa Goerlitz , Head of Brussels office, DSW
14.35 - 14.40	Keynote speech: State-of-play of the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and how sustained donors' support is key	Sietske Steneker , Director, Representation Office in Brussels, United Nations Population Fund - UNFPA
14.40 - 14.45	Keynote speech: The impact of SRHR programmes and the need to increase investments	Burnice Waringa , DSW youth champion from Kenya
14.45 - 15.00	Presentation of the key findings of the report	Neil Datta , Secretary of the European Parliamentary Forum for SRHR
15.00 - 15.20	Reactions and perspectives from the EU and its Member States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EU support to SRHR in partner countries ● Importance of EU commitment to SRHR and accountability tools ● Political and funding commitments made at the GEF and the role of SHR in the upcoming French Council presidency ● Population, Development and Reproductive Health: Implications of UK Aid cuts on SRHR funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Representative of the European Commission DG International Partnerships (<i>tbc</i>) ● MEP Charles Goerens (Renew, LU), Member and Renew coordinator DEVE, and ACP ● Representative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France (<i>tbc</i>) ● Baroness Liz Sugg, Co-chair of the UK All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Population, Development and Reproductive Health
15.20 - 15.50	Q&A	Audience and panellists
15.50 - 16.00	Closing remarks	Lisa Goerlitz , Head of Brussels office, DSW

Registration

Kindly confirm your availability by filling in the [online form here](#) by **13 September 2020 COB**.