

IRELAND

The Irish government launched a new international cooperation policy in 2019, entitled 'A Better World', which strongly signals that Ireland will take a proactive, rights-based approach to SRH and work towards the fulfilment of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). In a significant departure from previous policies, SRHR is mainstreamed throughout the document, which includes a commitment to a new initiative on SRHR.

%ODA SRH/FP IN 2021

2,9%

%ODA SRHR IN 2021

4,7%

LEVEL OF ODA TRANSPARENCY



MATCHING POLICIES TO FINANCING TRENDS

Ireland disbursed 28 million Euros to sexual and reproductive health and family planning (SRH/FP) in 2021, which is 2.9% of total ODA. This also represents a 42% increase of funding compared to the previous year, making Ireland one of the countries with the highest surge in support to SRH/FP. This increase is mostly due to more comprehensive reporting methods from Irish Aid, in addition to new funding of a joint programme from UNICEF-UNFPA, which justifies the double amount allocated to earmarked programmes. Government-to-government cooperation was the stream mostly used by the country.

As in 2020, contributions to SRHR increased significantly given Irish support also to HIV prevention and control and prevention of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV): total funding in 2021 amounted to 45.6 million Euros or 4.7% of total ODA. This is also an increase in absolute terms compared to the previous year of about 25%. As with SRH/FP, the country does not invest in research for SRHR.

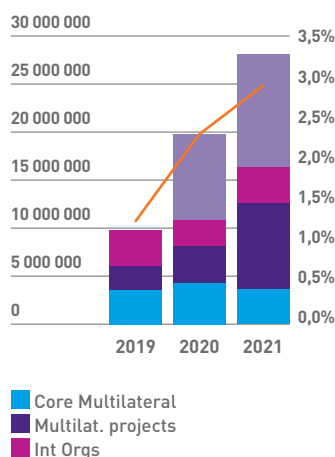
UNFPA remains a key partner to support the implementation of Irish policy on SRHR. In 2018, the Tánaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade committed to bringing the annual core contribution to UNFPA up to 3.5 million Euros, which remained the level of disbursement up to 2021. Support to UNFPA earmarked programmes however decreased in 2021, partially due to the new reporting methods.

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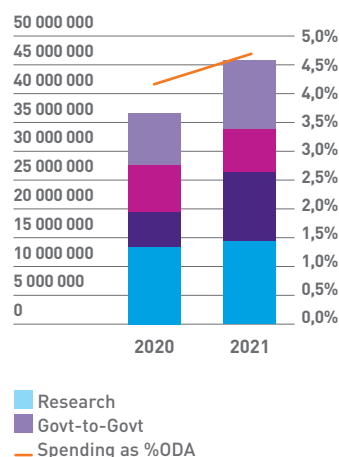
Ireland has committed 1.2 billion Euros to ODA for 2023, an increase of 200 million compared to the previous year and the eighth consecutive year that ODA funding has grown. It remains to be seen how this will be translated into funding for SRH/FP and SRHR.

IRELAND'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SRH/FP AND SRHR

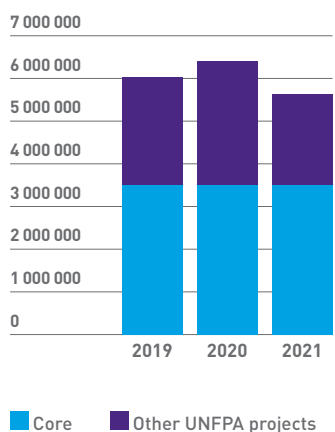
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CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRH/FP



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