

UNITED KINGDOM

The UK has been one of the largest European donors of ODA and has repeatedly been the largest contributor to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in monetary terms. In 2020, the Department for International Development (DFID) and Foreign and Commonwealth Office merged to form the new Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). The UK reduced its commitment of 0.7% GNI to ODA to 0.5% for 2021 and beyond until fiscal tests are met. The UK government currently predicts this will be in 2027/28.

%ODA SRH/FP IN 2021

2,6%

%ODA SRHR IN 2021

5,3%

LEVEL OF ODA TRANSPARENCY



MATCHING POLICIES TO FINANCING TRENDS

The UK curtailed funding levels for sexual and reproductive health and family planning (SRH/FP) in 2021, amounting to 242 million Euros, or 2.6% of total ODA. This is the second consecutive decrease observed in UK's contributions to the agenda, this time amounting to -35% of investments. This decrease was observed in all streams, with the most significant cut coming from government-to-government, followed by international organisations and initiatives.

Contributions to SRHR also decreased by 23%, reaching a level of 503 million Euros in 2021, equivalent to 5.3% of total ODA: this significant difference from SRH/FP spending is due to core contributions to the Global Fund to fight AIDS Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) and its focus on essential HIV services, as the UK was one of the major donors supporting the Fund. The UK has recently announced its intention to restore a level of funding to GFATM from 2023-2025. The British government has been further supporting the SRHR agenda through other HIV initiatives, in addition to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) prevention and safe abortion. The country mostly invests in the multilateral system to advance the SRHR agenda (80%).

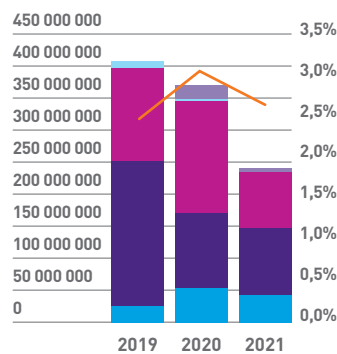
British contributions to UNFPA decreased by 15% compared to 2020; this followed a reduction of 61% observed between 2019 and 2020, mainly due to curtailed support to the UNFPA Supplies Partnership. Support to the Partnership amounted to 24 million Euros, which is almost five times more than in the previous year. This increase is still below the UK's ICPD+25 commitment of 484 million Euros (£425 million) for UNFPA Supplies between 2020-2025. Core support and earmarked programmes, both for SRH/FP and SRHR, decreased in 2021.

FORECAST

Overall British investments in SRHR are expected to continue to decrease given the country's announcement of reducing both the 0.7% ODA/GNI target to only 0.5% for 2021 and beyond and increase of ODA being spent outside of the FCDO on in-donor refugee costs.

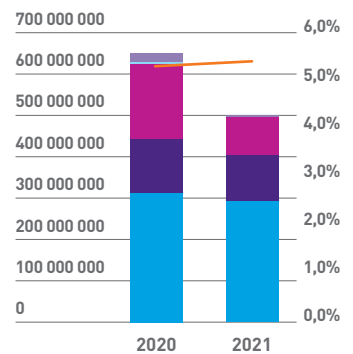
UK'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SRH/FP AND SRHR

SRH/FP SPENDING



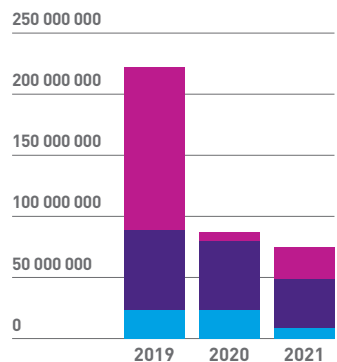
Core Multilateral
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SRHR SPENDING



Research
Govt-to-Govt
Spending as % ODA

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRH/FP



Core Other UNFPA projects Supplies Partnership

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRHR

