

FAMILY PLANNING 2020 AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

TAKING STOCK OF PROGRESS AND AIMING FOR MORE

2012

266.2 MILLION WOMEN
IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE ABLE TO
DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER AND
WHEN TO GET PREGNANT

HOWEVER

222 MILLION WOMEN
IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE AN UNMET
NEED FOR FAMILY PLANNING¹

THE LONDON SUMMIT

A GLOBAL COMMITMENT FOR FAMILY PLANNING

In 2012, several representatives from governments, donors and civil society, among many others, came together at the London Summit on Family Planning to support the right of women and girls to decide, freely and for themselves, whether, when and how many children they have.

AS A RESULT OF THIS UNPRECEDENTED LANDMARK

MORE THAN 80 GOVERNMENTS
AND ORGANIZATIONS
COMMITTED TO ENABLE
120 MILLION MORE
WOMEN AND GIRLS TO USE
CONTRACEPTIVES BY 2020

SUCH MOBILIZATION
IS NOW WELL-KNOWN
AS THE GLOBAL
MOVEMENT
FAMILY PLANNING
2020, OR FP2020

THE EU IN LONDON

DURING THE 2012 LONDON
SUMMIT ON FAMILY
PLANNING, THE EUROPEAN
COMMISSION (EC) PLEDGED
28 MILLION EUROS
TO SUPPORT THIS GLOBAL
MOVEMENT.

THIS PLEDGE WAS LATER
INCREASED TO
36 MILLION EUROS.
THIS REPRESENTED ONLY
1.57% OF THE TOTAL
AMOUNT MOBILIZED AT THE
SUMMIT.

TOTAL MOBILIZED AMOUNT
AT THE MOMENT OF THE SUMMIT:

US\$2.6 BILLION

WITH THESE FUNDS, THE
EC SUPPORTED **THE UNFPA**
SUPPLIES PROGRAMME
(8.3 MILLION EUROS) AND
CIVIL SOCIETY (CALL FOR
PROPOSALS OF 28 MILLION
EUROS)

SIX EU MEMBER STATES
AND NORWAY ALSO MADE
INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES
AT THE SUMMIT.

2015

UN Summit and adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals, including SDGs 3 on health and SDG 5 on gender equality. Both comprise universal access to Family Planning.

2016

HALF WAY MARK

WHAT FP 2020 ACHIEVED

AN ADDITIONAL 24.4 MILLION WOMEN AND GIRLS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER AND WHEN TO GET PREGNANT **(TOTAL 290.6 MILLION WOMEN AND GIRLS)**

THE EU IN HALF WAY MARK

THE EC ANNOUNCES **NEW COMMITMENT TO UNFPA SUPPLIES PROGRAMME OF 20 MILLION EUROS.** THIS NEW COMMITMENT REPRESENTS **ONLY APPROXIMATELY 8% OF EU THEMATIC FUNDING FOR HEALTH SINCE 2014.**

BUT THAT'S 10 MILLION FEWER THAN WHAT WAS HOPED TO BE REACHED BY THIS TIME
INCREASES IN CONTRACEPTIVE USE HAVE BARELY KEPT UP WITH GROWING POPULATIONS²
AND TODAY AN ESTIMATED 225 MILLION WOMEN IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WANT TO AVOID A PREGNANCY, BUT HAVE AN UNMET NEED FOR FAMILY PLANNING.

2020

WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN BY 2020?

The EC has only modestly contributed to FP2020. Respective investment needs to be scaled up, should the EC wish to remain a key donor and leader in promoting sustainable development worldwide. The EC has now the opportunity to maximize its contribution to FP2020 and thus to universal access to family planning and the 2030 Agenda:

1

CAPITALISE
ON ALL UPCOMING REVIEWS AND REVISIONS, namely for the multiannual financial framework, European Consensus on Development and the ACP-EU relations

2

INCREASE
QUANTITY OF FUNDS:
In order to remain a leader in promoting sustainable development, the EC should at least top up the original contribution to FP2020 (36 million Euros) by adding 16 million Euros to its support to family planning in the coming years.

3

INCREASE
QUALITY OF FUNDS:
Ensure an appropriate mix of funding modalities that guarantees access to family planning for all women and girls, by both guaranteeing supplies and promoting demand.

4

RECOGNISE
UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO FAMILY PLANNING as a pre-condition to sustainable development at all instances.

SOURCES

1. According to WHO, 'women with unmet need are those who are fecund and sexually active but are not using any method of contraception, and report not wanting any more children or wanting to delay the next child'. Figure provided by Guttmacher Institute, 2012: <https://www.guttmacher.org/report/adding-it-costs-and-benefits-contraceptive-services-estimates-2012>
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