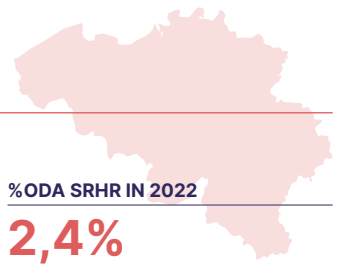


Belgium



Belgium actively promotes sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), including access to family planning (FP). This has been reflected in the country's Federal Law on Development Cooperation (2013) and in several operational federal policy documents on health and on gender in development. As a frontrunner for SheDecides, Belgium hosted the She Decides +5 conference in 2022, and in 2023 the new Minister of Development Cooperation, Caroline Gennez, became a new international champion for the movement.

MATCHING POLICIES TO FINANCING TRENDS

For the fourth consecutive year, Belgium increased contributions to SRH/FP. These amounted to **38 million Euros**, 9% more than in the previous year and equivalent to 1,8% of total Belgian ODA. To operationalise its SheDecides commitments, Belgium has been prioritising government-to-government cooperation since 2019, with this stream representing 52% of overall contributions to advance access to SRH/FP. This was, nonetheless, the only stream that was steady compared to 2021, while all others increased.

In 2022, Belgium also increased spending on SRHR, amounting to **52 million Euros**, which includes those 39 million Euros specifically allocated to SRH/FP, or 2,4% of its ODA. Belgian support to the broader SRHR agenda is mainly reflected in multilateral core funding, including to UNFPA, the GFATM and UNAIDS. This is followed by government-to-government cooperation. To be noted that support to fight the HIV-epidemic has stagnated over the past years, despite the ongoing challenges with HIV prevention and response in Belgium's partner countries.

Funding to UNFPA was also significantly expanded by 46%, totalling 16 million Euros, and with the main difference coming from earmarked multilateral funds, including through a programme in Ukraine, to mitigate the impacts of the country's invasion on SRHR. Despite this boost in 2022, Belgium still prefers providing core support to the UN agency over earmarked funding. The country has kept core support to UNFPA at a high level of 9 million Euros since 2017, in addition to 2 million Euros in contributions to the Supplies Partnership.

FORECAST

Belgium is expected to at least sustain support to both SRH/FP and SRHR in 2023, as this is the last year of the multi-annual bilateral cooperation programmes with Burkina Faso, Benin, Senegal, Rwanda and Guinea Republic.

%ODA SRH/FP IN 2022

1,8%

%ODA SRHR IN 2022

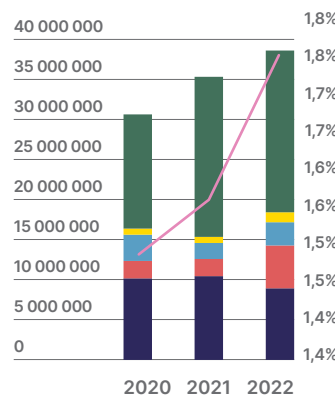
2,4%

LEVEL OF ODA TRANSPARENCY

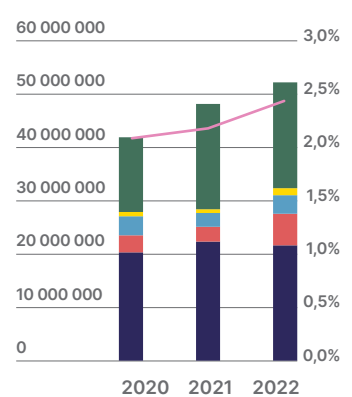


BELGIUM'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SRH/FP AND SRHR

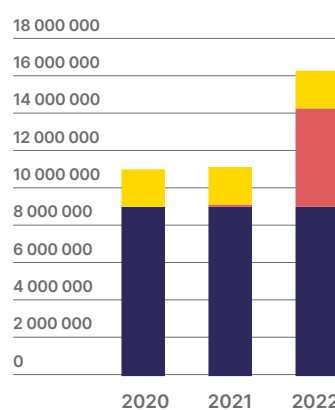
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CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRH/FP



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